





# Future Scenarios

- The implications of energy system change

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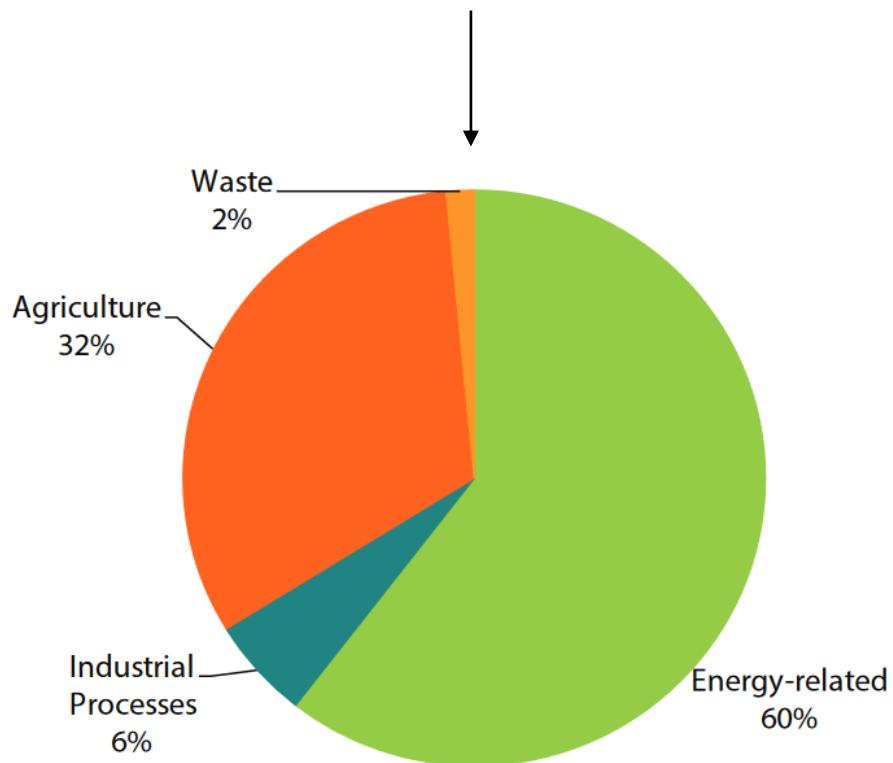
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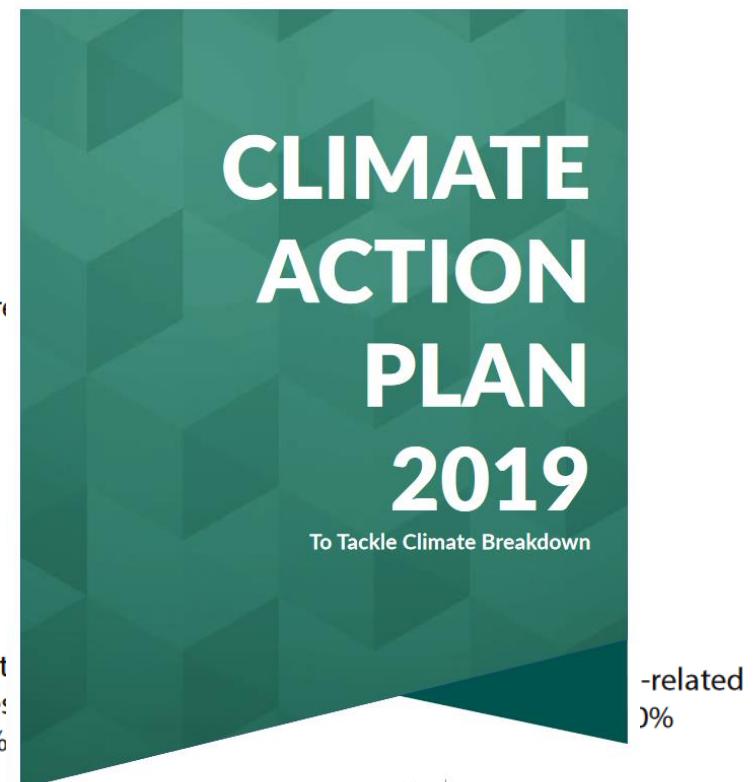
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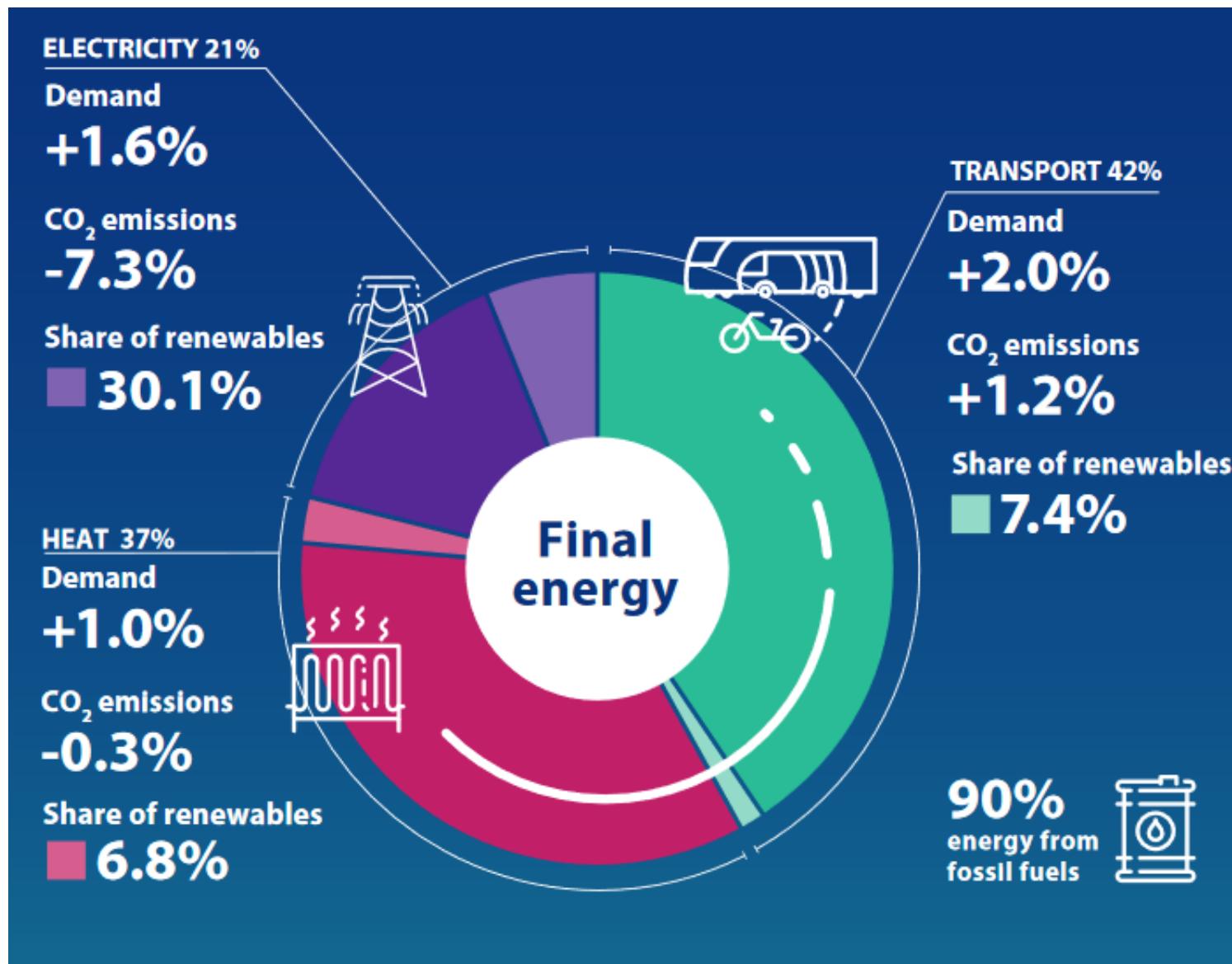
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# Ireland's Energy Consumption (2017)



