

**Portarlington Business Association  
Sustainable Energy Community**

**LOCAL ENERGY MASTER PLAN**



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# Portarlington Business Association Sustainable Energy Community



Portarlington Business Association Sustainability Group was formed in late 2020 as a subgroup of the newly created Portarlington Business Association (PBA). The main remit and purpose of the Sustainability Group was to bring several existing SEC's (i.e. Tidy Towns and Community Centre) together to form a cross-sectoral, town-wide, SEC group for Portarlington and under the framework and governance of the PBA.

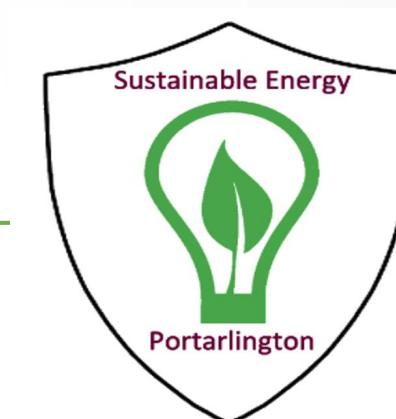
The vision of Portarlington SEC is to build on the potential of Portarlington to be a sustainable, thriving and energy efficient community – focusing on cross-community engagement to improve quality of life, reduce energy costs and safe-guard our cultural and natural heritage.

Portarlington BA SEC is a Level 2 SEC.



# Outline

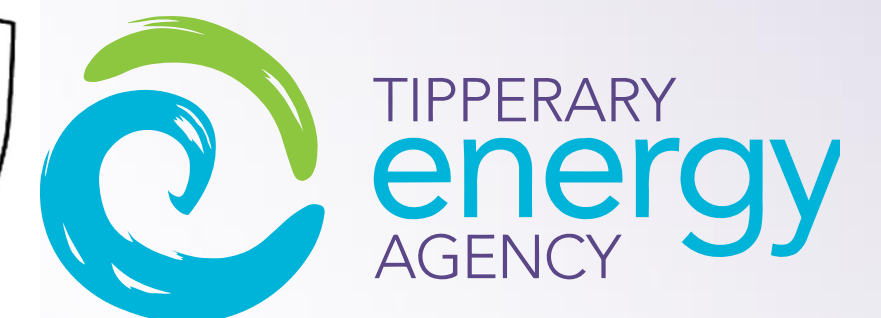
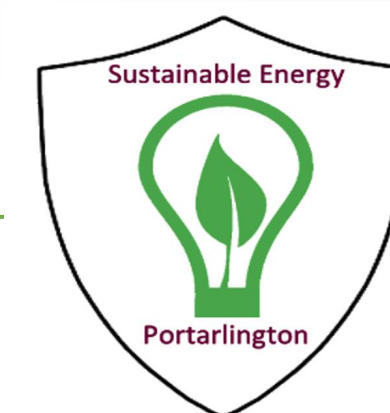
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# Powering The Future With Renewable Energy

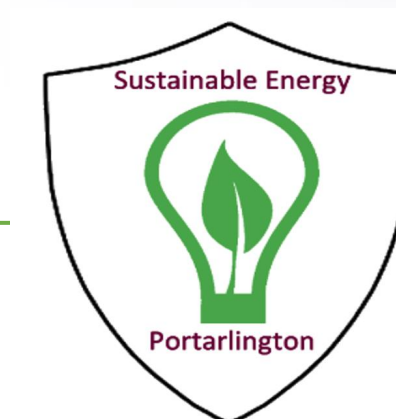
- Combat Climate Change: Reduce carbon emissions and protect our planet.
- Healthier Communities: Improve air and water quality.
- Sustainable Growth: Create jobs and foster innovation.
- Energy Independence: Rely on abundant and inexhaustible resources.

“The future depends on what you do today” - Mahatma Gandhi



# Approaches In Community

- CSO Analysis:
  - Focus areas: Population, BER (Building Energy Rating), Housing, Transport, Commercial Sector
- Energy Audits:
  - Conduct 3x Residential and 1x Non-Residential Energy Audits



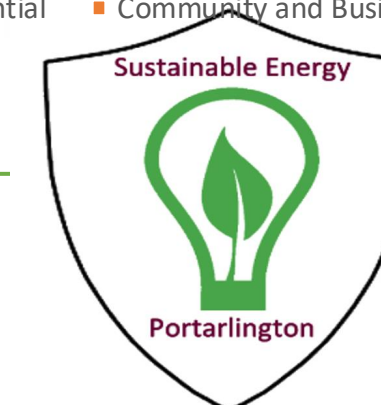
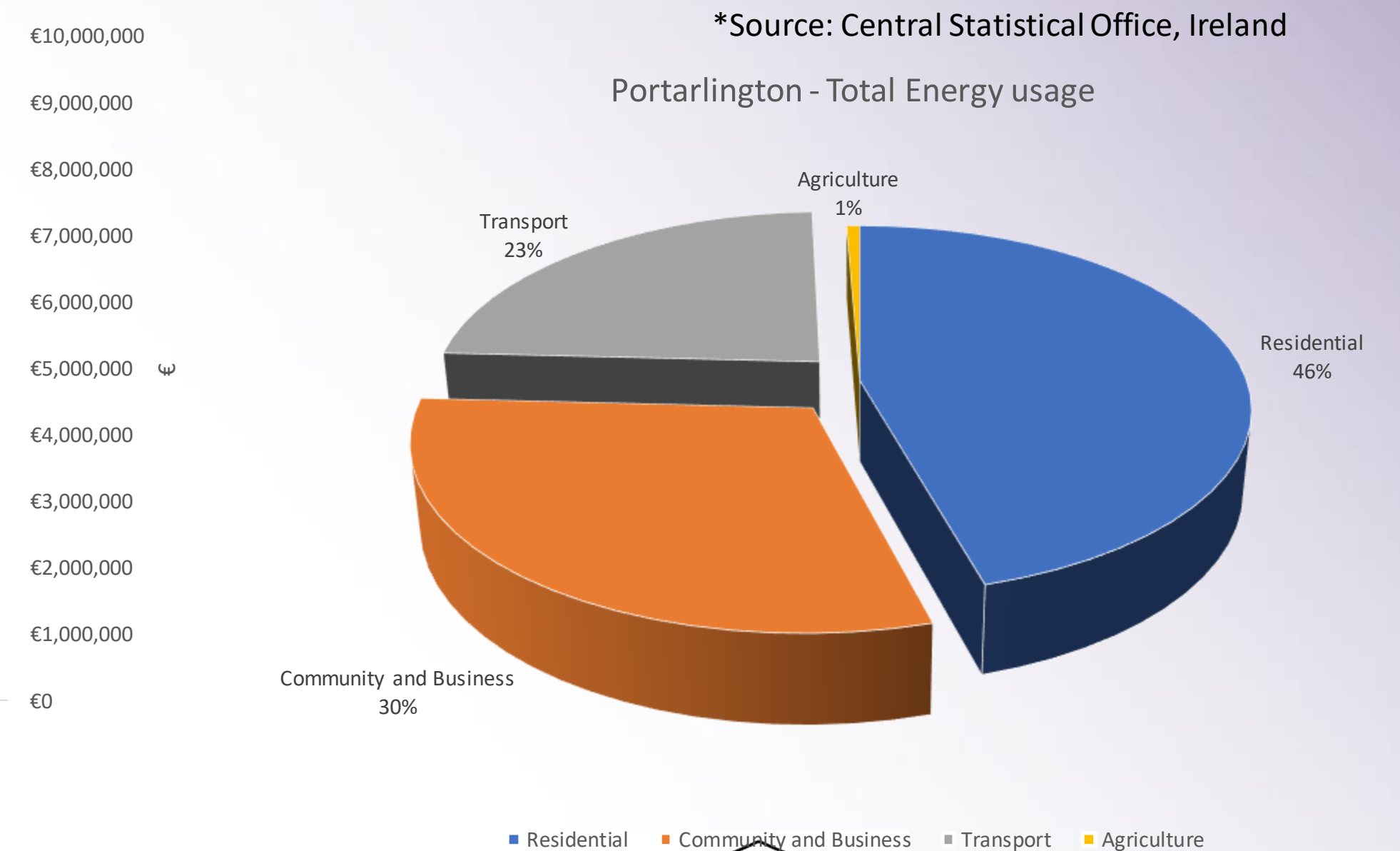
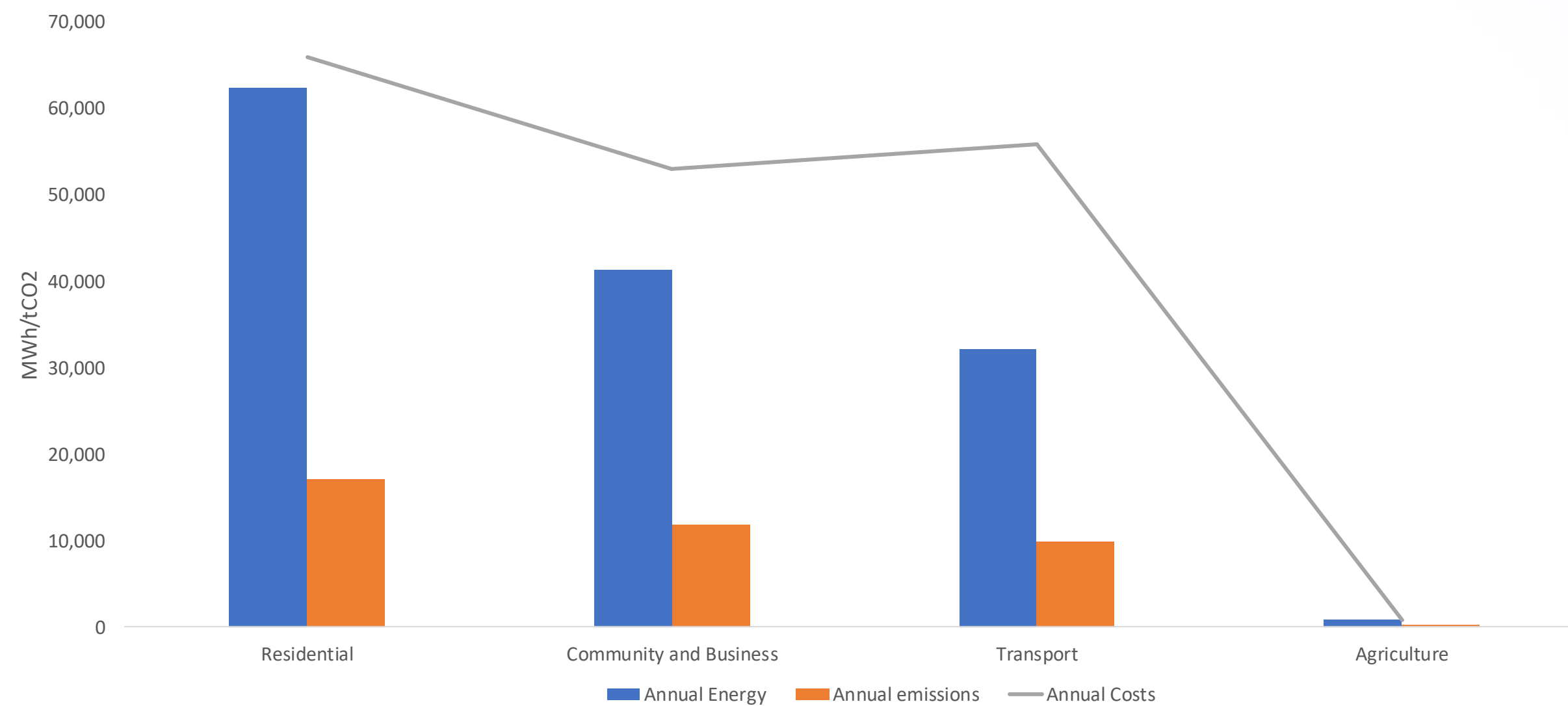
# Baseline Energy Balance for Portarlington

The four energy sectors of Portarlington are: Residential, Non-residential, Transport and Agriculture



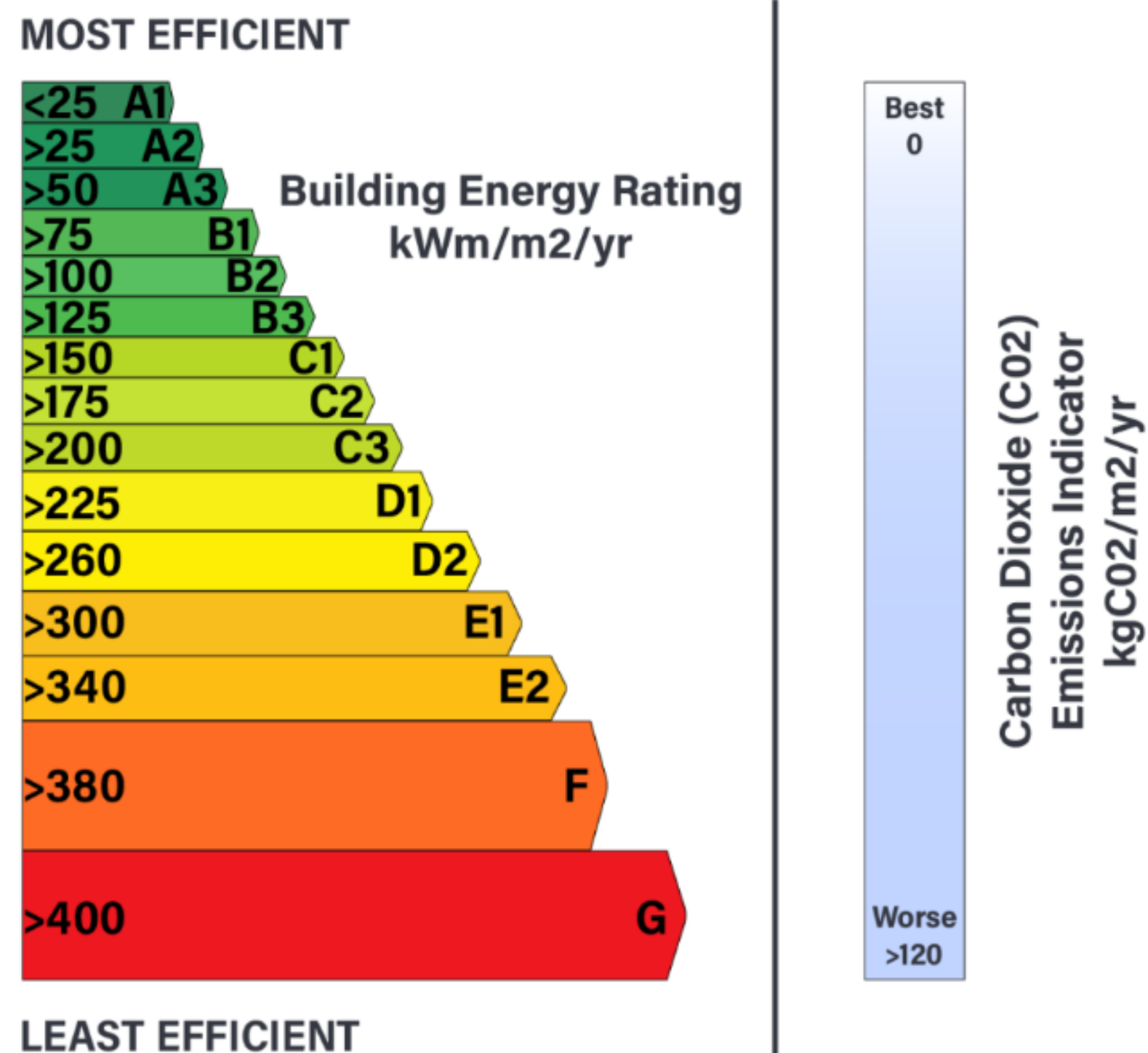
# Baseline Energy Balance for Portarlington

Sector	MWh	CO <sub>2</sub> tons	Annual Costs €	% Energy	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% Cost €	Primary Energy (toe)
Residential	62,388	17,185	€9,429,081	46%	44%	38%	5,364
Non-residential	41,367	11,842	€7,580,169	30%	30%	30%	3,557
Transport	32,235	9,827	€7,976,979	23%	25%	32%	2,772
Agriculture	869	229	€123,908	1%	1%	0%	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,859</b>	<b>39,084</b>	<b>€25,110,137</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,768</b>



# Residential Analysis

## What is BER?



Building Energy Rating (BER) certificate rates your home's energy performance on a scale between A and G.

