



Climate Justice in Ireland

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3 Phases of Irish Climate Policy

- 1992 to 2010

Ambition without understanding

- 2011 to 2017

Understanding without action

- 2017 –

Preparing for action

Five Steps to Action

- A new stronger climate law by Christmas
- A new Advisory Council in January
- Social Dialogue and Public Participation
- Five year carbon budgets by the Summer
- A new Climate Action Plan by the Autumn

Five principles for faster and fairer climate action

- Fairness
- Urgency
- Science
- Dialogue
- Accountability



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What does faster and fairer climate action mean



***From “A Shared Vision for A Just Recovery” launched on Monday
by 60+ civil society coalitions and organisations:***

A Just Recovery means focusing on climate justice, doing our fair share to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. It means eliminating climate-changing pollution in a way that tackles inequality and reduces poverty, and restoring and protecting nature and wildlife. Faster and fairer climate action can and should create thousands of new, well-paid, secure, unionised jobs across the country and support an economy that operates within ecological limits. It must include a Just Transition for the workers and communities most impacted by the move to a zero pollution future and must be fully equality and poverty proofed.



Download “A Shared Vision for a Just Recovery” here: <http://bit.ly/Vision4JustRecovery>

5 Tests for the Climate Bill



1. Does it put Ireland's 2050 net zero emission's target into law, and set it as the floor, not the ceiling, of our ambition?
2. Does it create a fully independent expert Council to advise Government and monitor progress?
3. Does it mandate Government to propose 5-year pollution limits that will be legally binding once adopted by the Dáil?
4. Will the 5-year pollution limits include all greenhouses gasses and all sectors of the economy?
5. Does the Bill provide for robust Ministerial accountability to the Oireachtas for keeping within the legally-binding pollution limits?

5 Weaknesses in the Bill



1. Pursue - but not achieve! - the 2050 target.
2. Must be net zero by 2050 at the latest
3. The Carbon Budget could exclude methane and nitrous oxide
4. The Carbon Budgets don't have to be line with the 2050 target
5. The Plans don't have to be consistent with the Budgets



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Carbon Budget Parameters



Year	EPA actual and projected CO2e MT	3% reduction pathway CO2e MT	7% reduction pathway CO2e MT	Index of 7% pathway where 2019 = 100	Proposed 2020 PfG pathway: 7% from now	EPA Actual or Projected Emissions
2019	61.3	61.3	61.3	100.0		
2020	60.5	59.5	57.0	93.0		
2021	60.7	57.7	53.0	86.5	7% pathway Carbon Budget 2021 to 2025	EPA projected emissions 2021 to 2025
2022	61.5	55.9	49.3	80.4	equals 230.5 MT CO2e	are 306.5 MT CO2e
2023	61.6	54.3	45.9	74.8	Total emissions 2021-2030	Total emissions 2021-2030
2024	61.3	52.6	42.6	69.6	equals 390.8 MT CO2e	equals 583.8 MT CO2e
2025	61.4	51.1	39.7	64.7	7% pathway Carbon Budget 2026 to 2030	EPA projected emissions 2026 to 2030
2026	56.0	49.5	36.9	60.2	equals 160.3 MT CO2e	are 277.3 MT CO2e
2027	55.7	48.0	34.3	56.0		
2028	55.8	46.6	31.9	52.0		
2029	55.3	45.2	29.7	48.4		
2030	54.6	43.8	27.6	45.0		
2031	54.5	42.5	25.7	41.9	7% pathway Carbon Budget 2031 to 2035	EPA actual and projected emissions 2031 to 2035
2032	55.1	41.3	23.9	38.9	equals 111.6 MT CO2e	are 275.1 MT CO2e
2033	55.1	40.0	22.2	36.2		
2034	55.2	38.8	20.6	33.7		
2035	55.2	37.7	19.2	31.3		
2036	55.3	36.5	17.9	29.1		
2037	55.4	35.4	16.6	27.1		
2038	55.3	34.4	15.4	25.2		
2039	55.2	33.3	14.4	23.4		
2040	55.1	32.3	13.4	21.8		



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Is there hope? or are we just f*ked?**



"And yes, we do need hope, of course we do. But the one thing we need more than hope is action.

Once we start to act, hope is everywhere.

So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come."

*Greta Thunberg (age 15), TEDx
Stockholm, November 2018.*