# Audience engagement

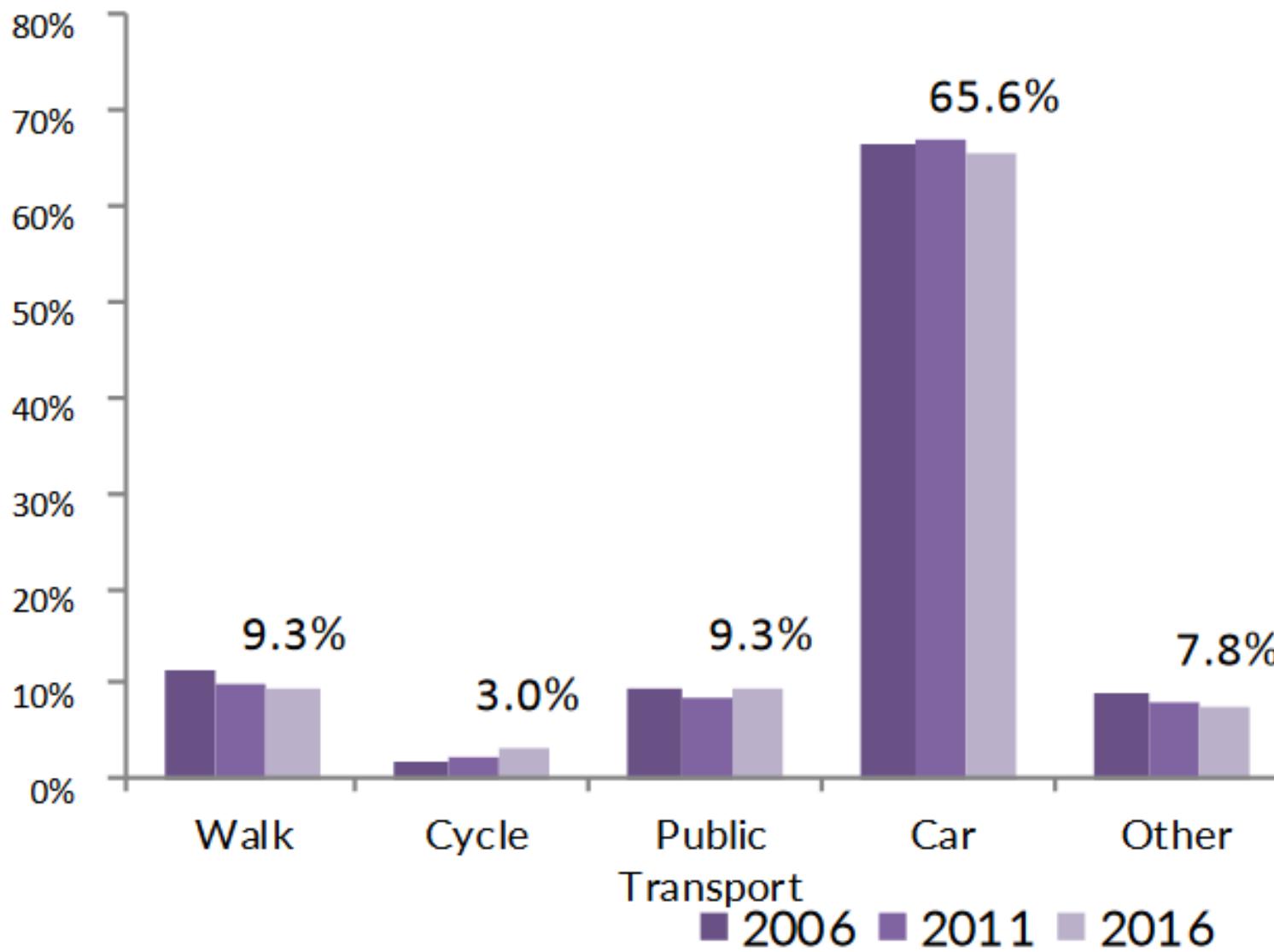


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4. Cycling
5. Walking
6. Shared mobility (car pooling, park & ride)
7. Other

## Work Commute Journeys by Mode, 2006-2016



Source: DTTAS

# What determines your choice of travel mode?

1. Cost
2. Convenience (e.g. time)
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4. Personal well-being (e.g. health, social)
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7. Advice or recommendations from others (e.g. government, colleagues, family, friends)