Houses with a BER of B2, emit approx 2 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (electricity & heating)

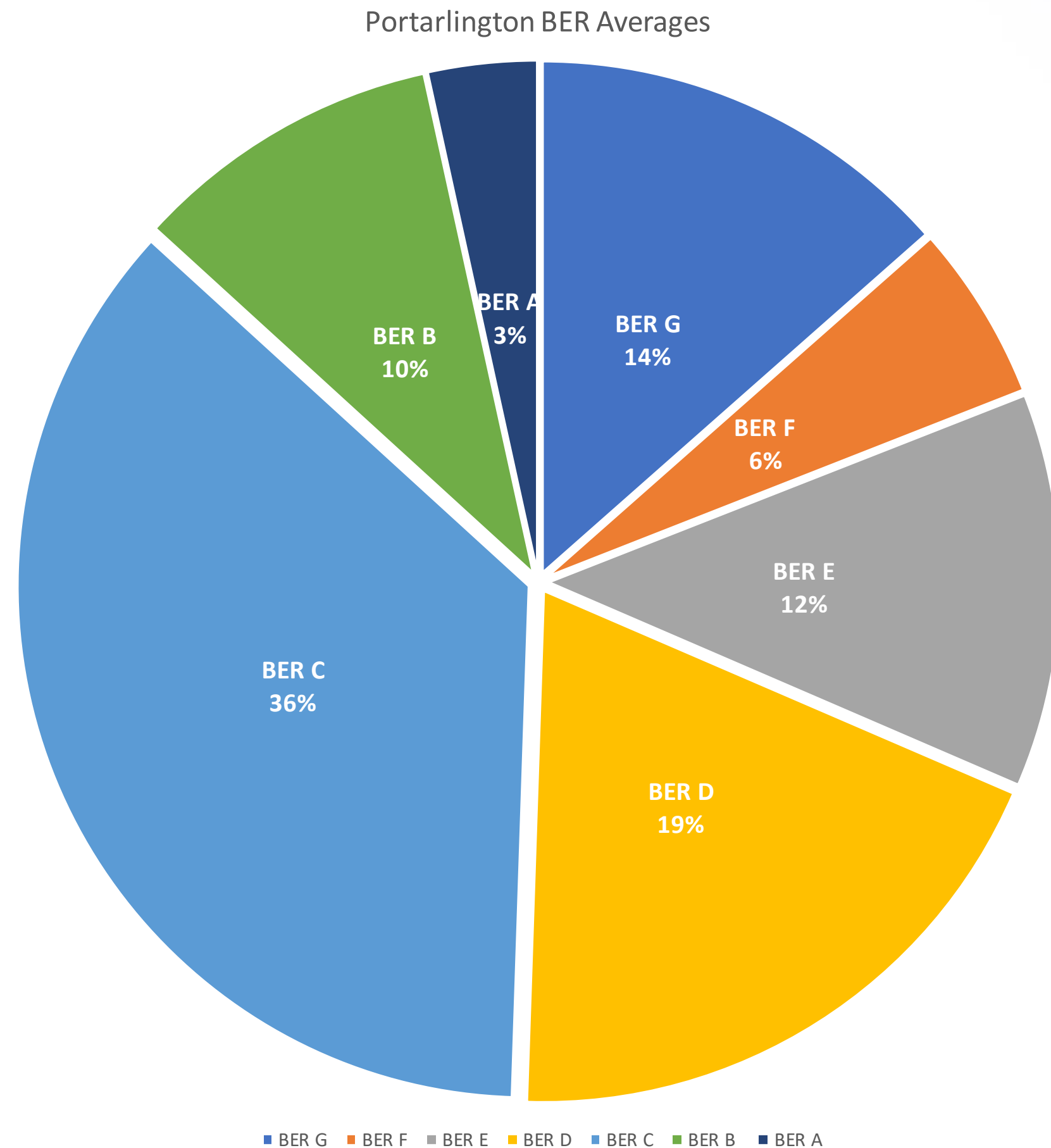
This is equivalent to driving a car only 20% around the world every year, or less than one full fill of kerosene

Houses with a BER of G, emit approx 10 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (electricity & heating)

This is equivalent to driving a car once fully around the equator every year, or 4 full fills of kerosene

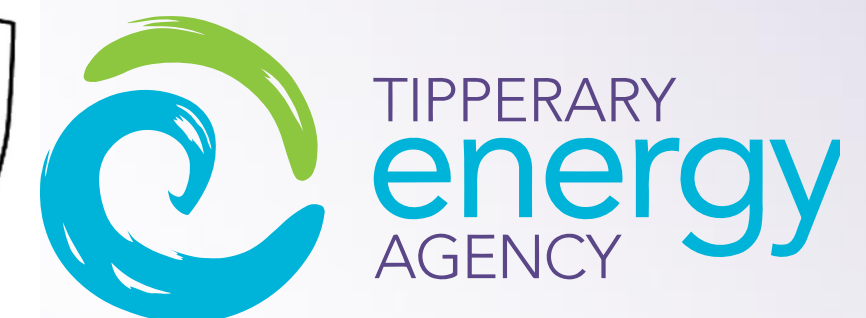
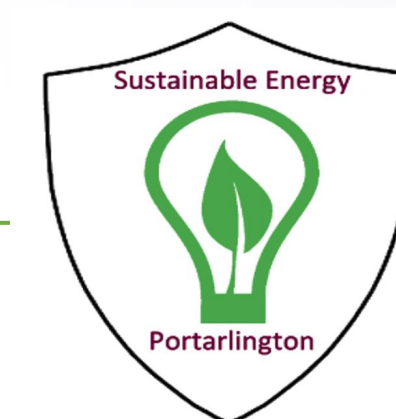


# Residential Analysis



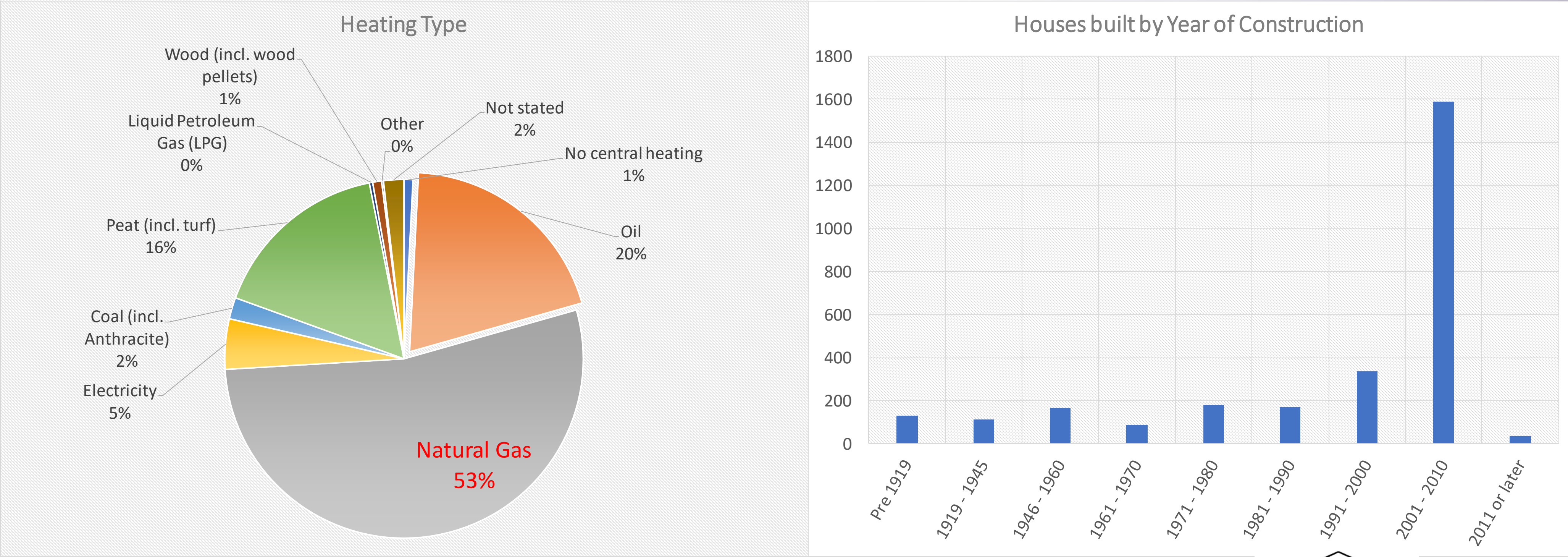
- 2,999 Households in Portarlington (CSO)
- 32% of houses in Port with BER D or worse. (22% for all Co. Laois and 21% for all Ireland)
- 13% of houses in Port with BER B or above (22% for all Co. Laois and 25% for all Ireland)

\*Source: SEAI National BER Research tool



# Residential Analysis

- >50% constructed 2001 or later
- Major source of residential heating: Natural Gas



\*Source: Central Statistical Office, Ireland



# Residential Analysis

## Cost and Carbon

Bill Type	Annual Cost in Euros		Annual Carbon Emissions in tons	
	Per House	SEC	Per House	SEC
Heating	€1,343	€4,027,283	3.4	10,311
Electricity	€1,801	€5,401,799	2.3	6,874
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,144</b>	<b>€9,429,081</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>17,185</b>

\*Source: \*Source: Central Statistical Office, Ireland

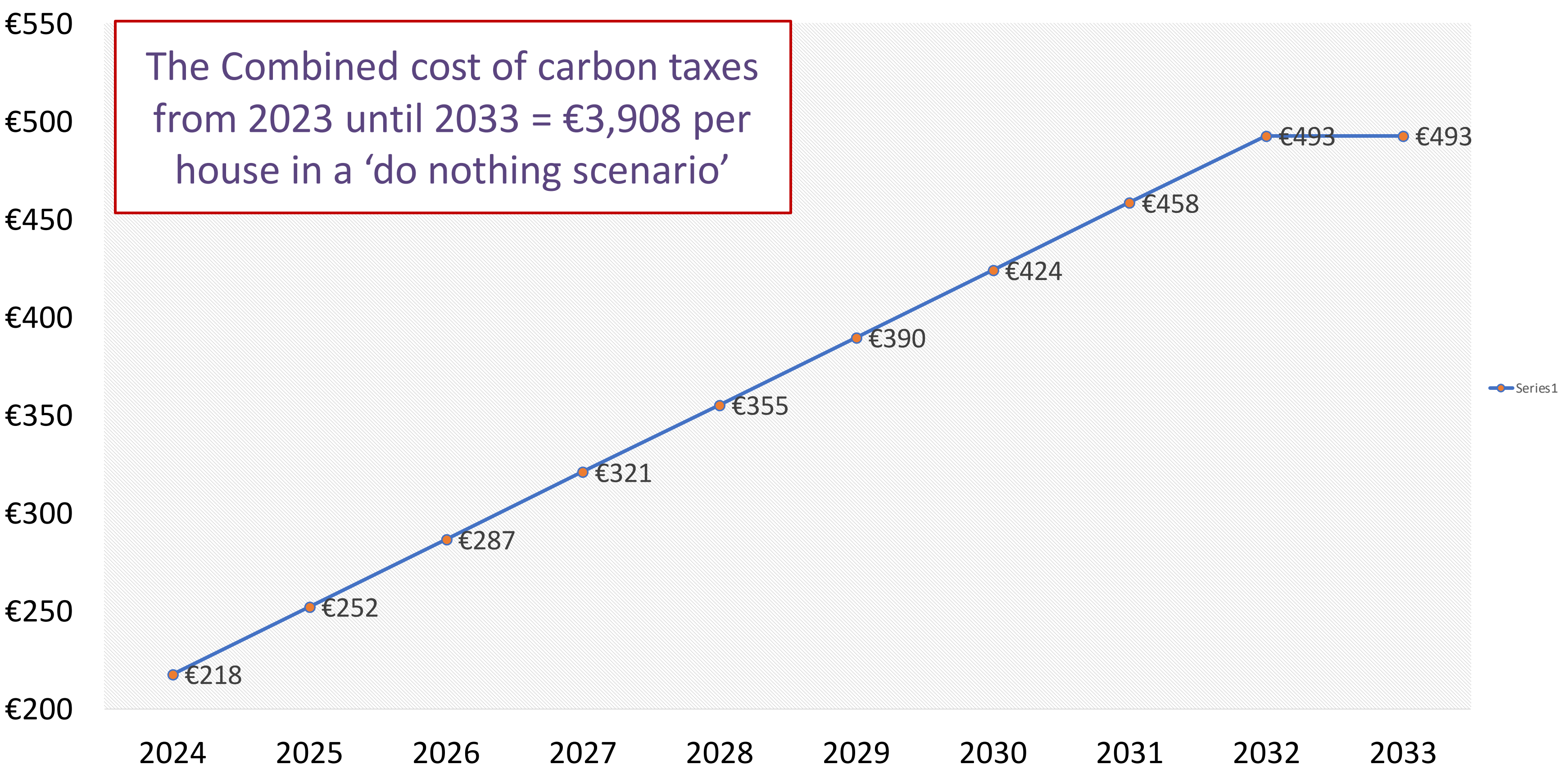
Total The average house in Portarlinton, with a BER of C3, emits approx 5.7 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (electricity & heating). This is equivalent to driving a car 21,333 kms or driving from Portarlinton to Croke Park and back 116 times.

The total annual residential CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Portarlinton SEC, 17,185 tons, which is equivalent of 3,469 petrol cars driven for a year.



# Residential Analysis

## Residential Carbon taxes



\*Source: CSO



# Residential Analysis

## Residential Survey results

Year built	Type	Floor Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Estimated current BER	Current HLI	New BER	New HLI	% improvement in energy consumption
1850	Mid-terrace	260	D1	3.9	B2	1.9	54%
2004	Detached	123	D1	2.7	B2	1.8	56%
2005	Semi-detached	127	B3	2.0	B1	1.6	37%
1982	Detached	189	C2	3.1	A3	2.2	61%

All residential emissions must reduce from 7 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> to 4 million tons per annum by 2030  
- (Climate Action Plan 2023)

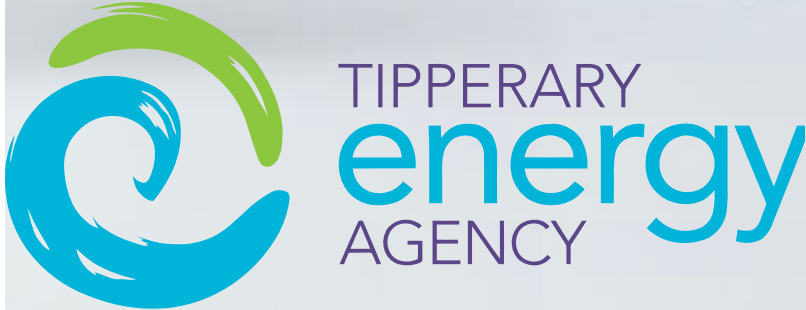
For Ireland, this reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> is the equivalent of 1.2 million full-fills of home heating oil.

# Residential Analysis

## What is a retrofit?

Retrofitting involves updating and enhancing existing buildings with modern, energy-efficient technologies. This not only reduces energy consumption and costs but also improves comfort and extends the lifespan of buildings.

Deep Retrofit	Shallow Retrofit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive Upgrades</li><li>• High Investment, Long-Term Saving</li><li>• Enhanced Comfort and Property Value</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited Scope</li><li>• Low to Moderate Investment, Quick Payback</li><li>• Incremental Improvements</li></ul>



# Residential Analysis

## What is a retrofit?

### Wall insulation types



Cavity Pumping



External insulation



Internal insulation

# Residential Analysis

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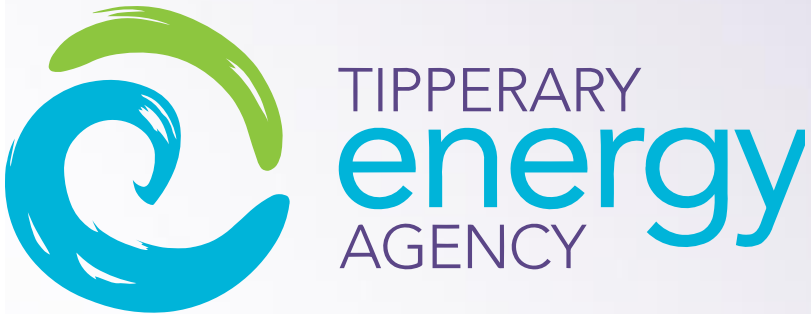
Attic insulation



Mineral wool



Spray foam





# Residential Analysis

## What is a retrofit?

Window and Door replacement



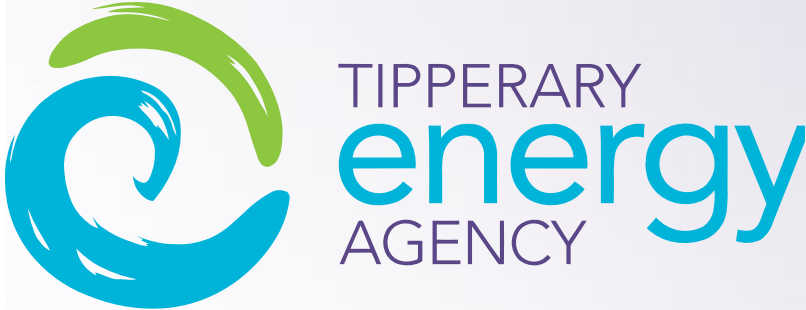
# Residential Analysis

What is a retrofit?