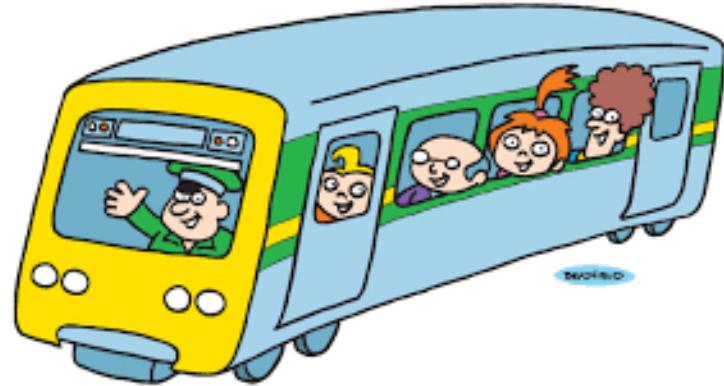
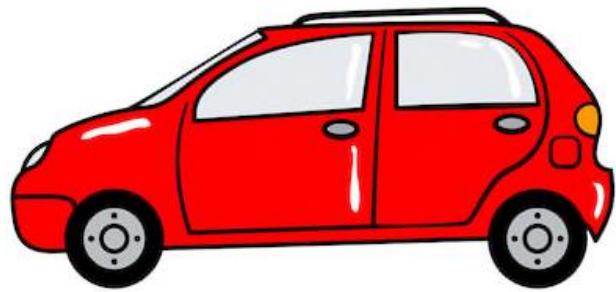
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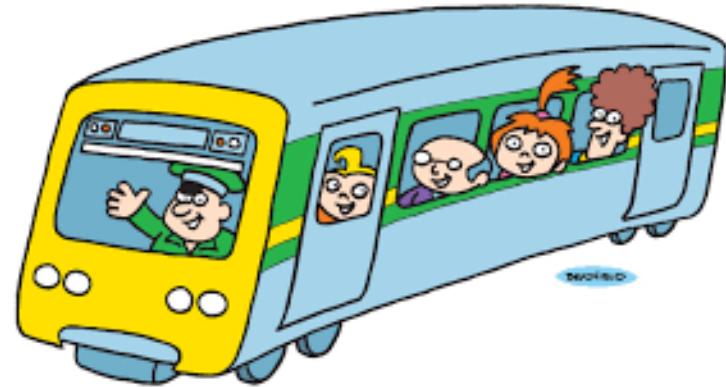
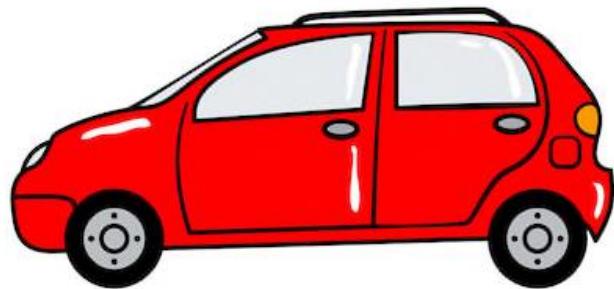
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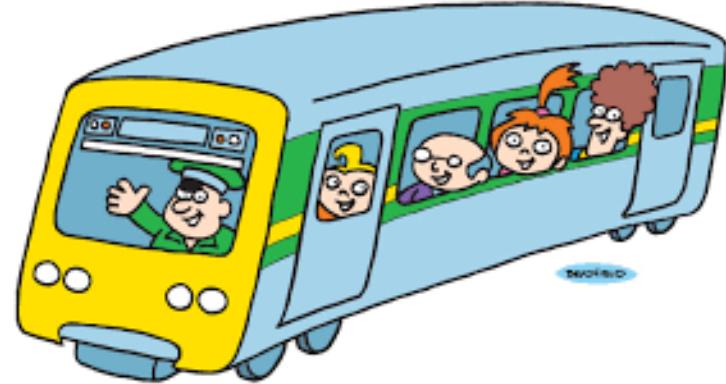
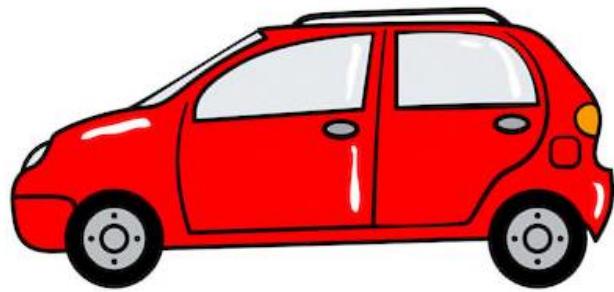
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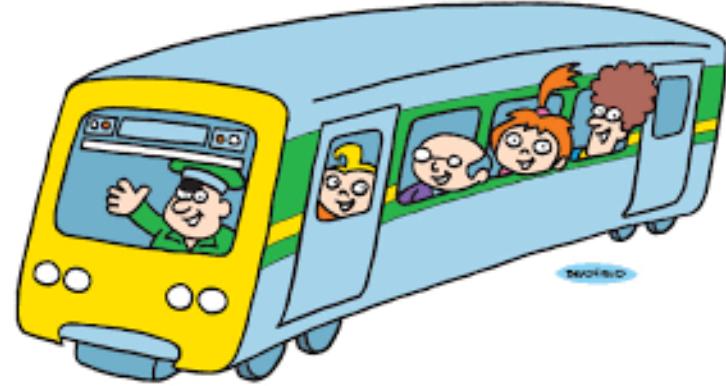
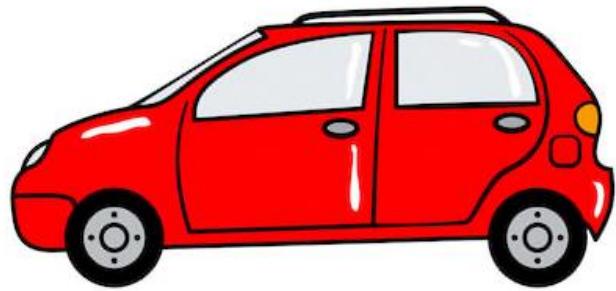
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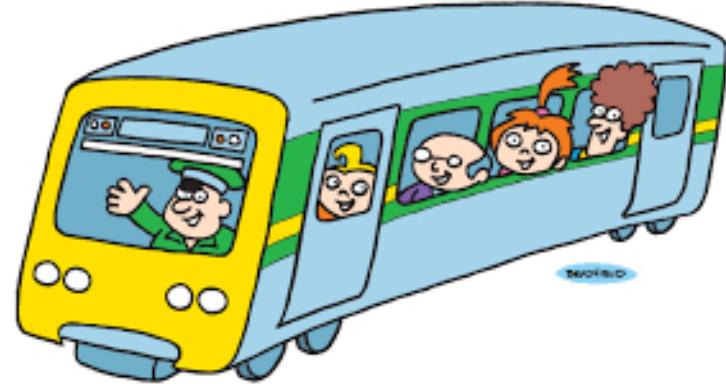
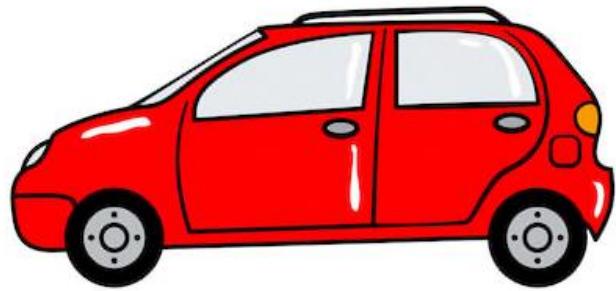
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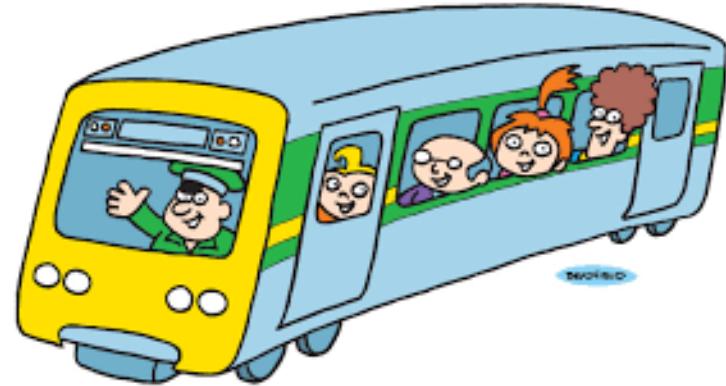
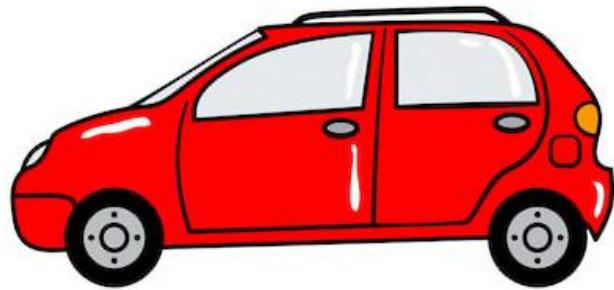
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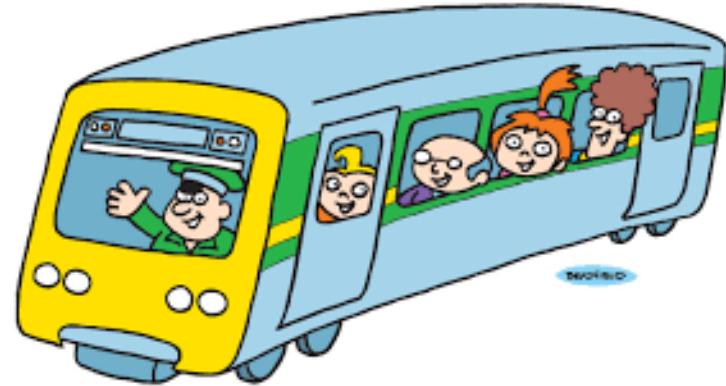
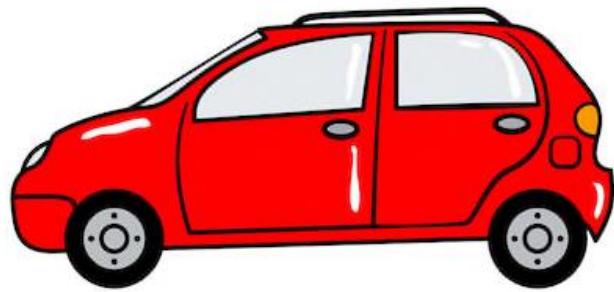
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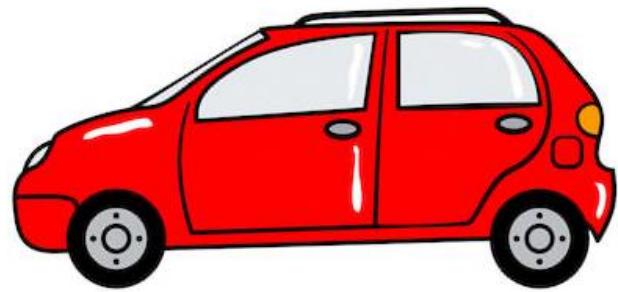
# Health & well-being...