Heat Pump



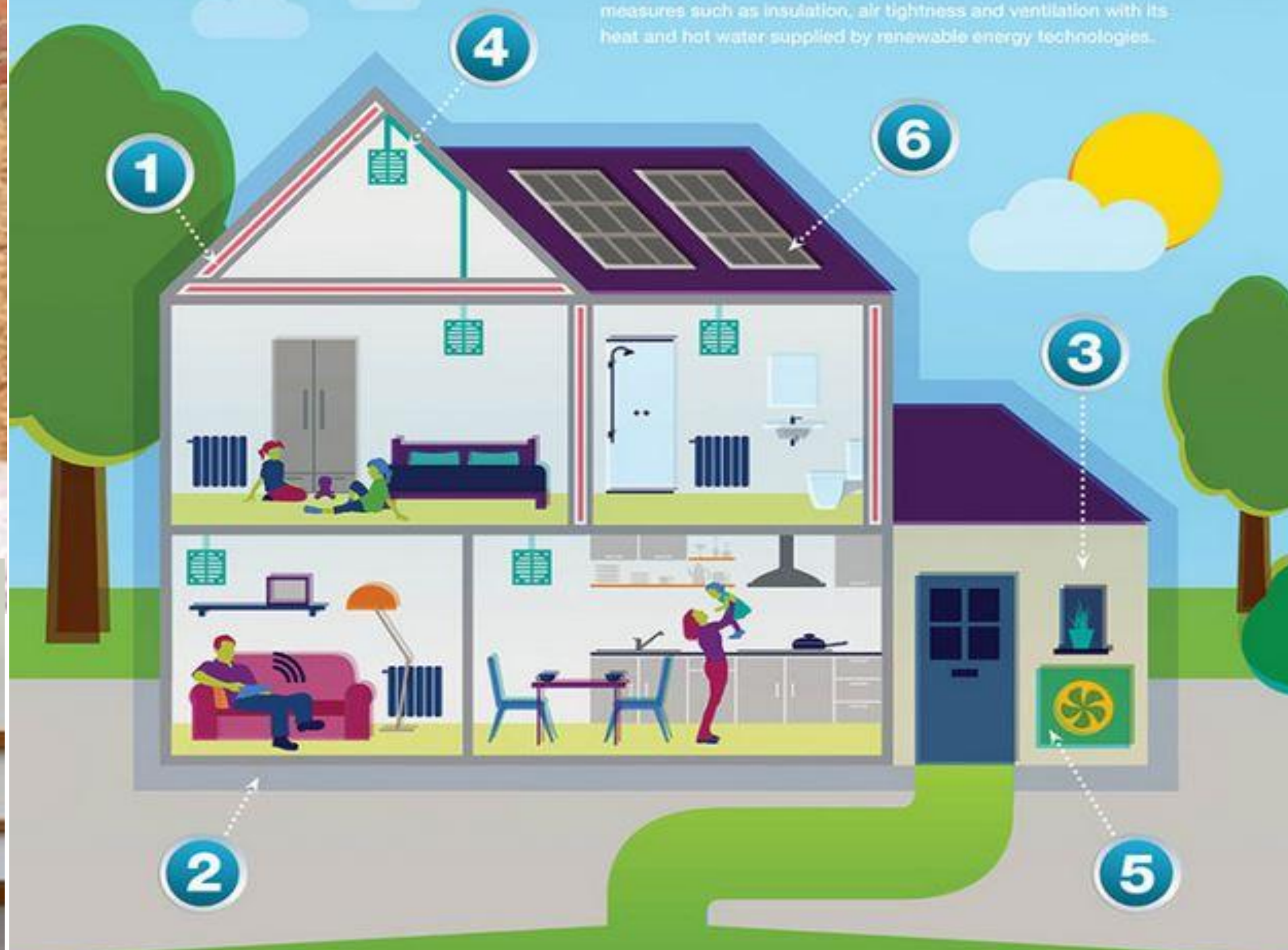
Solar Panel





# What is a SuperHome?

A SuperHome is a comfortable, warm, draught free energy efficient home. It's a home that has all the cost effective energy retrofit measures such as insulation, air tightness and ventilation with its heat and hot water supplied by renewable energy technologies.



## What are the features of a SuperHome?

- 1 Cavity wall, attic, flat roof, external wall insulation
- 2 Air tightness throughout the house
- 3 High performance windows and doors
- 4 Demand Control Ventilation
- 5 Air Source Heat Pump
- 6 Solar PV Panels on roof

[www.superhomes.ie](http://www.superhomes.ie)

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# Residential Analysis

## Retrofit cost to achieve 50% reduction in CO2

Retrofit Type	Retrofits per year (starting in 2023)	Capital Cost (estimated)
Shallow	150	€4,500,000
Deep	75	€3,600,000
Total	<b>225</b>	<b>€8,100,000</b>
<b>Total by 2033</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>€89,100,000</b>

Under the Better Energy Communities Scheme, **30% grant funding** maybe available  
Specific measures are subject to specific grant support – see SEAI website

**Monetary values given are guide pricing only as some material costs have increased by 30-40%**

**Each housing project will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.**



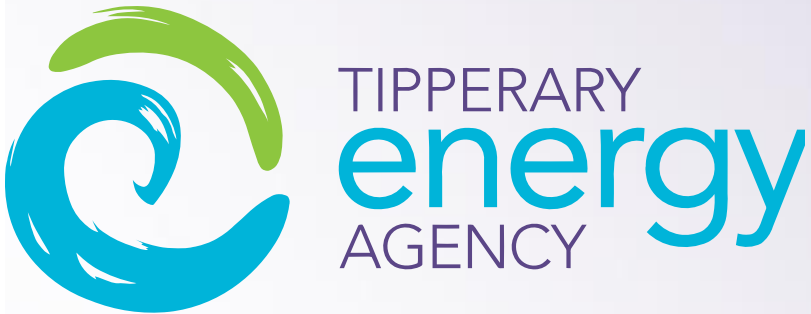
# Residential Analysis

## Energy Bill and CO<sub>2</sub> savings after the retrofits:

Retrofit Type	Energy Savings (%)	€ savings (incl. carbon tax)		CO <sub>2</sub> savings (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	
		by 2034	Per year thereafter	by 2034	per year thereafter
Shallow	28%	€16,865,050	€2,881,439	26,339	4,390
Deep	23%	€13,700,020	€2,340,685	25,152	4,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>€30,565,070</b>	<b>€5,222,125</b>	<b>51,491</b>	<b>8,582</b>

8,582 tons reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> per annum is same as:

- Having 1,082 less houses in Portarlinton per year
- Taking 1,910 cars off the road per year



# Residential Analysis

## Home Energy Grants

Refer SEAI website for additional information on available grants: [Home Energy Upgrades](#)

### Individual Energy Upgrade Grants

(Comprising Better Energy Homes and Solar PV schemes)  
Selection of individual grants for home energy upgrades

**Who this is for**

For homeowners and private landlords who want:

- individual energy upgrades
- to manage their own project
- to apply for the grant themselves
- to pay for full cost of works and claim grants afterwards

**Criteria for homes**

For homes built and occupied before:

- 2011 for insulation and heating controls
- 2021 for heat pumps and renewable systems

**What is included**

Homeowners manage their upgrades including:

- ✔ contractor selection
- ✔ grant application
- ✔ contractor works
- ✔ follow up BER

[About Individual Grants >](#)

### One Stop Shop Service

A complete home energy upgrade solution

**Who this is for**

For homeowners and private landlords who want:

- multiple energy upgrades
- to upgrade to a minimum B2 BER
- a fully managed solution including grant applications
- to pay for the works net of eligible grant

**Criteria for homes**

For homes built and occupied before:

- 2011 for insulation and heating controls
- 2011 for renewable systems
- All homes must complete a minimum level of energy upgrades and achieve a minimum BER rating of B2

**What is included**

A One Stop Shop will manage your upgrade including:

- ✔ home energy assessment
- ✔ grant application
- ✔ project management
- ✔ contractor works
- ✔ follow up BER

[About One Stop Shops >](#)

### Fully Funded Energy Upgrade

(Comprising Warmer Homes)  
For qualifying homeowners

**Who this is for**

For qualifying homeowners in receipt of certain welfare benefits:

- Fuel Allowance
- Job Seekers Allowance for over six months with a child under seven
- Working Family Payment
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Domiciliary Care Allowance
- Carers Allowance
- Disability Allowance for over six months with a child under seven

**Criteria for homes**

For homes built and occupied before:

- 2006 for insulation and heating systems

**What is included**

This service is managed by SEAI and includes:

- ✔ home survey
- ✔ contractor selection
- ✔ contractor works
- ✔ follow up BER

[About Fully Funded Energy Upgrades >](#)



# Residential Analysis Summary

## Opportunities Identified :

### Energy Efficiency Improvements:

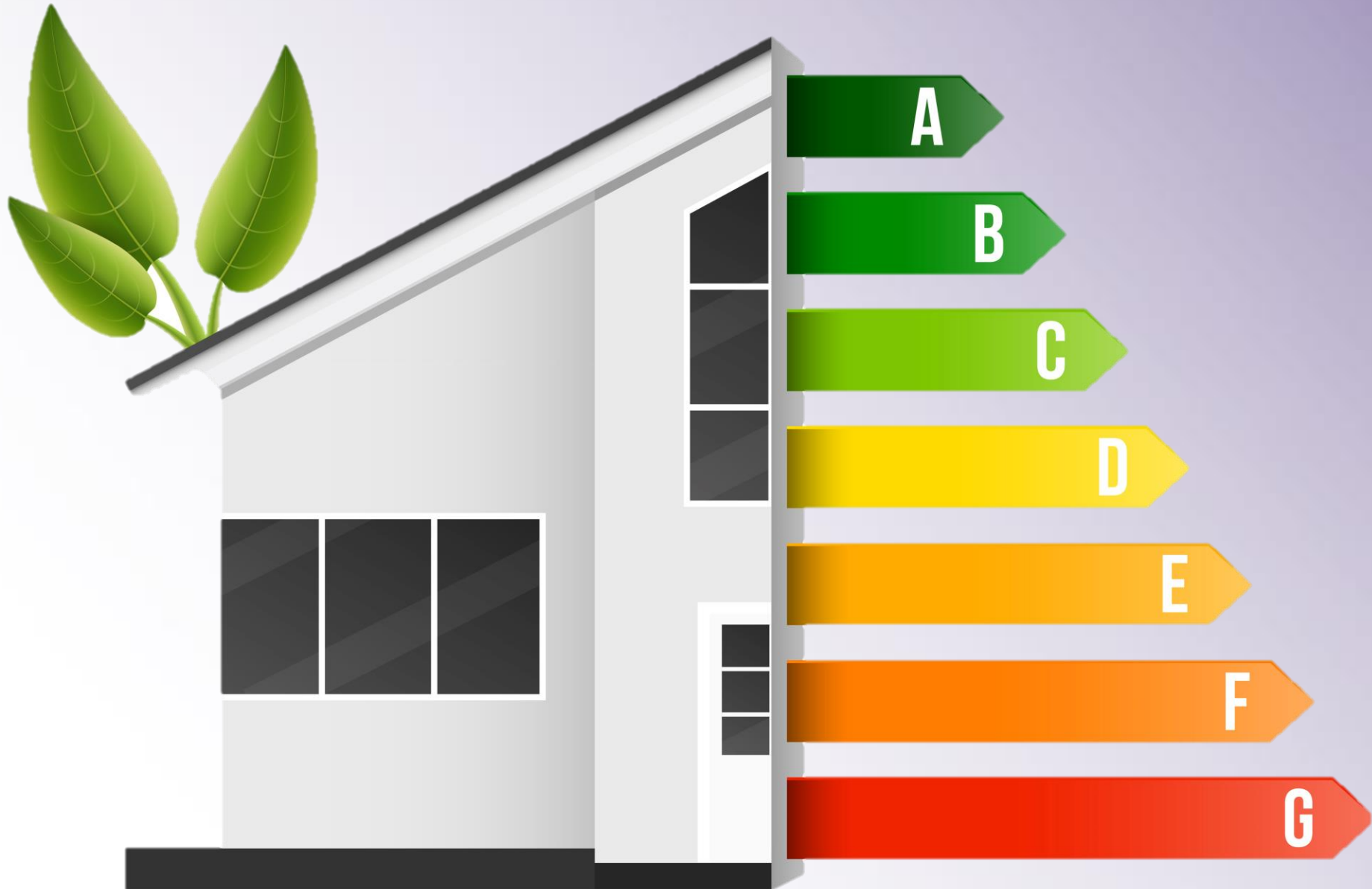
- Building envelope upgrades
- Walls, roof, windows & doors
- High-efficiency heat pumps

### Renewable Energy Infrastructure:

- Solar panels, battery, EV charging.

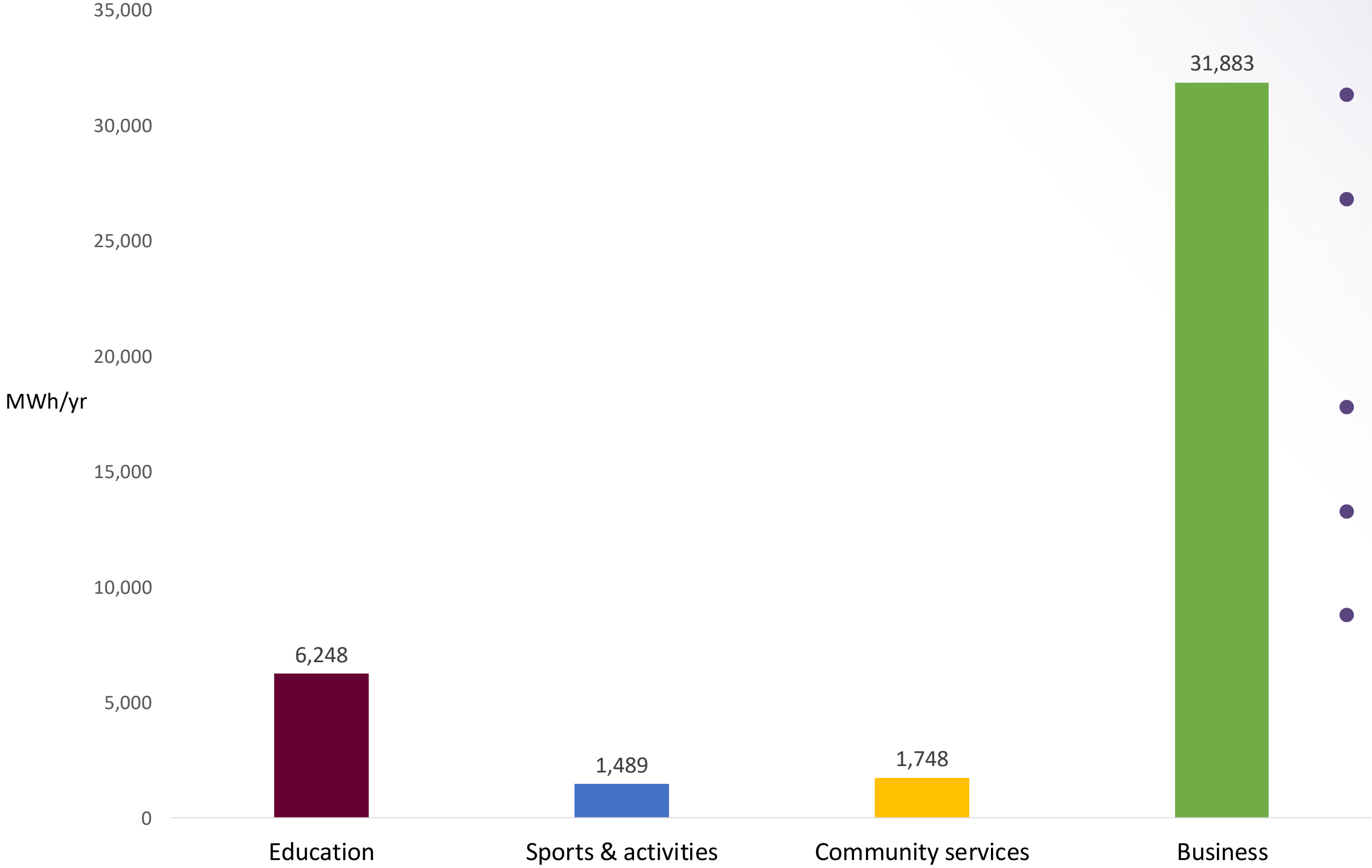
### Behavioural Changes:

- Energy-saving habits and practices



# Non-Residential Analysis

Community & Business Energy profile



\*Source: CSO

- 97 non-residential properties/businesses.
- 30% of the total energy demand: 41,367 MWh
- Total Carbon Emission: 11,842 tons
- 77% energy consumption for Businesses.
- The estimated cost of non-residential energy usage is €7,580,169 (34%) per year





# Non-Residential Analysis

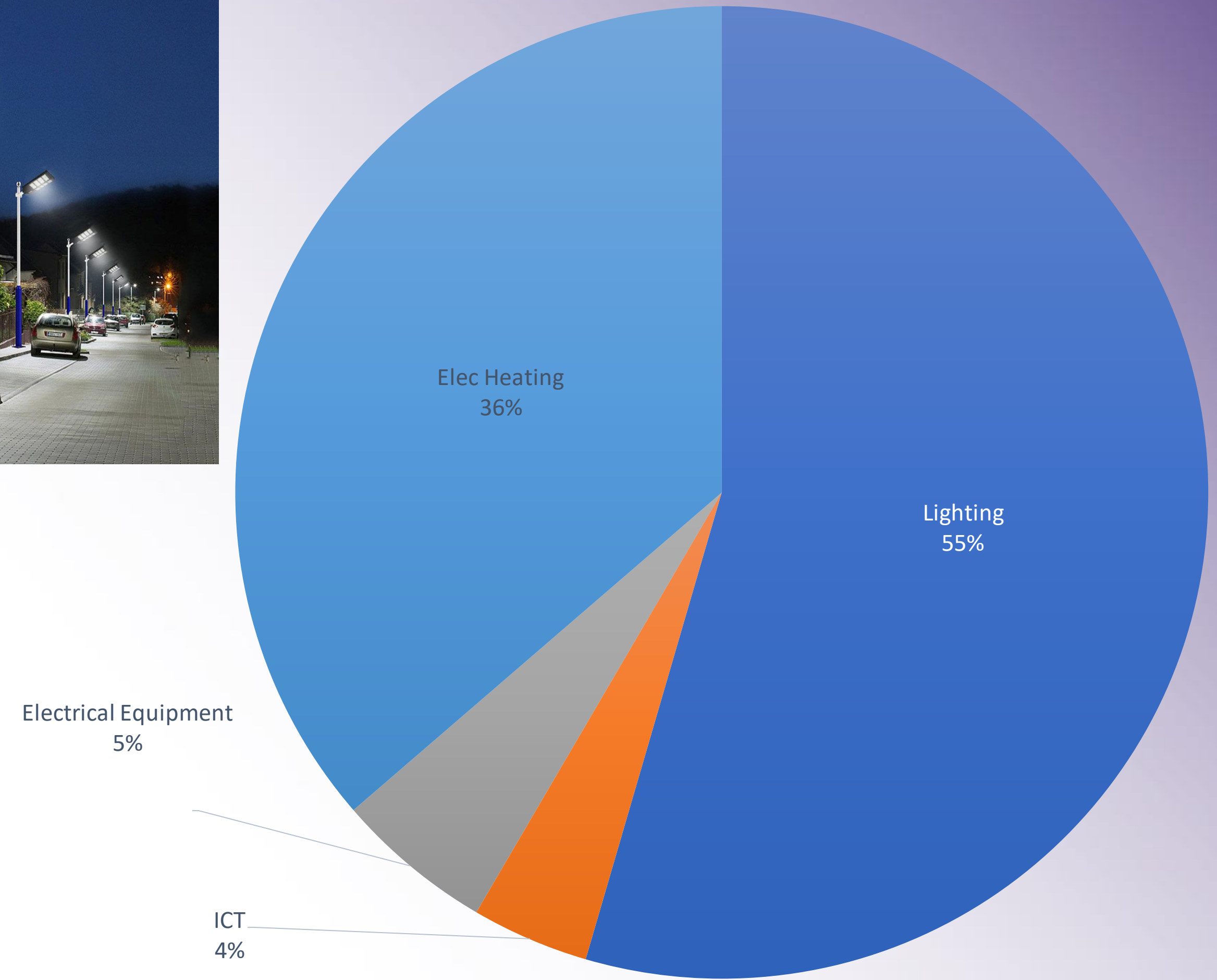
## Opportunities Identified :

### Operational Efficiency:

- Optimization of lighting systems
- HVAC system upgrades



Energy Cost Breakdown

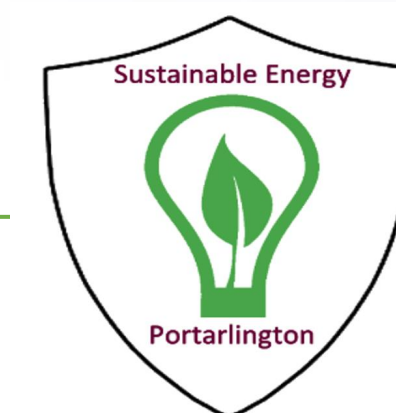


\*Source: Energy Audit

### Renewable Energy Projects:

- Installation of commercial solar arrays
- Installation of heat-pumps & biomass / biomethane

- Potential for overall energy/cost/emissions reduction by 70%



# Non-Residential Analysis

## Grants Available For Upgrades

- BEC grants available between 30 to 50%
- €2K voucher: for €10K + energy users 'green for micro scheme
- Energy Efficiency Grant (for micro businesses to implement actions after Green4Micro audit): 50% of eligible costs from a minimum grant of €1,000 to a maximum of €5,000



# Non-Residential Analysis

## Solar PV support for Business:

- Grant funding is available for systems up to a maximum 1000 kWp
- Projects between 6kW and 50kW will receive a Clean Export Premium (CEP) tariff per kWh exported, for a period of 15 years, from their electricity supplier.
- The Clean Export Premium (CEP) will be €0.135/kWh in 2022 and is capped at 80% of generation capacity-to incentivize self-consumption.

## Non-Domestic Microgen Scheme

Solar PV System	Grant Value
1kWp*	€900
2kWp	€1,800
3kWp	€2,100
4kWp	€2,400
5kWp	€2,400
6kWp	€2,400
7kWp - 20kWp	€300/kWp
21kWp - 200kWp	€200/kWp
201kWp - 1000kWp (1MWp)	€150/kWp

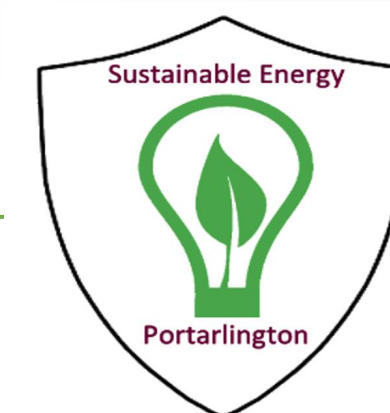
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# Non-Residential Analysis

## Solar PV support for Business:

- Businesses, farms, community buildings such as schools, sports clubs, etc, generating up to 5.9kW will be eligible for a Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) grant at the same levels as domestic customers. This specific grant will be available later in 2022
- Who can apply:  
Businesses, The agricultural sector, Public sector bodies, Schools, Community centres, Non-profit societies
- How to apply:
  - ❖ Find and appoint a Registered SEAI Non-Domestic Microgen (Solar PV) Company
  - ❖ Apply to SEAI for a Grant Offer
  - ❖ Your Company applies to ESB Networks
  - ❖ Install the Solar PV system
  - ❖ Your Company submits evidence of works to SEAI
  - ❖ SEAI provide the grant

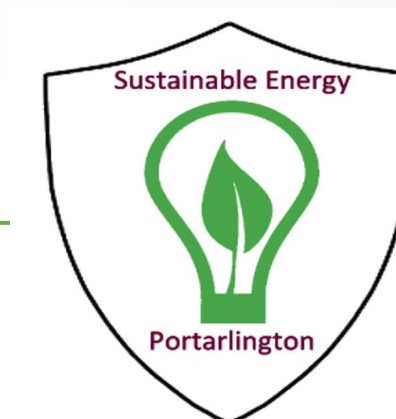


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## Energy Efficiency Grant support for Business:

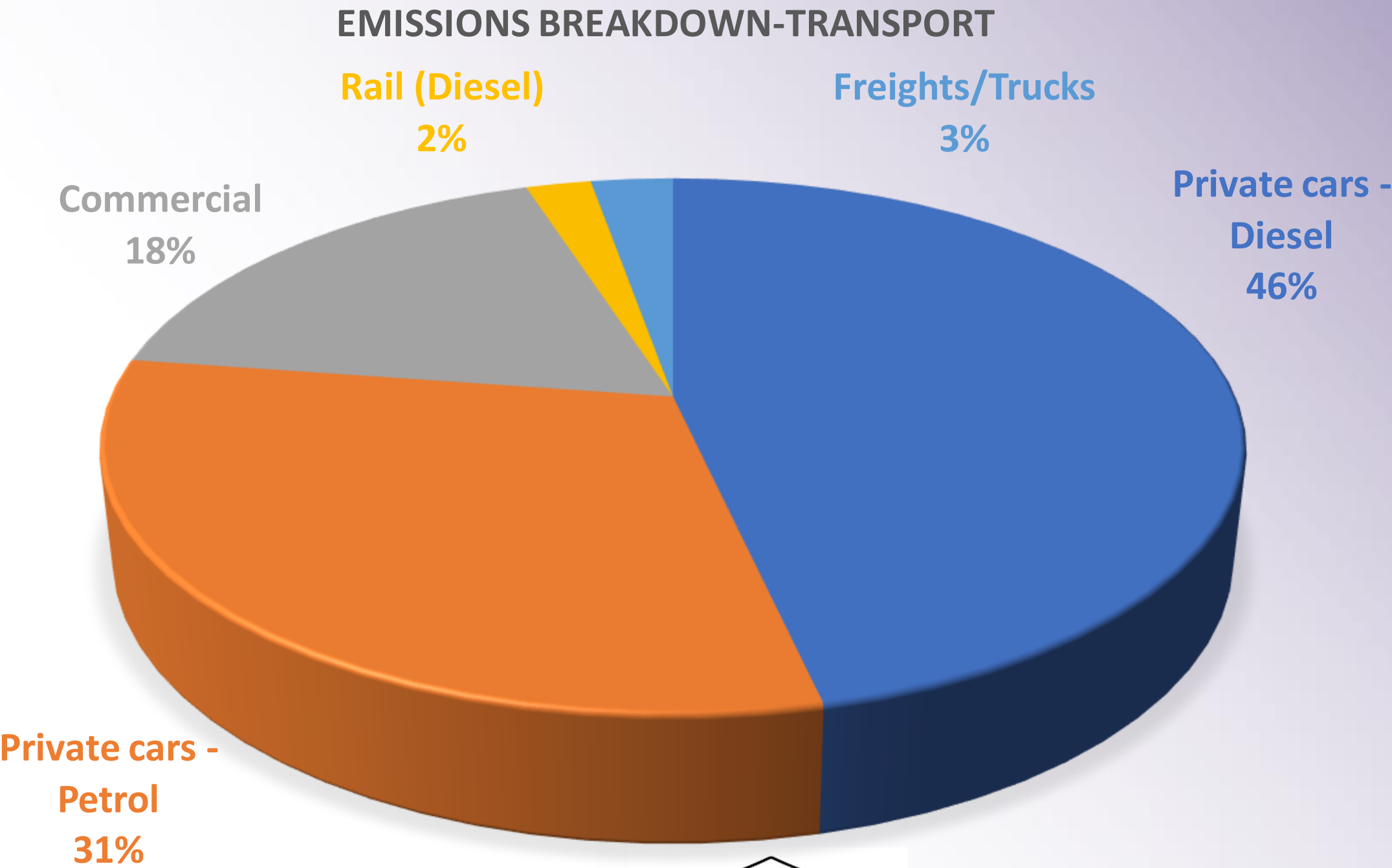
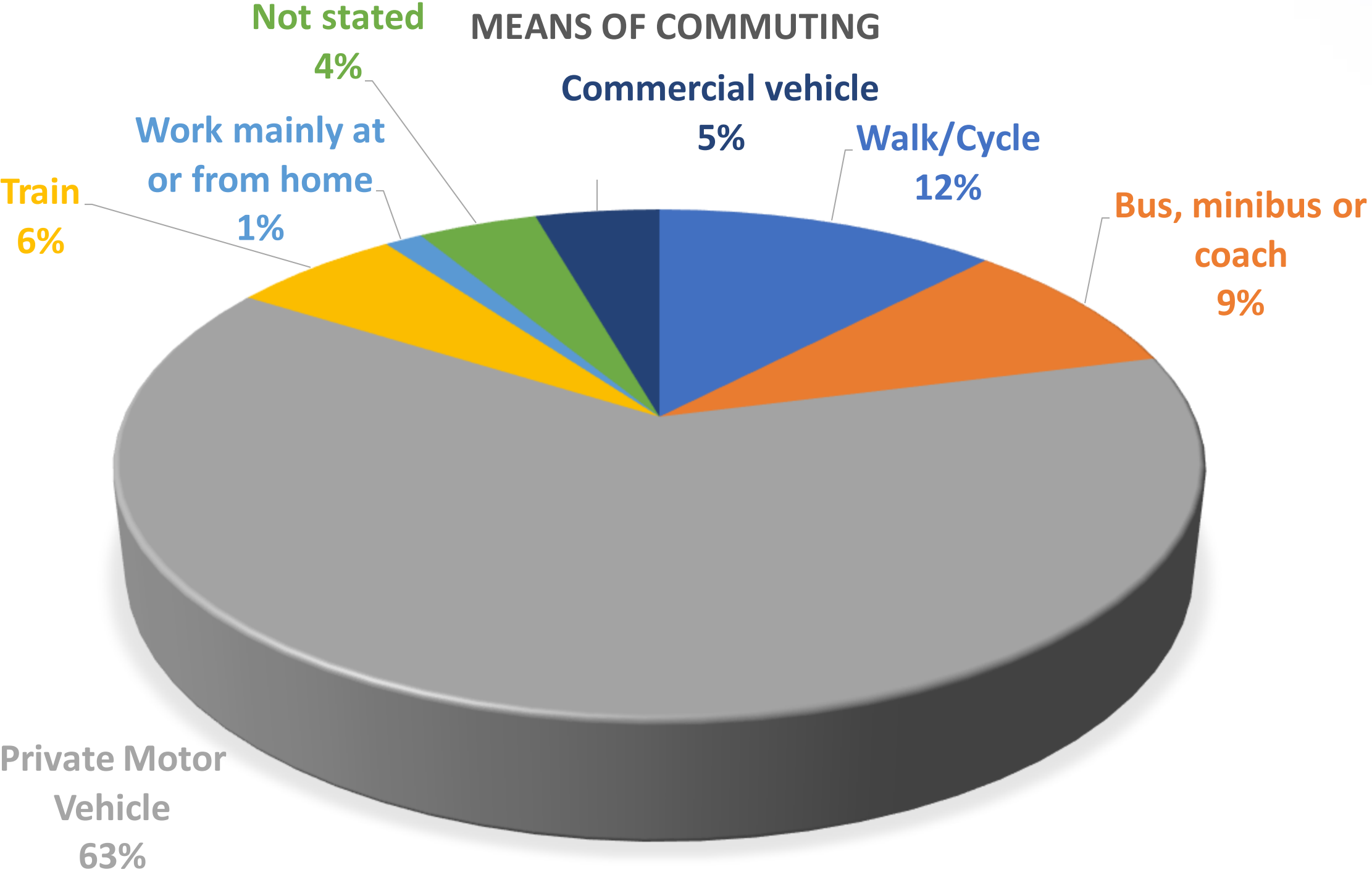
- This grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment of enterprises following on from a Green for Micro/Business Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit.
- Can cover 50% of eligible costs from a minimum grant of €1,000 to a maximum of €5,000.
- Eligible costs:
  - ❖ Meters and Installation costs
  - ❖ Smart Energy controls
  - ❖ Lighting upgrade
  - ❖ Upgrade to Heat pumps
  - ❖ Heat recovery
  - ❖ Equipment efficiency improvement etc

Visit Local Enterprise office for further information: [Local Enterprise Office](#)



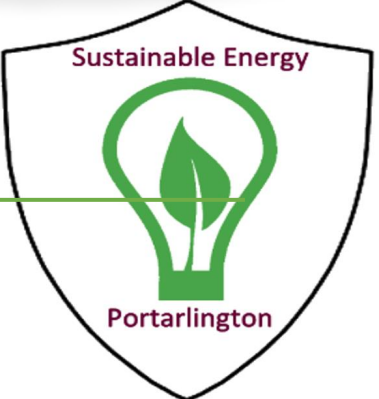
# Transport Analysis

- 63% of residents use cars as their main means of travel. 84% households has access to one or more motor cars.
- The total annual energy : 32,235 MWh/yr (24% of total usage)
- The total CO<sub>2</sub> emission: 9,827 tons CO<sub>2</sub> (25% of total emissions)
- The total € cost of fuel : €7.9 M (36% of total € cost)



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\*Source: Central Statistical Office, Ireland



# Transport Analysis

## Roadmap: 50% reduction in energy by 2033

- To achieve the target
  - Replace 81% of private vehicles (fueled by petrol/diesel) by electric
- Reduction of 74% in Transport sector emissions