# Technology adoption...



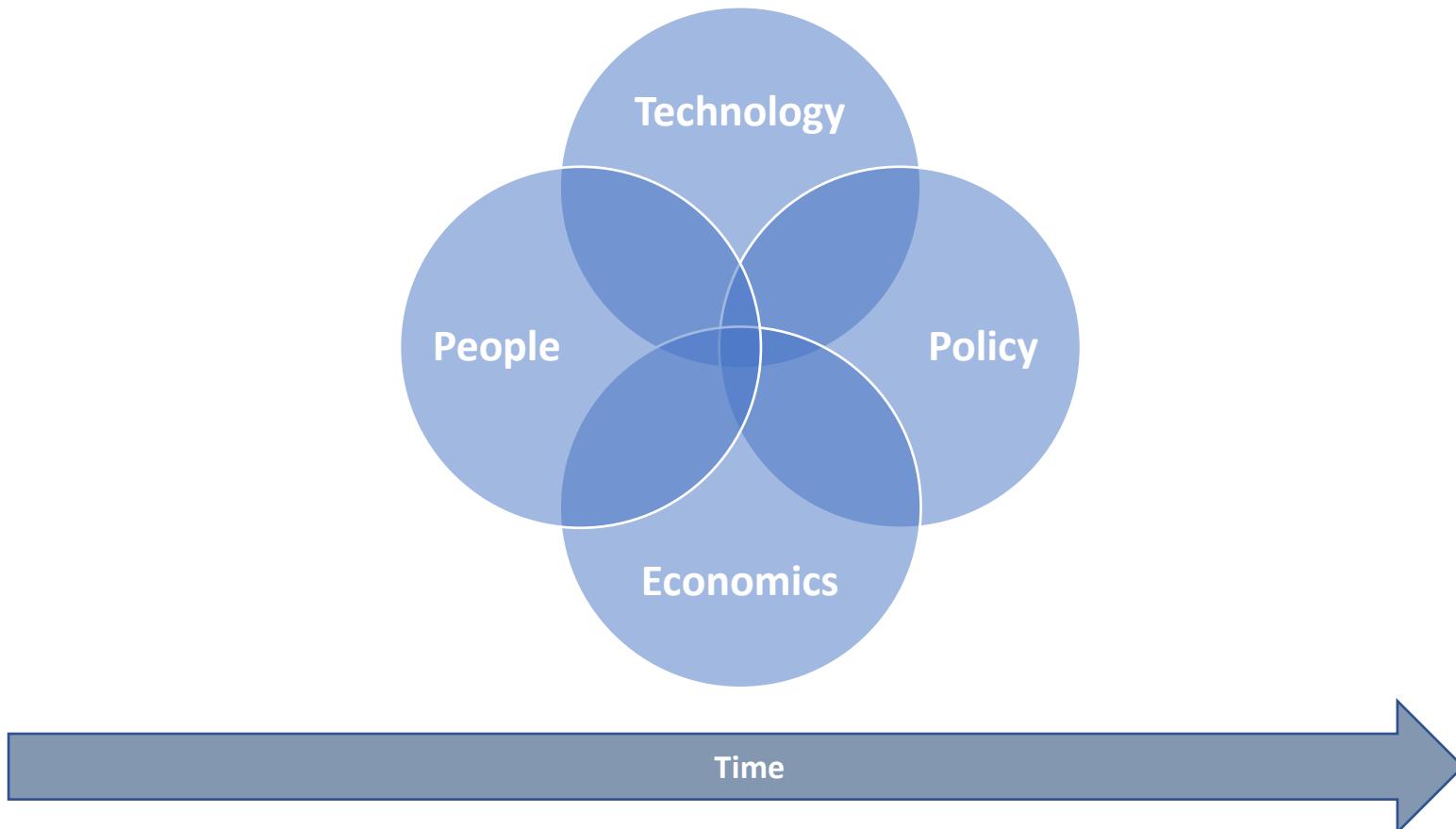
# Incentivizing change...



# Decarbonising transport

- Mode fuel efficiency (EVs, hybrids, biofuels)
- Modal switching (from private to public)
- Human power (walking, cycling)
- Mobility as a service (car-sharing, etc)
- Not travelling (remote working, etc)

# Exploring Energy Futures



# Climate Action Plan



## Transport

Increase the number of EVs by 2030 to circa



# 1 million

**Build EV charging network**

to stay ahead of demand

Expand our network of cycle paths  
and 'Park and Ride' facilities,  
helping ease congestion