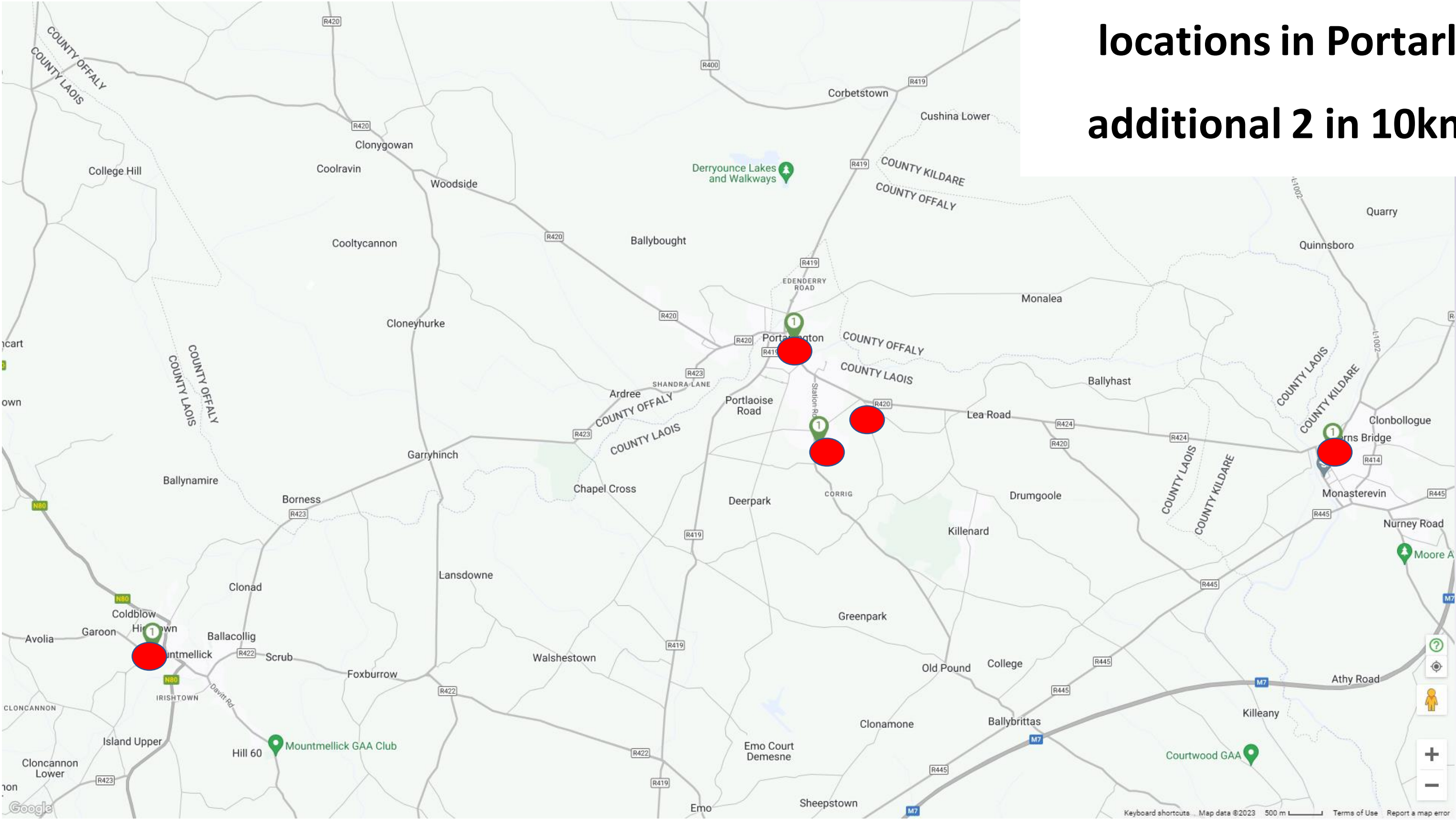
Vehicle Category	by 2033			Energy (MWh)		Emissions (tCO2)		Investment
	Fossil	Electric	Total	Current	By 2033	Current	By 2033	
Private cars	684	2,962	3,645	26,589	13,294	7,598	2,127	€126,198,226
Private vans	43	186	229	5,646	2,823	2,229	452	
<b>Total</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>32,235</b>	<b>16,117</b>	<b>9,827</b>	<b>2,579</b>	



# Transport Analysis

## EV charging points

**Currently 3 ESB charging locations in Portarlington, additional 2 in 10km radius**



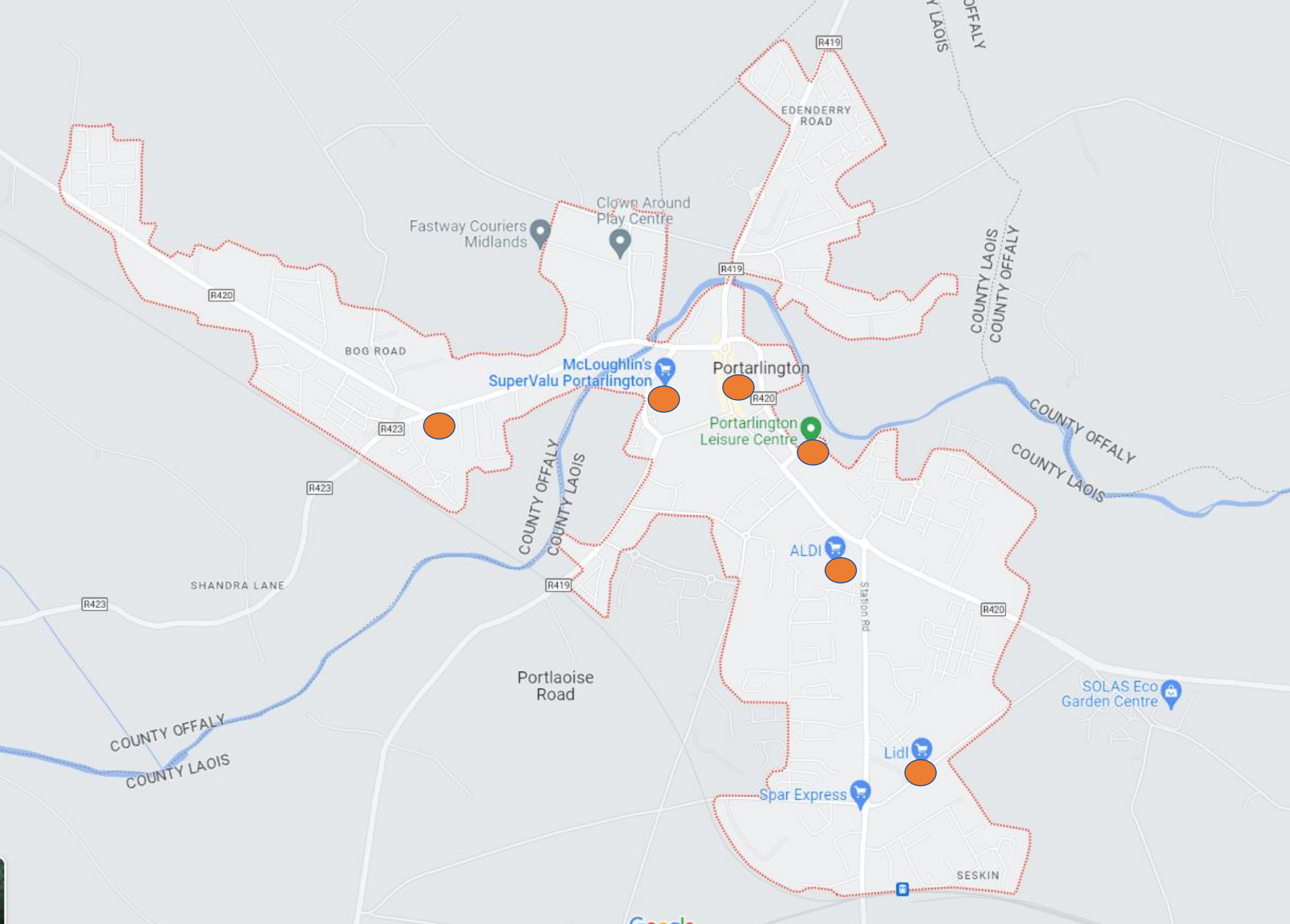


# Transport Analysis

## EV charging points

### Future possible locations:

- Main street
- Shopping centres (SuperValu, Aldi, Lidl)
- Portarlinton Leisure centre
- Kilmalogue (Concert band parking)

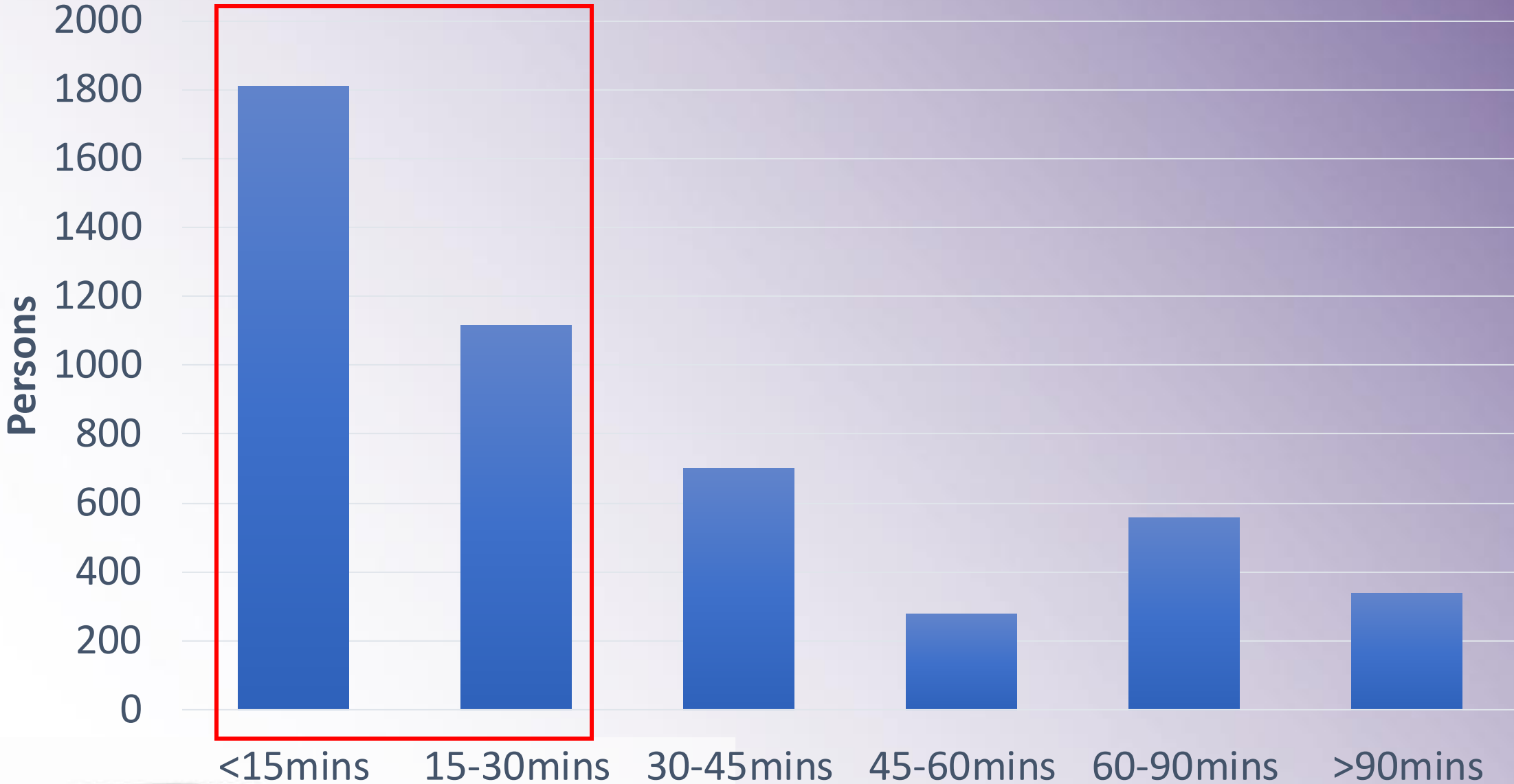


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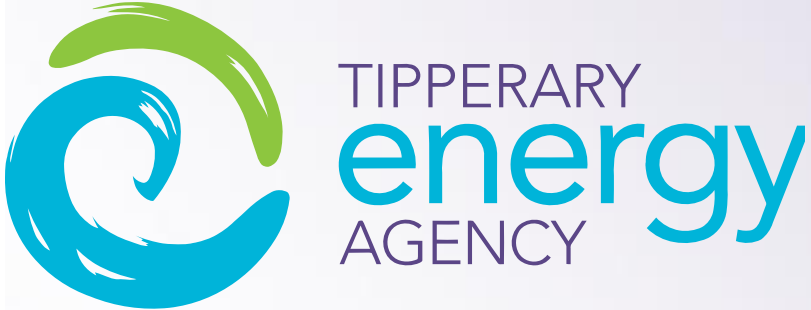
## E-bus

- Population commuting <1/2 hour by car currently can switch to E-bus commute, saving 7.35% of sectoral emissions
- 47% of people are travelling less than 1/2 hour

Commute Time



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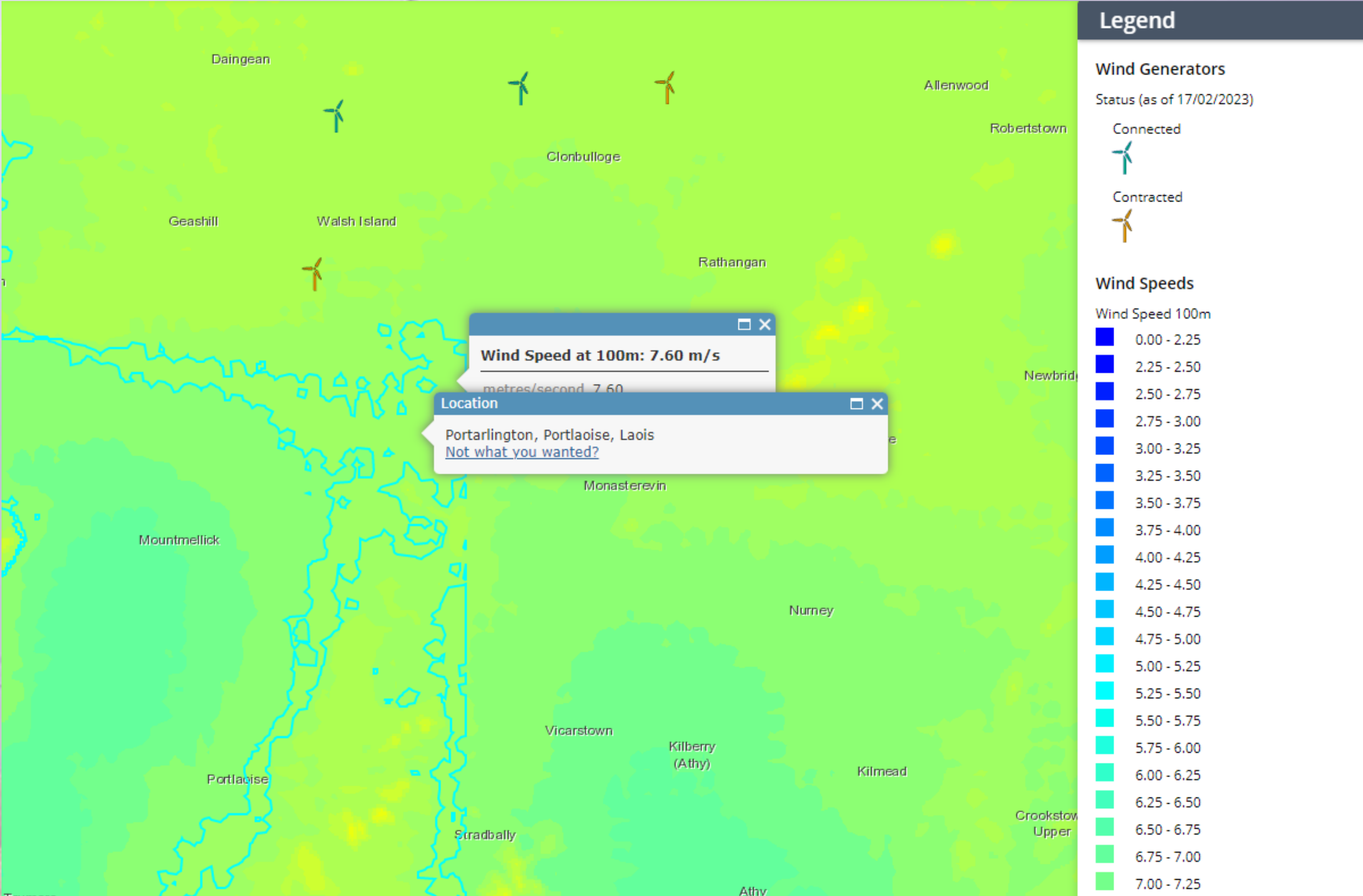


# Changing Energy landscape 2023-20234

## Penetration of Renewables: Community owned Wind energy

- We estimate 4,354 MWh can be generated per turbine (3 x 0.5 MW)
- Electricity generation of ~13 GWh/annum
- Investment: €6.8 M (estimated)
- Savings: €1.02 M
- ROI: 6.6 years

Wind potential at Portarlington:



\*Source: Wind Atlas (Mapping System), SEAI

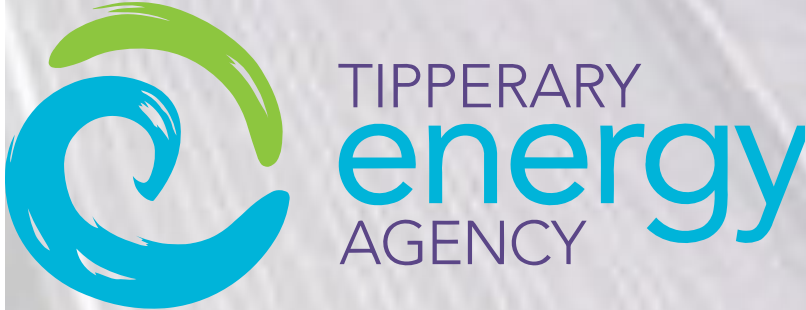


# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

## Penetration of Renewables: Community owned vs Micro generation Solar energy

	Community owned solar farm	Microgeneration
Install capacity	5 MW	9 MW
Annual Output	3,836 MWh/year	7,109 MWh/year
	Equivalent to 13% of residential, community and business electricity use	Equivalent to 23% of residential, community and business electricity use
Capital Cost (€)	€4.5M	€14M
Area required	~30 acres	4kW panels on 75% of the homes and 2kW panels on 50% of the business roofs (S/SE/SW facing)
	Approx. 18 GAA pitches	

\*electricity generation of 3,126 kWh from a 4kW PV panel and 1,563 kWh from a 2kW PV panel is expected



# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

## Penetration of Renewables: Is Solar PV right for me?

- Do you have a steady electricity demand during the summer?
- Do you have available roof space?
- Is your roof South-facing or East/West facing?
- Can you use most of the generated electricity on-site
- Is you building energy efficient?



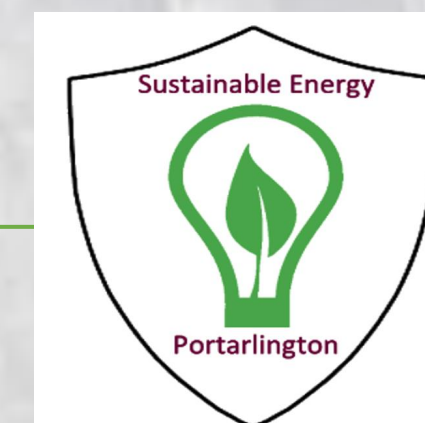
If the answer is “Yes” to the above, you may have a basis for a viable project

# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

## Penetration of Renewables: Monetary savings

### Micro generation:

- Clean Energy guarantee scheme for systems up to 5.9kW.
- Payment for export may be paid by the current electricity supply company in contract with the building. (Electric Ireland@ €0.21/kWh; Energia@ €0.18/kWh)
- For non-domestic applicants with systems between 6kW to 50kW, Clean Energy Premium payment scheme with a starting tariff @€0.135/kWh fixed for 15 years and capped at 80% of generation
- Grid connection for < 6kW (single phase, usually domestic & 11kW 3-phase usually farm/commercial setting) see ESNB “inform, Fit & Forget” process, no additional cost.

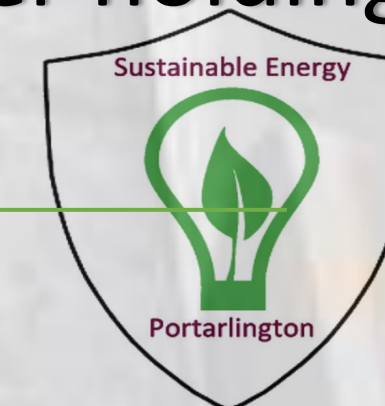


# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

## Penetration of Renewables: Grant support

### Micro generation:

- Domestic homes can apply for grant of up to €2,400 for a maximum of 4 kWp systems from SEAI.
- Non-domestic applicants can apply for a grant of up to €162,600 for 1,000 kWp (until the end of 2023).
- Domestic homes pre 2021 are eligible and no minimum BER required.
- Non-Domestic applicants e.g., Farms, Schools, Community Buildings, businesses can also apply for same grant amount.
- Solar capital investment scheme from Targeted Agriculture and Modernisation Scheme (TAMS 3) for supporting solar investments to farmers. Grant at the rate of 60% up to the applicable maximum investment ceiling of €90,000 per holding.



# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

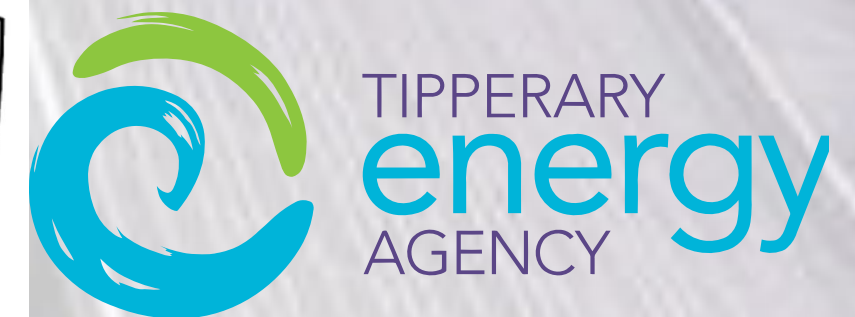
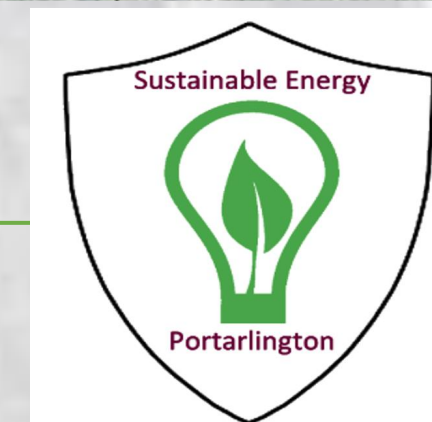
## Penetration of Renewables: Electrical distribution network Portarlington

- 110 kV/38 kV substation at Bracklone
- 38 kV substation in Portarlington
- Availability of 7.9 MVA in Firm connection (~6.3MW)
- Electricity grid may require an upgrade for further renewable projects be connected to the system



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\*Source: Availability Capacity Map, ESB networks

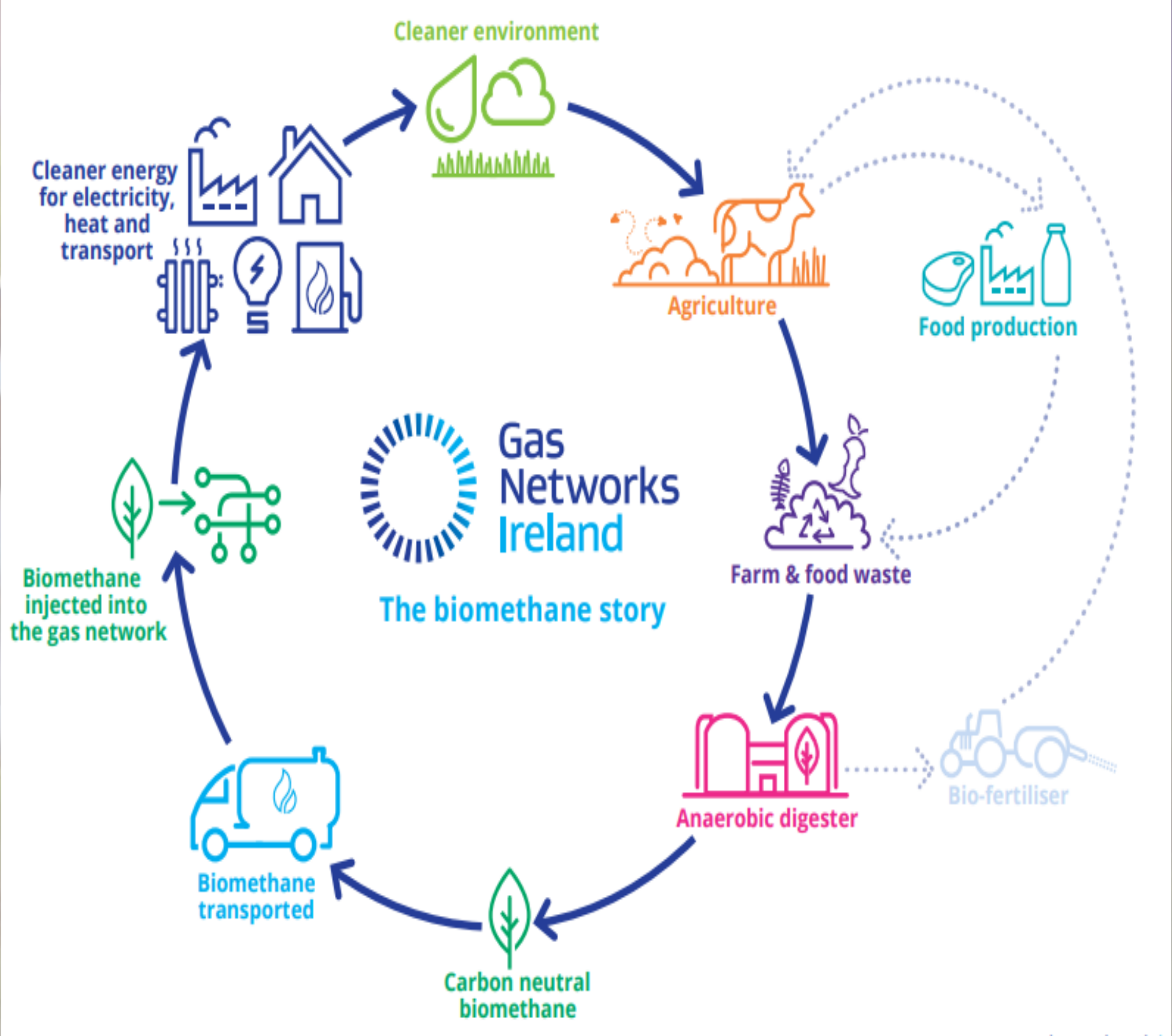




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## Penetration of Renewables: Biomethane

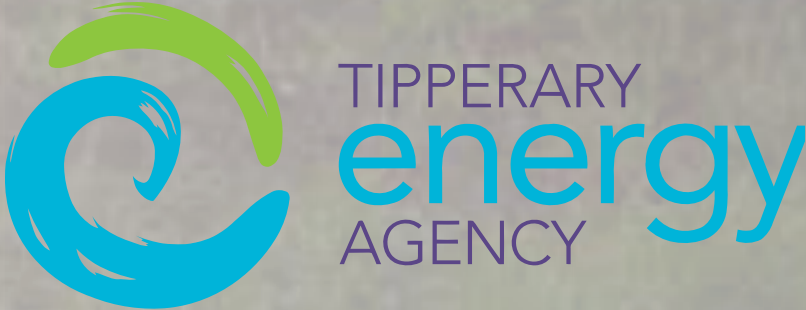
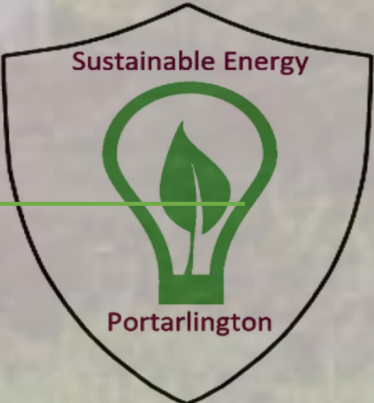
- Biomethane: Fundamentally identical to natural gas, biomethane is a carbon neutral renewable gas that can be made from farm and food waste through a process known as Anaerobic Digestion (AD).
- Biogas generated through AD has to be refined first to biomethane and meet the quality standards before injecting it to the Gas network.
- Additional information on Gas Networks Ireland website.



# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

## Penetration of Renewables: Biomethane

- Central Grid Injection facility - Cush, County Kildare:  
19kms away from Portarlinton is Central Grid injection facility, Cush where locally produced biomethane is injected to the gas network.
- Renewable Gas certification



# Changing Energy landscape 2023-2034

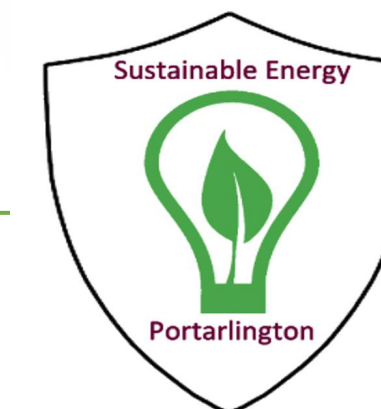
## Penetration of Renewables: Biomethane

- Potential in Portarlinton: ~19 kt of grass silage from grasslands and ~16.8 kt of cow slurry from agriculture
- 80% of slurry and 20% of grass silage expected to be used in Anaerobic digestion
- Biomethane potential: 106 kWh/tonne of slurry and 2,930 kWh/tonne of dry matter
- Potential to generate ~12,733 MWh of biomethane per annum, which is equivalent to heating 781 homes in Portarlinton.
- Capital cost: €12.4M
- Possible SEAI grants available:
  - ❖ Building Energy Community grant scheme
  - ❖ [Support Scheme for Renewable Heat](#)



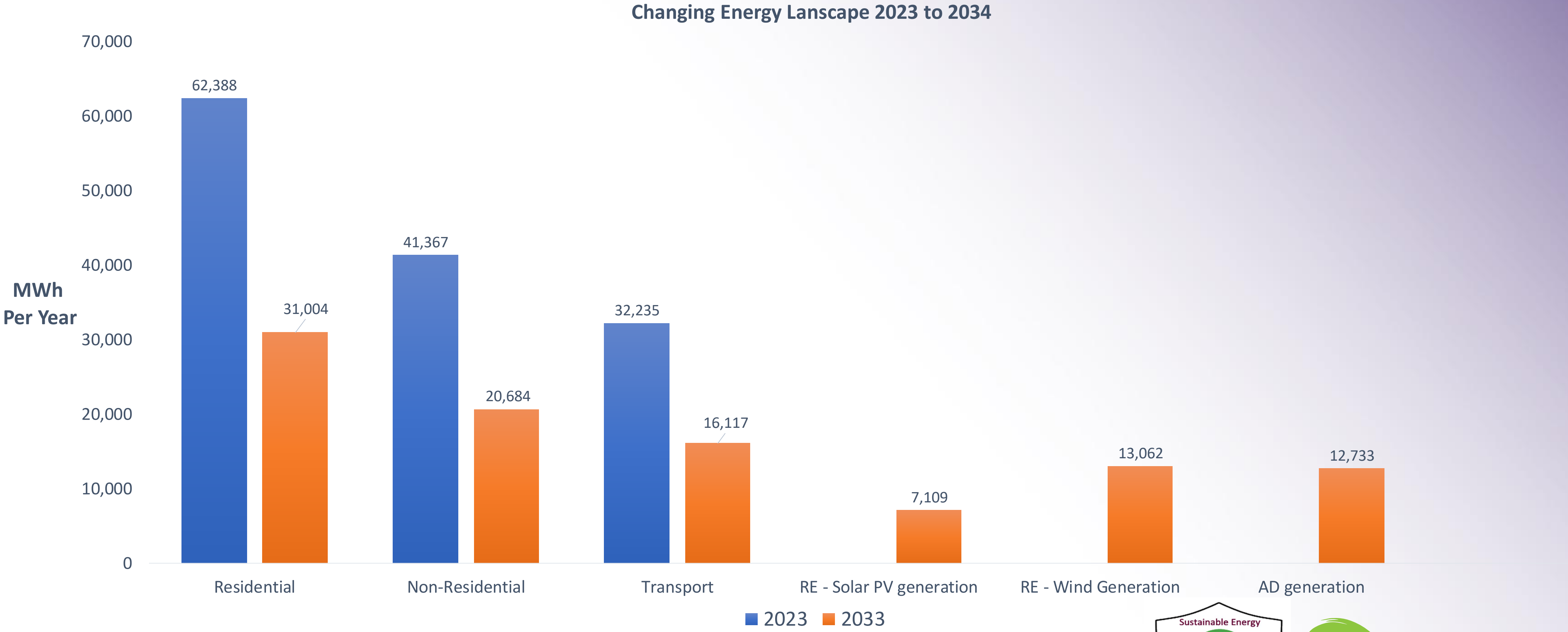
# Portarlington Roadmap to 2034

Sector	Measure	Target Achieved to 2033	% of total energy saved per year by 2033	Financial Savings per year (in Million euros)	Total Investment required (in Million euros)
<b>Residential</b>	Deep Retrofitting of 75 houses and shallow retrofitting of 150 houses per year	50% reduction in sector	22.9%	€5.2M	€89.1M
<b>Transport</b>	Private EV adaptation: 2,962 EV and 186 commercial EV's	50% reduction in sector	11.8%	€4.8M	€126M
<b>Non-Residential</b>	Building/services Energy Upgrades	50% reduction in sector	15.1%	€4.1M	€82.3M
<b>Renewables: Rooftop Solar PV</b>	4 kW Roof-top Solar PV on 75% Residential buildings and 2 kW for 50% of Non-residential buildings	-	5%	€2.8M	€13.9M
<b>Renewables: Community Wind Farm</b>	3*1.5 MW wind turbines	-	10%	€1.02M	€6.8M
<b>Renewables: Renewable Heat</b>	AD plant for Biomethane	-	9%	€1.3M	€12.4M