**No diesel-only purchases**  
for public buses in our cities  
from 1 July 2019

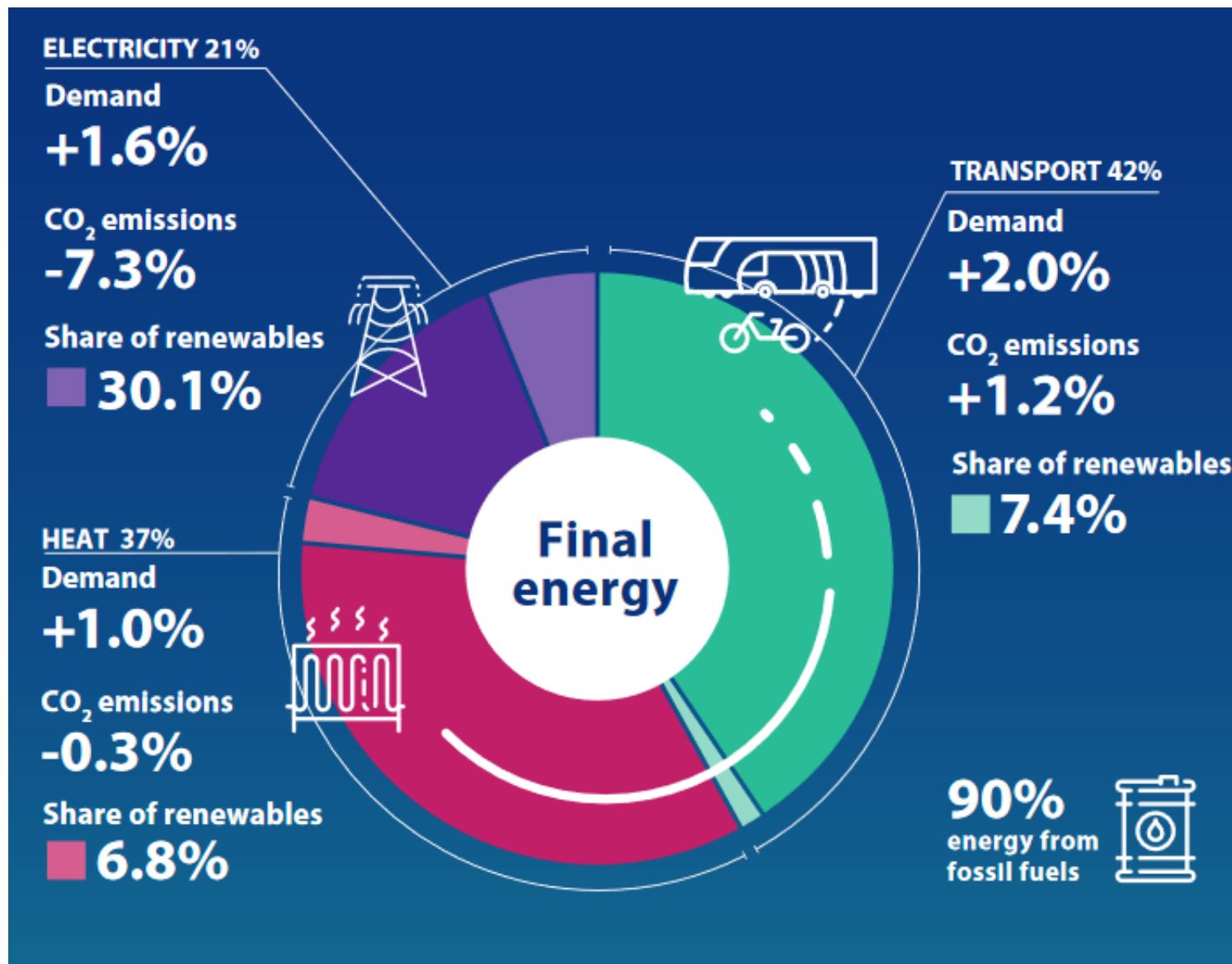


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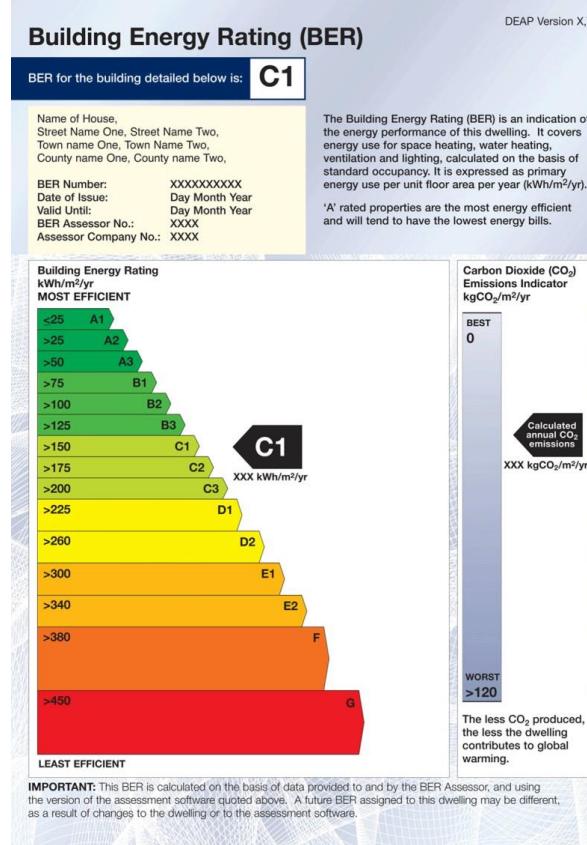
- Accelerate the take up of EV cars and vans so that we reach 100% of all new cars and vans being EVs by 2030. This will enable achieving our target of 950,000 EVs on the road by 2030. This means approximately one third of all vehicles sold during the decade will be Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) or Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)
- Make growth less transport intensive through better planning, remote and home-working and modal shift to public transport
- Increase the renewable biofuel content of motor fuels
- Set targets for the conversion of public transport fleets to zero carbon alternatives

# Ireland's Energy Consumption (2017)

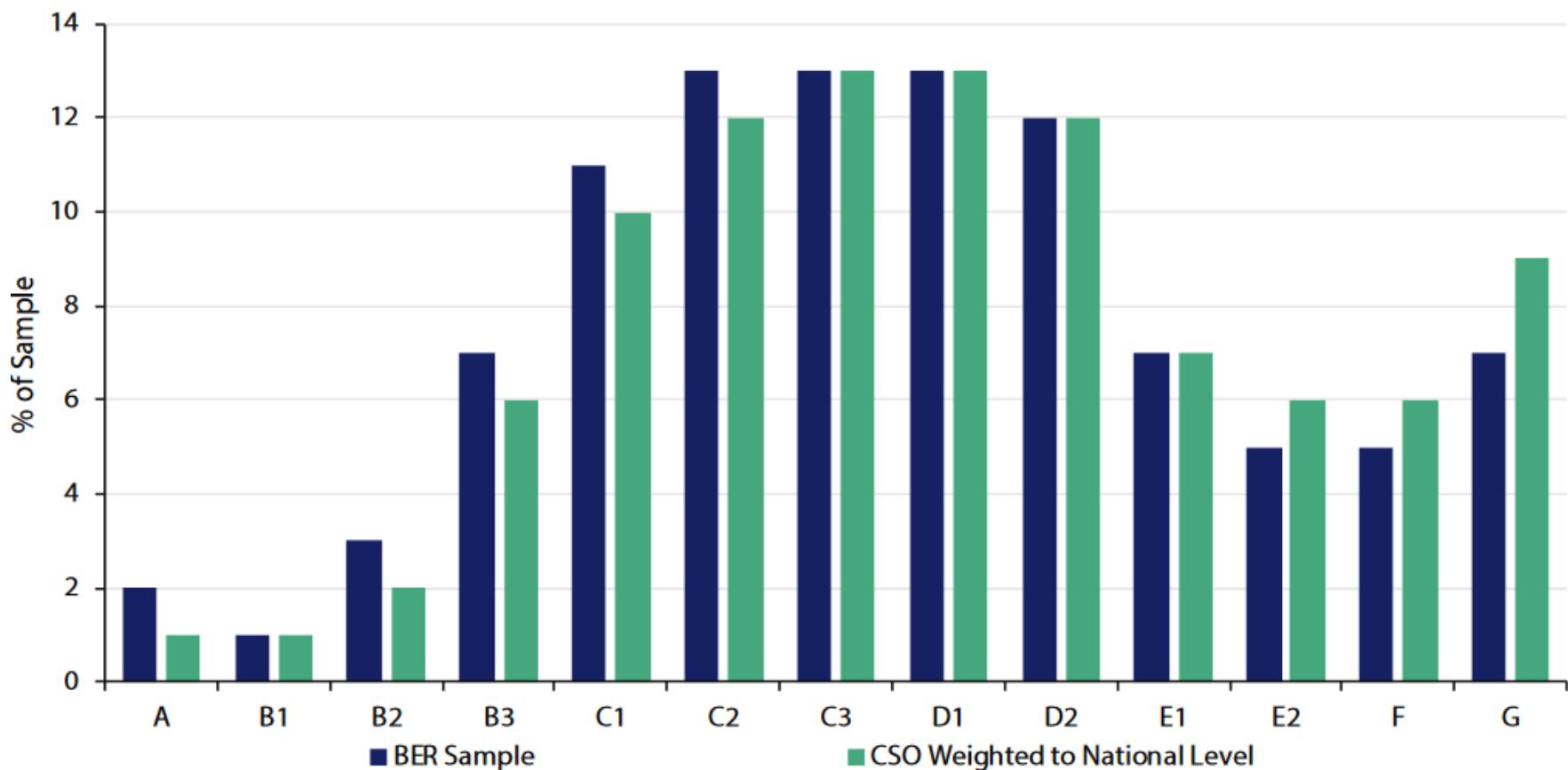


# What is the BER of your home?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- Don't know



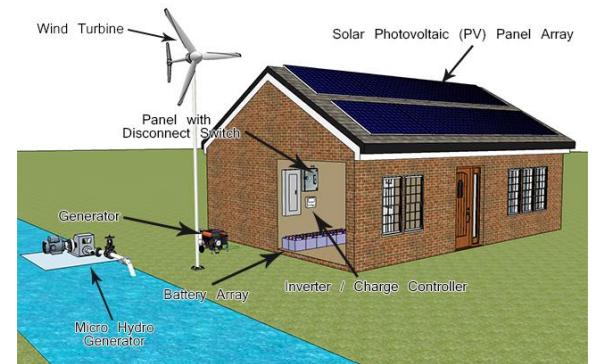
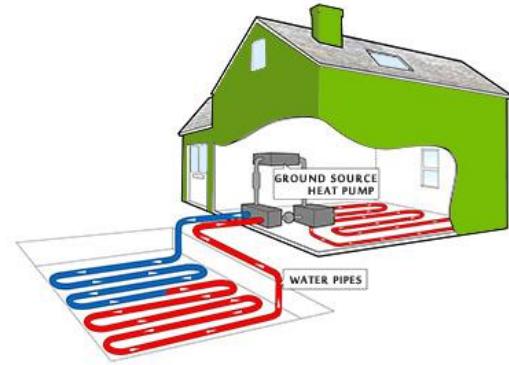
## Distribution of BERs in the BER database and for the national housing stock, 2016



Source: SEAI

# In 10 years what will be BER of your home?

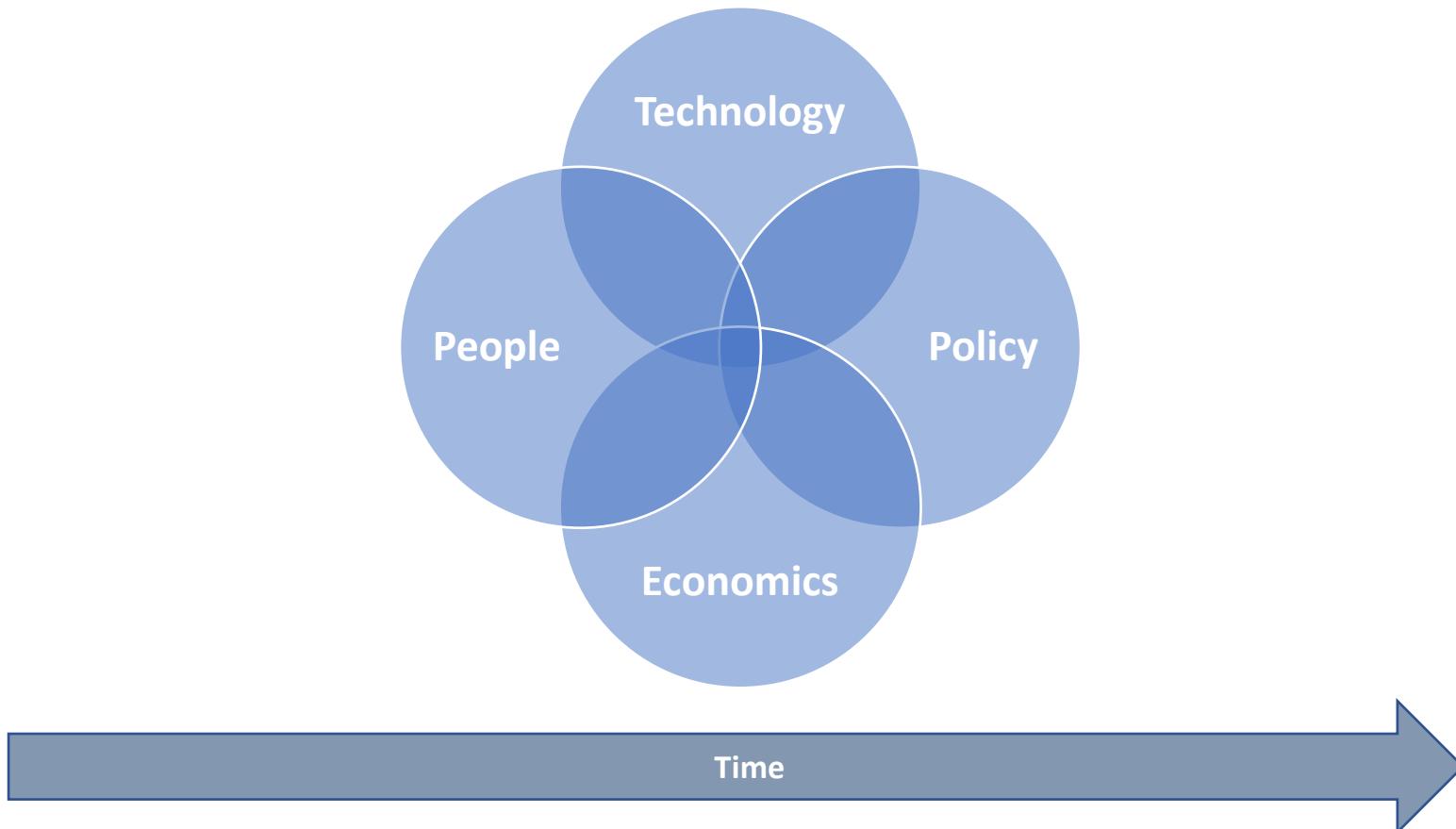
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# Discussion

- What did you base your decision on?
- What did you feel you lacked to make a decision? information, money?
- What would make you change your decision?
- What are long-term implications of your decision?
- What else would you change about your home?

# Exploring Energy Futures



# Climate Action Plan



## Buildings



**500,000**

existing homes to upgrade  
to 'B2' equivalent BER by 2030

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**600,000**

heat pumps installed by 2030

(of which 400,000 will be in existing buildings)



### New retrofitting delivery model,

which will group retrofits together, leverage  
smart finance, and ensure easy pay-back methods

# Climate Action Plan

## Buildings

- Introduce stricter requirements for new buildings and substantial refurbishments
- Design policy to get circa 500,000 existing homes to upgrade to B2 Building Energy Rating (BER) and 400,000 to install heat pumps
- Build a supply chain and a model for aggregation where home retrofits are grouped together to allow this level of activity to be funded and delivered
- Deliver two new district heating systems, and implement a roadmap for delivering District Heating potential
- Increase attention to Energy and Carbon ratings in all aspects of managing property assets

# How do you choose an electricity supplier?

- Choice based on cost
- Choice based on environmental performance
- Electricity partly generated onsite (e.g. solar PV, micro-wind turbine)
- I never think about or change electricity supplier
- Other

After this weekend, how will you choose an electricity supplier?