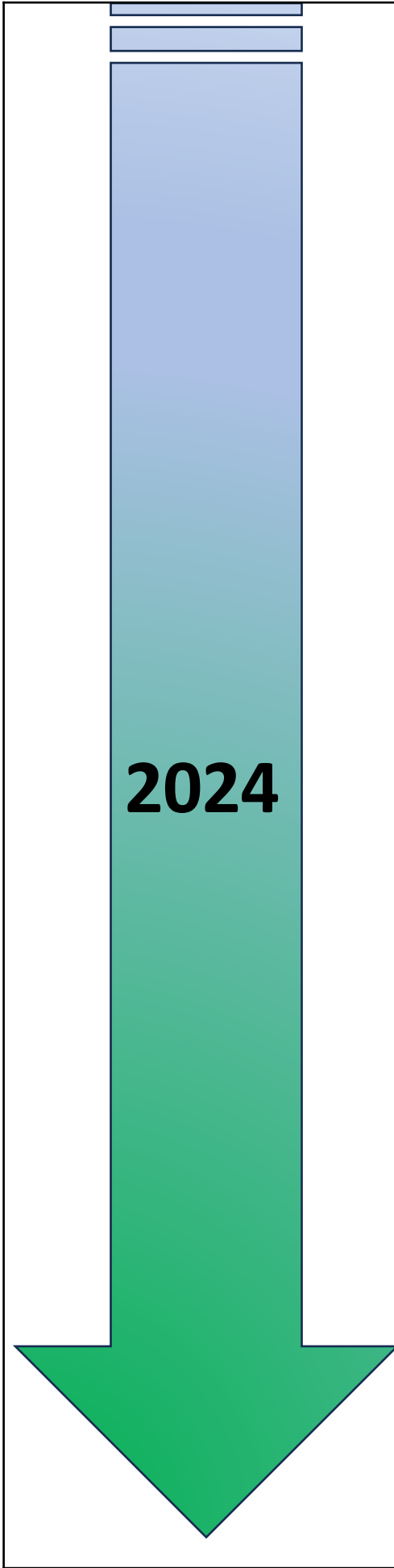


# Portarlington Roadmap to 2034

## Expected Energy landscape by 2034:



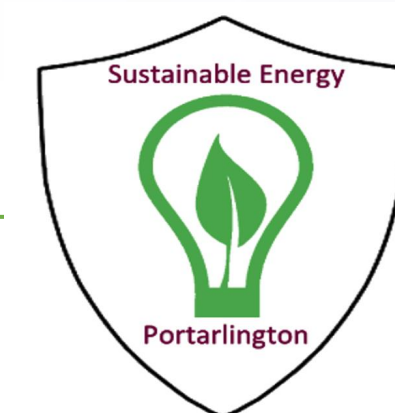
# Next steps for Portarlinton SEC:

	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Public launch of Energy Master Plan to motivate and advertise among the public</b>	
	<b>Q2</b>	<p>Suggest to carry out a detailed survey among Residential and Non-residential building owners to identify interested parties for conducting energy upgrades in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Possibility to receive SEAI grants may be used to motivate the owners</li> </ul>	
	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Prepare a Plan for Portarlinton buildings on rolling out the upgrades (Aim for the target mentioned in EMP roadmap)</b>	
	<b>Q4</b>	<p>Amalgamate and initiate with residential upgrades through direct homeowner control or availing One-stop-shop services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amalgamate and initiate with non-residential upgrades</li> <li>• Avail Green4Micro assessment and possible grant options from Local Enterprise office</li> </ul>
		<b>Feasibility study for renewable options identified in this EMP</b>	



# Financing and Funding

Homeowners, Businesses,  
and Community Groups



# Funding

## SEAI Renewable Energy Support Scheme

### Overview:

Grant funding of up to 80% of a renewable energy project (up to €180,000)

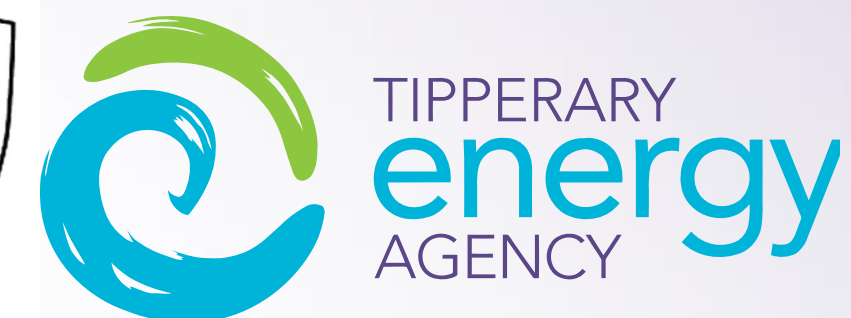
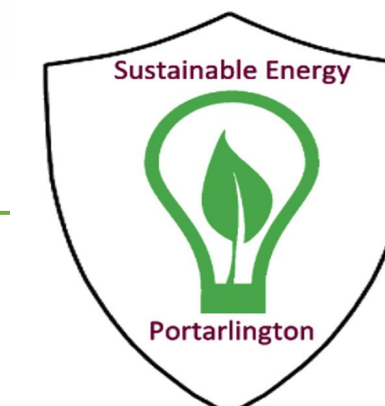
### Who can apply:

**SEC** looking to develop and own a renewable energy project between 0.5 and 5MW

### How to apply:

- ❖ Apply at [SEAI Website](#)
- ❖ [Financing Renewable Energy Community Generation Projects](#)

Overview	
<b>Community-led renewable energy projects</b>	<p>To qualify for specific community targetted support schemes your project must meet the definition of a Renewable Energy Community. Under RESS the main eligibility requirements for an REC were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application must be made with a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)</li> <li>• Project size must be between 0.5 MW and 5 MW</li> <li>• Fully (100%) owned by an REC</li> <li>• Community group must be based on open and voluntary participation</li> <li>• Participation based on local domicile</li> </ul> <p>You must apply for a community-led project with a SEC. The SEC must be identified in the Declaration of a community-led project, together with a description of the relationship between the applicant and the SEC.</p>
<b>Overview of Community Renewable Electricity Grant</b>	Primary purpose is to support community groups interested in developing a renewable energy project during the design and permitting stage.
<b>Grant available</b>	80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of <b>€180,000</b>
<b>Grant Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early-stage support (entity formation, land control, project design and planning costs, meteorological mast (wind)) up to €75,000.</li> <li>• Mid-stage support (portion of grid costs and development costs) up to €130,000 minus any drawdown from early stage.</li> <li>• Late-stage support (remaining grid costs, costs related to developing project financing) up to €180,000 minus any drawdown from early and mid-stage.</li> </ul>
<b>Feasibility stage</b>	Entry to the grant framework is predicated on successful completion of feasibility stage conducted by an SEAI appointed Trusted Advisor (TA) service provider.
<b>Milestones</b>	You can draw down grant funding in €25,000 tranches on completion of key milestones.
<b>Public engagement event</b>	A public engagement event must take place before drawing down the second tranche to ensure the project is suitability socialised within the local community.





# Funding

## LEADER Funding

### Overview

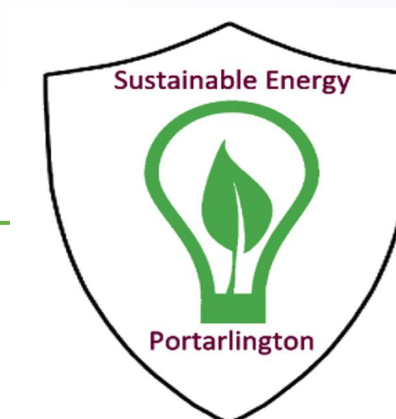
- Funding of 5.7m available for the county
- Theme 1: Economic Development & Job Creation
- Theme 2: Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion
- Theme 3: Environment & Climate Change Dev. of renewable energy

### Who can apply:

- **Community** Leaders

### How to apply:

- Contact [Laois Partnership Company](#) – 057 8661900



# Funding

## Laois County Council Community Climate Action Fund

### Overview

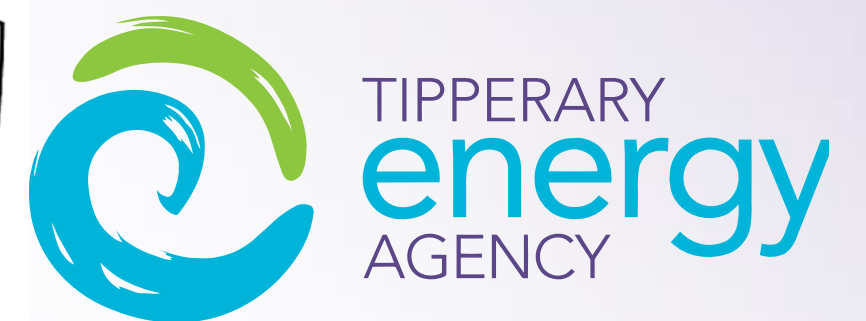
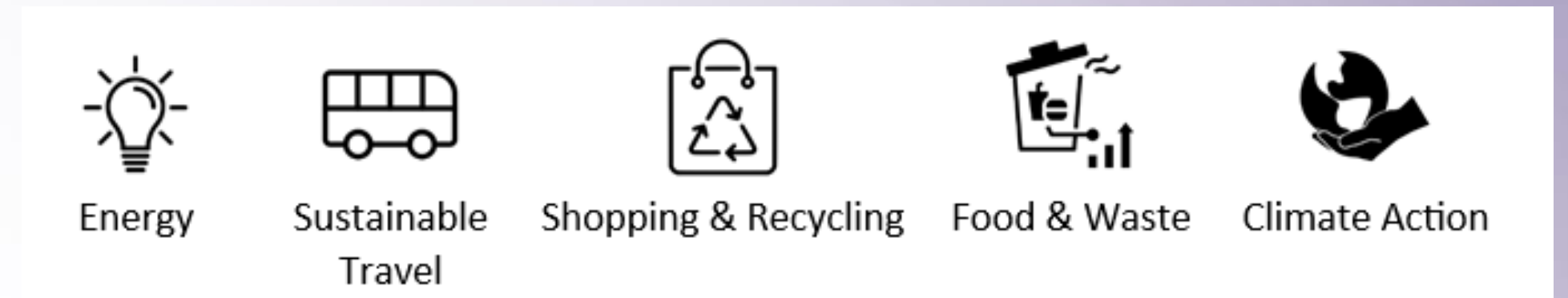
- Up to 100% funding for small to large projects up to €100,000.
- Broader criteria – can cover transport etc.

### Who can apply:

- Not-for-profit **community** organizations
- Located in County Laois
- Registered with PPN or similar

### How to apply:

- Application forms available online on [Laois CoCo](#)



# Financing

## An Post Green Hub

### Overview:

- Loan for **Home** Energy Improvements.
- €5000 to €75000 for up to ten years.
- APR from 4.9% to 11.5%\*

### Who can apply:

Any homeowner carrying out energy retrofits under the SEAI Home Energy Grant

### How to apply:

- ❖ Agree scope of works
- ❖ Apply for [SEAI Grant](#)
- ❖ Apply for loan on [An Post](#)
- ❖ Complete work within eight months



#### 1. Find a building contractor

Find an [SEAI registered contractor](#) and agree scope of works. For a heat pump [consult an advisor](#) first.



#### 2. Apply for a grant

Apply for an [SEAI home energy grant](#) and complete Part 1-2a of the SEAI declaration of works document.



#### 3. Apply for a loan

Apply online for your [An Post Money Green Loan](#) for €5,000 - €75,000. Approval is valid for 12 months\*.



#### 4. Complete work and draw down

Complete work within 8 months. Obtain fully completed SEAI declaration of works document to draw down loan.



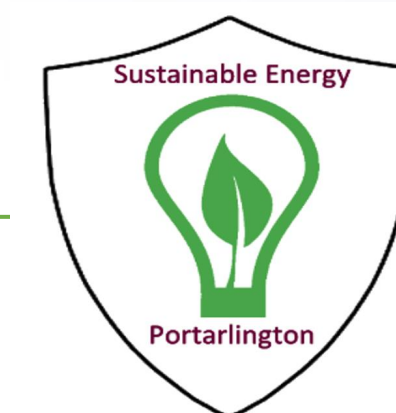
#### 5. Conduct BER assessment

Have an [SEAI registered Building Energy Rating \(BER\) assessor](#) certify your improved home energy performance.



#### 6. Receive your grant payment

Submit new BER certificate and declaration of works.  
  
Complete submissions receive SEAI payment within four weeks.



# Financing

## Credit Union Green Home Improvement Loan

### Overview:

- Flexible loans for **Home** Energy Improvements.
- Home improvement loan 7.2% APR\*
- Special rates for projects resulting in high BER
- A Rating – 4.9%. B2 Rating – 5.96%\*

### Who Can Apply:

- Current CU Members
- New Members can join and avail of the loan.

### How to Apply:

- Once you have joined and registered for online access:
- Submit a loan enquiry online.



# Financing

## SCBI Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme

### Overview:

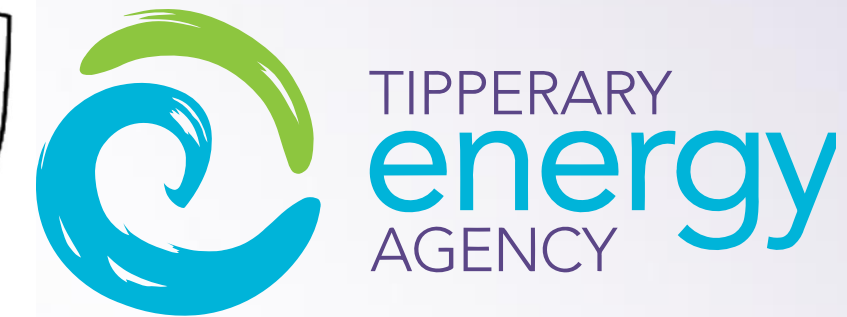
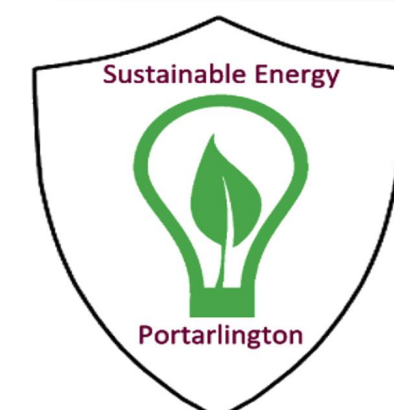
- Discounted variable-rate loan for **business**
- APR of >6% plus ~2% margin\*
- Amounts from €25,000 to €3,000,000
- Terms from 7-10 years

### Who can apply:

- Small and medium enterprises looking to invest in climate action

### How to Apply

- Register with [SCBI Hub](#) to assess eligibility
- Use eligibility code to apply with partnered on-lenders (AIB, BOI, Finance Ireland, PTSB, etc)



# Financing

## Clann Credo - Community Loan Finance

### Overview

- Social Financing Enterprise, experienced with handling Better Energy Community Grant projects.
- Loans from €10,000 to €500,000
- APR between 5% and 7%\*
- Can Provide short-term 'Bridging Loans' where up-front investment is required before grant payments.

### Who can apply:

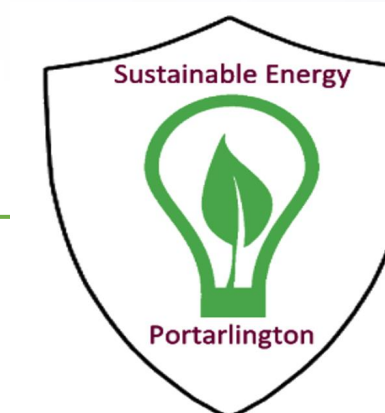
- **Community Leaders**

### How to apply:

- Minimal Paperwork, initial enquiry by phone.
- [Community Climate Action Loan](#)



Community Climate Action Loan			
	Loan Amount	Typical Annual Interest Rates	Typical Arrangement Fee
Community Climate Action Term/Matching Loan: 5 to 15 years	€30,000 to €500,000	4.95% (Variable)	None
Community Climate Action Term/Matching Loan 2-5 years	€30,000 to €500,000	6%	None
Community Climate Action Bridging Loan: up to 2 years	€10,000 to €500,000	6%	1% (Minimum fee €300)
Community Climate Action Term/Matching Loan	€10,000 to €30,000	6.75%	None



# Financing

## Housing Finance Agency

### Overview:

- Self-Funded, State-Controlled, lending agency predominantly for **social housing**
- ‘Retrofitting Home Loan’ projected at €50M per year\*
- 15-Year Loan 2.85% APR\*

### Who can apply:

- Approved Housing Bodies
- Higher Education Institutions
- Local Authorities

### How to Apply

- Eligible applicants can apply on [HFA](#)



## What We Do



### Customer Service

We provide support to our customers to help ensure they can delivery high quality housing.



### Competitive Financing

We provide long-term loans at market-leading rates to facilitate the provision of social and affordable housing.



### Supporting Government Policy

We supply funding for Local Authority Home Loans and other Government-led schemes.



### Innovative Products

We design innovative lending products to meet our customers' needs.



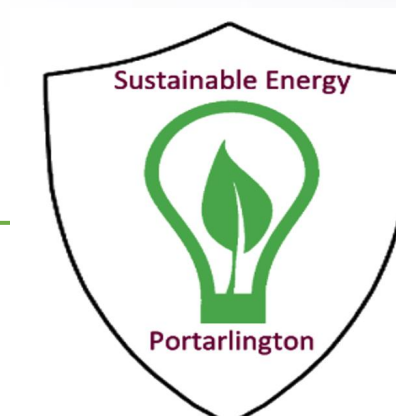
### A Sustainable Future

We support the development of sustainable housing and infrastructure.

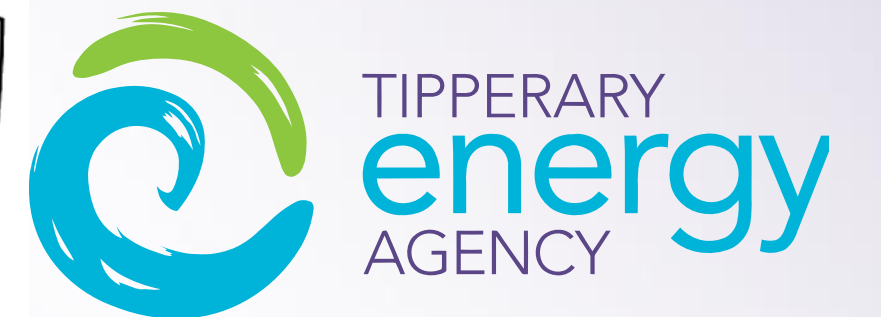
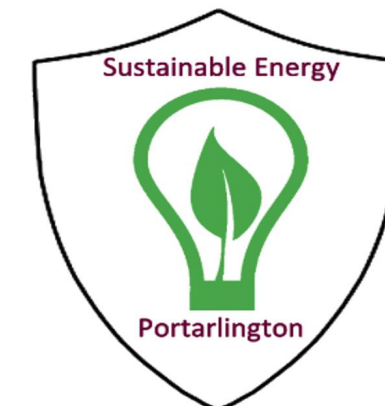


### Building Communities

We invest in the communities in which our customers deliver housing.



# Appendix





# Residential Audit-House 1

## House specifications:

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- ❖ Constructed in 1850, front of the house is Protected structure
- ❖ A small rear extension in 1970
- ❖ Windows: Single-glazed windows front and back
- ❖ Ventilation: Natural ventilation
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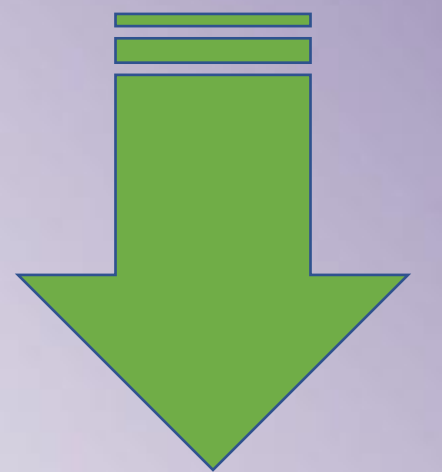
- ❖ Dry lining of external side of the house
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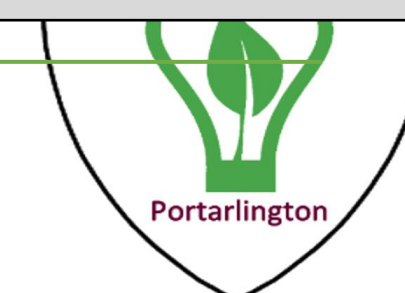
# Residential Audit-House 1

Step	Upgrade measure	Energy Performance [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year]	HLI [W/K/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Total Cost [€]	Individual Grant [€]	Net cost [€]
Existing House		235.57	3.928			
1	Roof insulation upgrade (Roof board for sloping roof and roll insulation for attic roofs)	187.02	3.049	€2,643	€1,200	€1,443
2	Door and Windows upgrade with draught stripping (not for the Protected structure)	172.93	2.773	€13,744	-	€13,744
3	Insulate primary pipework, time and temp zone control heating	165.26	2.773	€3,600	€700	€2,900
4	Wall upgrade (Internal insulation for main house and cavity wall insulation for extension)	117.62	1.97	€22,379	€2,800	€19,579
5	Installation of Heat pumps for thermal demand	108.56	1.97	€26,785	€6,500	€20,285
TOTAL COST				€69,152		€57,952

BER D1



BER B2



## Residential Audit-House 2

### House specifications:

- ❖ 2 storeyed detached house with a floor area of 123 m<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Constructed in 2004, no extensions
- ❖ Windows: Double-glazed windows
- ❖ Ventilation: Natural ventilation
- ❖ Heating: Solid fuel boiler – Stove with back boiler (turf)
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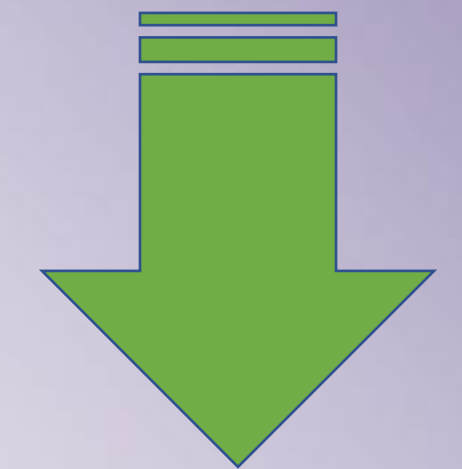


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## Residential Audit-House 2

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Existing House		251.42	2.693			
1	Roof insulation upgrade (Roll insulation for attic roofs)	227.54	2.421	€1,524	€1,500	€24
2	Door and Windows upgrade with draught stripping	209.34	2.179	€17,296	-	€17,296
3	Wall insulation upgrade (50 mm cavity wall insulation)	179.55	1.853	€4,186	€1,700	€2,486
4	Insulate primary pipework and install new factory insulated cylinder with thermostat and zonal controls for hot water	164.93	1.853	€3,600	€700	€2,900
5	Draught strip the attic hatch	164.02	1.844	-	-	-
6	Upgrade the heating system to Air to Water heat pumps with Time and Temperature zone control	110.42	1.844	€17,600	€6,500	€11,100
TOTAL COST				€44,206		€33,806

BER D1



BER B2

## Residential Audit-House 3

### House specifications:

- ❖ 3 storeyed semi-detached house with a floor area of 127 m<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Constructed in 2005, extension to the rear and attic conversion (Room in roof)
- ❖ Windows: Double-glazed windows
- ❖ Ventilation: Natural ventilation
- ❖ Heating: Central heating system (natural gas) combined with stove heater(turf)
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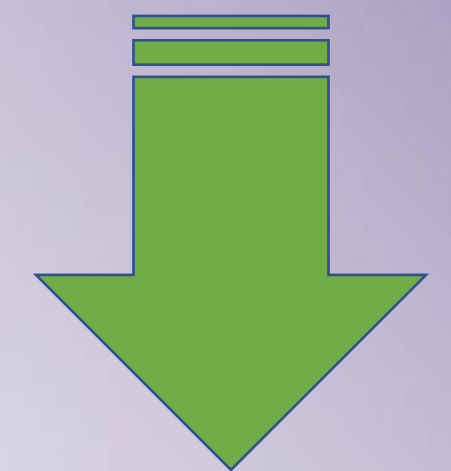
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## Residential Audit-House 3

Step	Upgrade measure	Energy Performance [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year]	HLI [W/K/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Total Cost [€]	Individual Grant [€]	Net Cost [€]
Existing House		141.73	2.0			
1	Roof insulation upgrade (Roll insulation for attic roofs)	139.74	1.97	€757	€1,300	-
2	Wall insulation upgrade (50 mm cavity wall insulation)	133.53	1.879	€2,249	€1,200	€1,049
3	Door and Windows upgrade with draught stripping	119.49	1.626	€19,392	-	€19,392
4	Insulate primary pipework and install new factory insulated cylinder with thermostat and zonal controls for hot water	111.41	1.626	€3,600	€700	€2,900
5	Upgrade the heating system to Air to Water heat pumps with Time and Temperature zone control	89.82	1.626	€17,600	€6,500	€11,100
<b>TOTAL COST</b>				<b>€43,598</b>		<b>€34,441</b>

BER B3



BER B1

# Residential Audit-House 4

## House specifications:

- ❖ 1 storeyed detached house with a floor area of 189 m<sup>2</sup> (2 separate buildings - Main house and Office)
- ❖ Constructed in 1982, extension to the rear in 1999
- ❖ Windows: 95% Double-glazed// 5% Single glazed windows
- ❖ Ventilation: Natural ventilation
- ❖ Heating: Central heating system (natural gas) combined with stove heater(turf)
- ❖ DHW: 140l indirect cylinder for hot water storage
- ❖ Lighting: LED/Fluorescent/Incandescent
- ❖ Upgrade works: Windows and Doors/Cavity walls pumped/Boiler upgrade/Attic reinsulated for Main house



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- ❖ Ventilation: Natural ventilation
- ❖ Heating: Central heating system (natural gas) combined with stove heater(turf)
- ❖ DHW: 140l indirect cylinder for hot water storage
- ❖ Lighting: LED/Fluorescent/Incandescent
- ❖ Upgrade works: Windows and Doors/Cavity walls pumped/Boiler upgrade/Attic reinsulated

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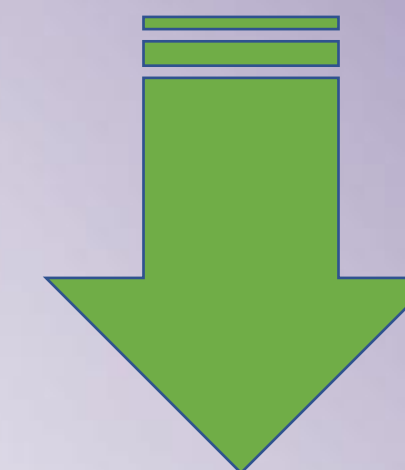


A sample house, not the actual house audited

# Residential Audit-House 4

Step	Upgrade measure	Energy Performance [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year]	HLI [W/K/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Total Cost [€]	Individual Grant[€]	Net Cost [€]
Existing House		181.09	3.079			
1	Roof insulation upgrade for office (Roll insulation for attic roofs)	175.27	2.986	€1,204	€1,500	-
2	Wall insulation upgrade (50 mm cavity wall insulation for office)	166.39	2.846	€1,386	€1,700	-
3	Wall insulation upgrade (Drylining and insulation upgrade for house)	154.46	2.659	€19,759	€4,500	€15,259
3	Door and Windows upgrade with draught stripping	132.66	2.232	€33,904	-	€33,904
4	Upgrade the heating system to Air to Water heat pumps with Time and Temperature zone control	121.3	2.232	€26,180	€7,200 (€700 for control upgrade)	€18,980
5	Installation of Solar PV (5.74 kW)	71.07	2.232	€8,610	€2,400	€6,210
<b>TOTAL COST</b>				<b>€91,043</b>		<b>€74,353</b>

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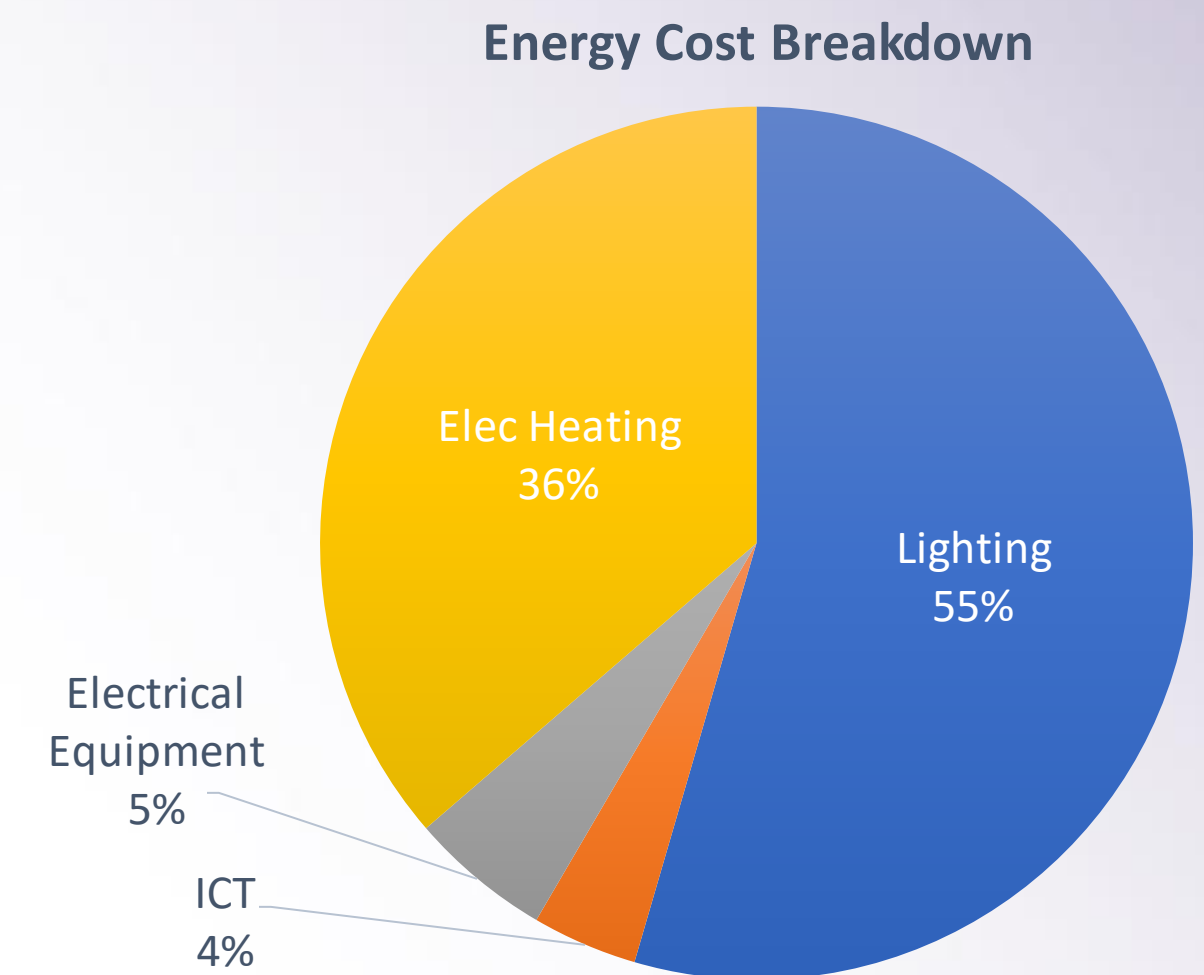


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# Non-Residential Audit- Shop 1

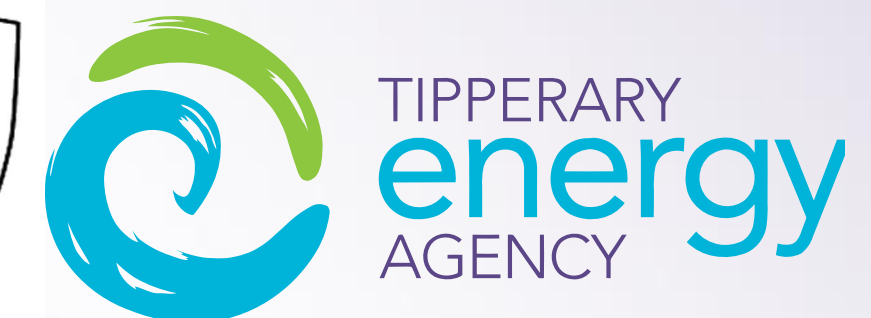
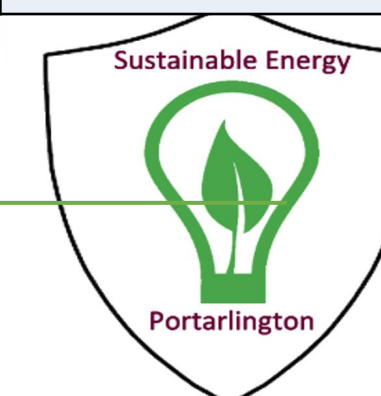
## Building specifications:

- ❖ Family-owned business based in Portarlington
- ❖ Trading commenced in 1980s
- ❖ Walls being shared with neighbouring businesses on both sides
- ❖ Lighting: Fluorescent lights, LEDs
- ❖ Heating: Electric storage heating
- ❖ Significant Energy users: Lighting and Electric heating
- ❖ Annual electricity bills worth €9k (including heating)
- ❖ Audit availed through Green 4 Scheme voucher worth €2,000 from Local Enterprise Office, Laois



# Non-Residential Audit- Shop 1

Step	Upgrade measure	Savings			Capital Costs (€)	Payback
		CO <sub>2</sub> (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	kWh	€		
1	Lighting upgrade for no.61 fixtures	2.5	7,287	€3,395	€15,250	4.5
2	Upgrade External walls with additional insulation	1.0	2,811	€1,310	€5,386	4.1
3	Windows and Doors upgrade	0.6	1,642	€765	€12,452	16.3
4	Upgrade existing roof with additional insulation	0.7	2,121	€988	€7,387	7.5
5	Installation of HRV to capture waste heat	0.2	615	€286	€8,000	27.9
6	New Air to Air heat pump, 1 no. 10kW capacity	1.2	3,612	€1,683	€10,080	6.0
7	Installation of a 3.6 kW Solar PV array on the roof	0.9	2,640	€1,230	€5,400	4.4
TOTAL		4.9	14,154	€6,594	€63,956	9.7



# Non-Residential Audit- Shop 1

Step	Upgrade measure	Savings			Capital Costs	Costs Net (30% Grant)	Payback Gross	Payback After Grants
		CO <sub>2</sub> (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	kWh	€				
1	Lighting upgrade for no.61 fixtures	2.5	7,287	€3,395	€15,250	€10,675	4.5	3.1
2	Upgrade External walls with additional insulation	1.0	2,811	€1,310	€5,386	€3,770	4.1	2.9
3	Windows and Doors upgrade	0.6	1,642	€765	€12,452	€12,452	16.3	16.3
4	Upgrade existing roof with additional insulation	0.7	2,121	€988	€7,387	€5,171	7.5	5.2
5	Installation of HRV to capture waste heat	0.2	615	€286	€8,000	€5,600	27.9	19.6
6	New Air to Air heat pump, 1 no. 10kW capacity	1.2	3,612	€1,683	€10,080	€7,056	6.0	4.2
7	Installation of a 3.6 kW Solar PV array on the roof	0.9	2,640	€1,230	€5,400	€3,300	4.4	2.7
TOTAL		4.9	14,154	€6,594	€63,956	€48,025	9.7	7.3

**Thank you for your attention.**

Questions welcome.

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