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# Information for choosing an electricity supplier

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Switch to the cheapest energy deal in Ireland

**Broadband, Phone & TV**  
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So Simple, So Switch

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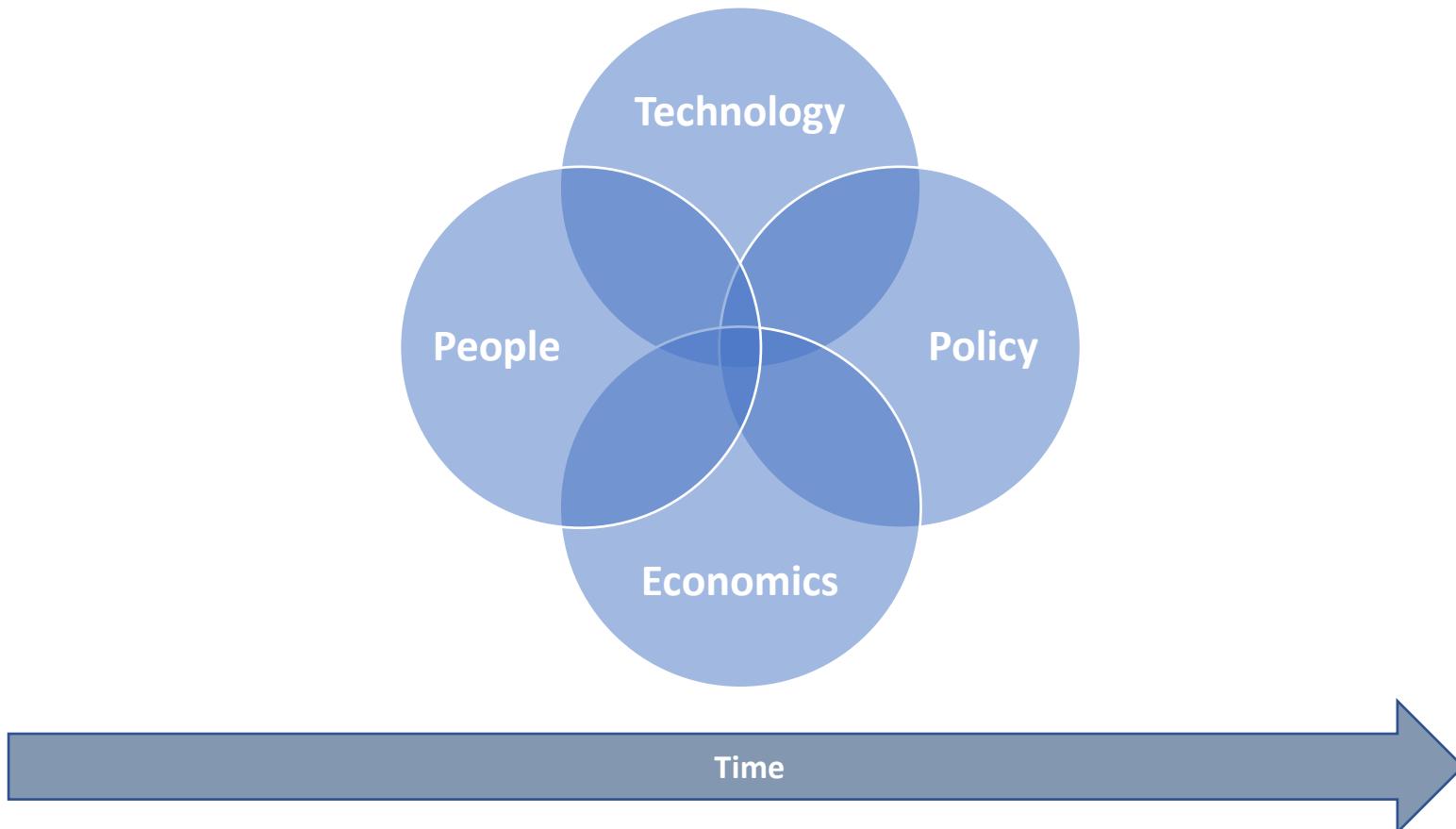
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**electric Ireland** **Bord Gáis Energy** **energia** **SSE Airtricity** **FLO GAS** **just energy**

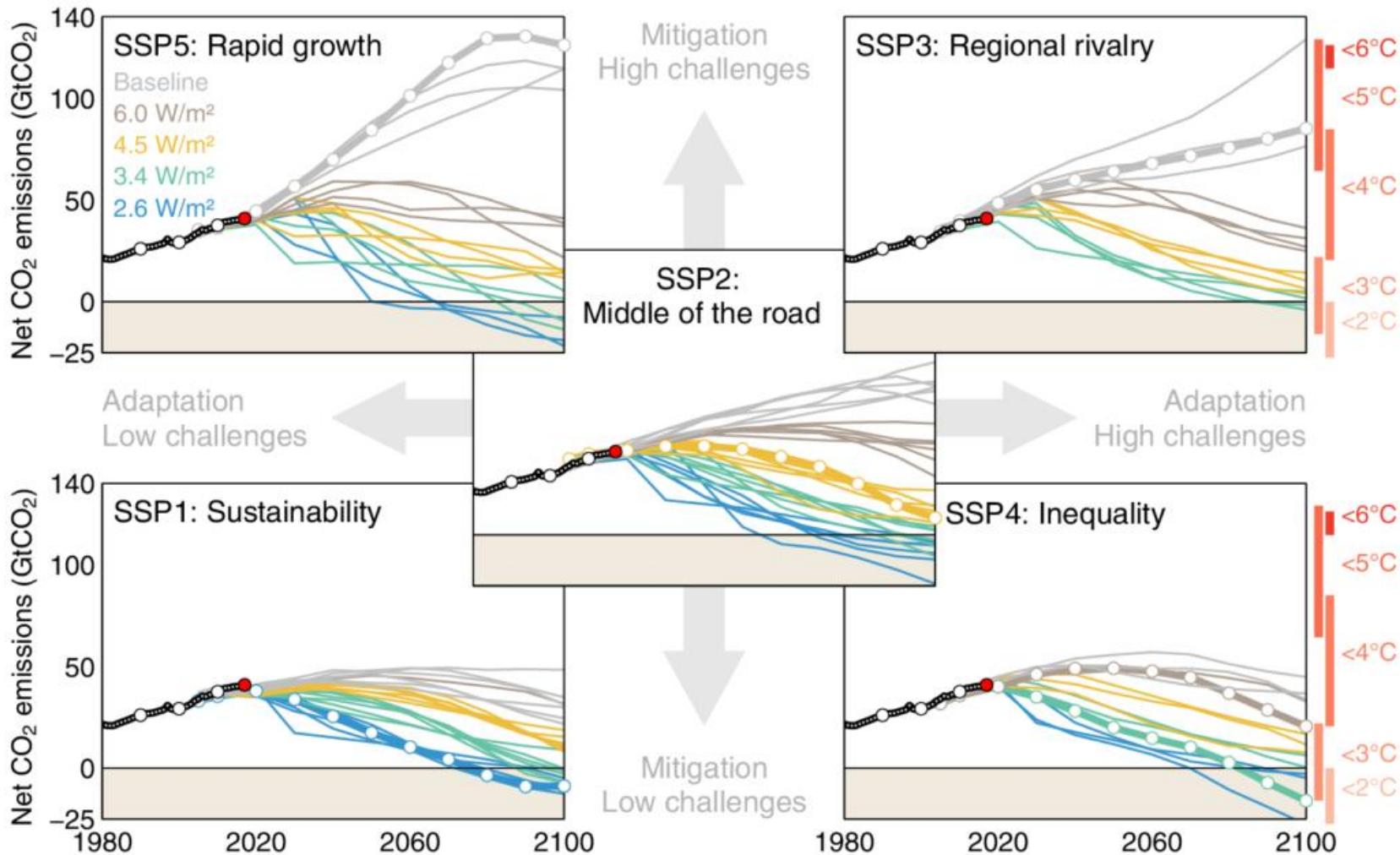
# Discussion Points

- Energy consumer?
- Energy citizen?
- Local objection?
- Community ownership?

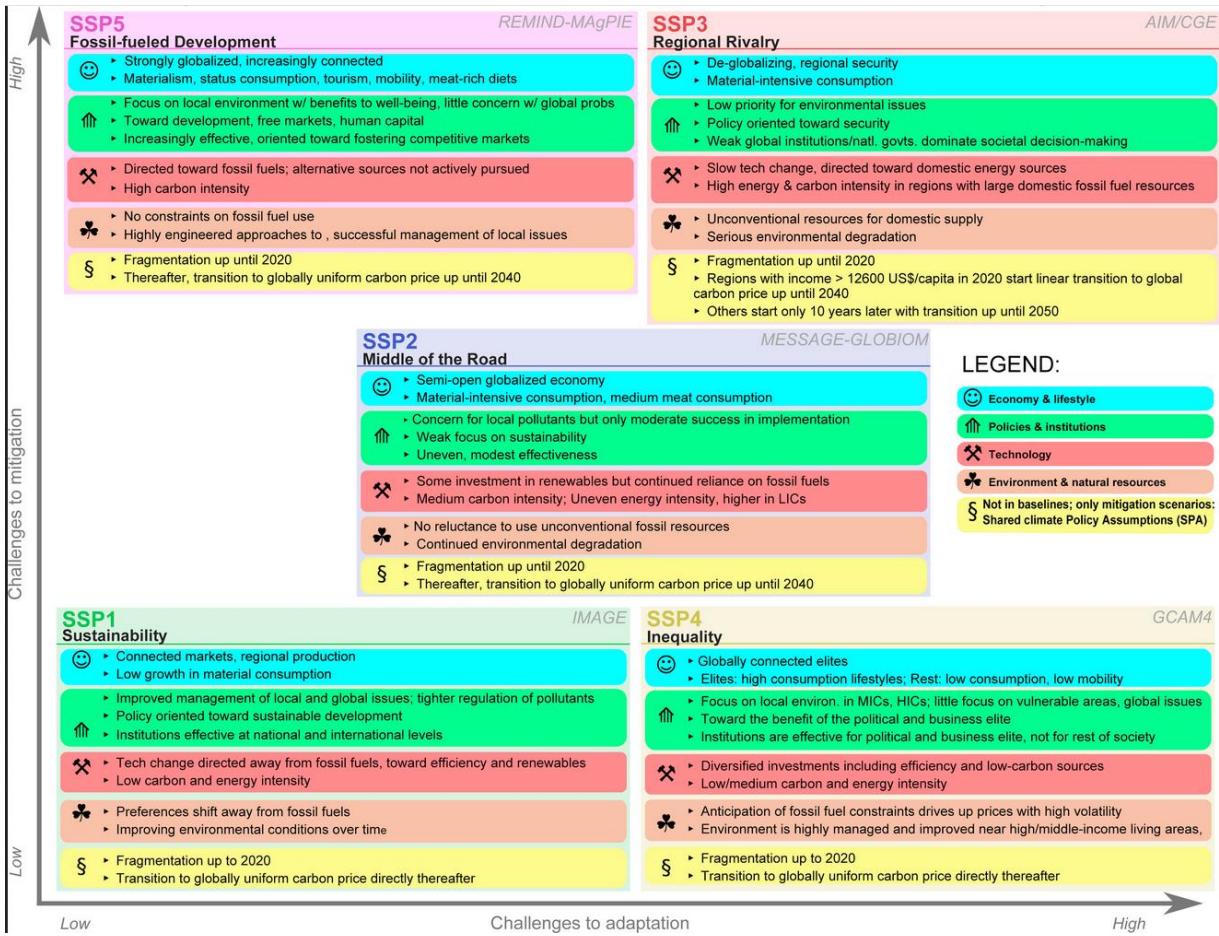
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Source: (Bauer et al, 2017)

# Shared Socio-Economic Pathways (SSPs)

## SSP5: Conventional Development

- Rapid economic development
- Stabilizing population
- Eradication of extreme poverty
- Consumerism
- High fossil fuel dependency
- and universal access to education and basic services
- Highly engineered infrastructure and ecosystems

## SSP1: Sustainability

- Strong economic development
- Stabilizing population
- Decreasing income inequality
- Focus on sustainable development
- Early MDG achievement
- Low resource intensity and fossil fuel dependency
- Strong int'l governance and local institutions
- Well managed urbanization
- Environmentalism

## SSP2: Middle of the Road

- Current trends continue
- Strong economic growth
- Moderate population growth
- Increasing income convergence between industrialized and developing countries
- Delayed MDG achievement
- Reductions in resource and energy intensity at historic rates
- Environmental degradation

## SSP3: Fragmentation

- Slow economic growth
- Rapid population growth
- Continued income inequality
- Failing to achieve MDG
- High resource intensity and fossil fuel dependency
- Low investments in technology development and education
- Unplanned settlements
- Weak int'l governance and local institutions

## SSP4: Inequality

- Stabilizing population
- Slow income growth globally
- Increasing income inequality
- Governance controlled by a few rich global elites
- Limited access to education, basic services for most populations
- Energy tech R&D made by global energy corporations
- Low social cohesion



# SSP1 Sustainability – Taking The Green Road

## Human Welfare

- High investment in education
- Higher and more equal incomes
- Low population growth

## Policies & Institutions

- Open and global trade
- Commitment to international agreements
- Reduced inequality both within & between countries

## Consumption

- Economic growth & material consumption decouple
- Less intensive lifestyles
- More efficiency

## Environment

- High environmental awareness & stewardship
- Fast phase-out of fossil fuels
- Indigenous development of renewables



## SSP3 Regional Rivalry – The Rocky Road

### Human Welfare

- Low investment in education
- High inequality in incomes
- Fast population growth

### Policies & Institutions

- Regionalism and focus on security
- Weak international agreements
- High inequality both within & between countries
- Trade barriers

### Consumption

- Economic growth & material consumption stay coupled
- Resource intensive lifestyles
- Reduced efficiency

### Environment

- Environmental degradation and negative impacts of climate change
- Food and energy security prioritised over phase-out of fossil fuels
- Slow development of renewables



# SSP1 Sustainability – Taking The Green Road (**Ireland**)

## Human Welfare

- High investment in education
- Higher and more equal incomes
- Low population growth (**balanced by immigration**)

## Policies & Institutions

- Open and global trade (**export led economic growth, large bioenergy imports**)
- Commitment to international agreements
- Reduced inequality both within & between countries

## Consumption

- Economic growth & material consumption decouple (**modal switch to public transport**)
- Less intensive lifestyles (**less aviation, more veganism, circular economy practices**)
- More efficiency (**high take-up of deep retrofitting, bioeconomy**)

## Environment

- High environmental awareness & stewardship
- Fast phase-out of fossil fuels
- Indigenous development of renewables (**large installation of wind & PV farms**)



## SSP3 Regional Rivalry – The Rocky Road (**Ireland**)

### Human Welfare

- Low investment in education
- High inequality in incomes (**fall in living standards**)
- Fast population growth (**high emigration**)

### Policies & Institutions

- Regionalism and focus on security
- Weak international agreements
- High inequality both within & between countries
- Trade barriers (**limited bioenergy availability**)

### Consumption

- Economic growth & material consumption stay coupled (**animal-based agriculture continues, high car dependency**)
- Resource intensive lifestyles
- Reduced efficiency

### Environment

- Environmental degradation and negative impacts of climate change (**floods, volatile weather patterns, extreme events**)
- Food and energy security prioritised over phase-out of fossil fuels
- Slow development of renewables