

UCD/NESC Workshop_Climate Change-Meeting Ireland's 2020 Obligations

Setting the stage Perspectives, Processes,
Projections and
informing choices

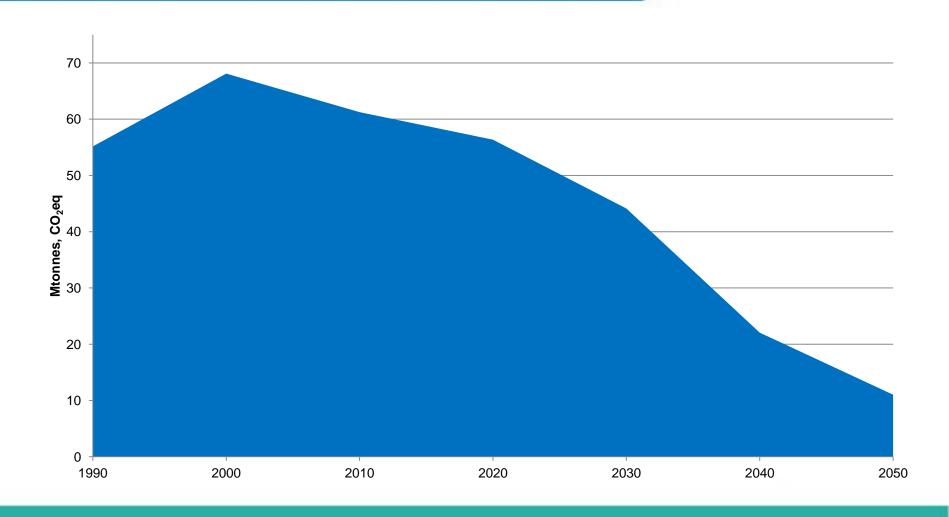
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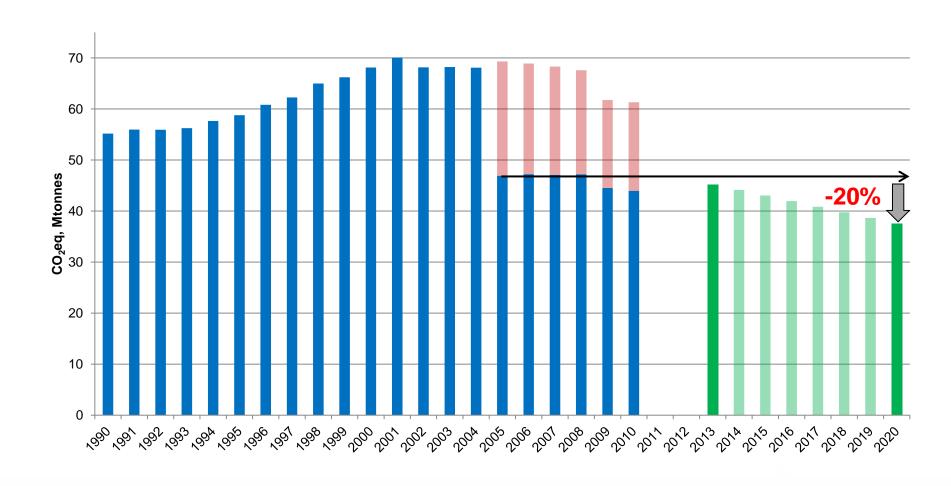


Transition towards a competitive low carbon economy



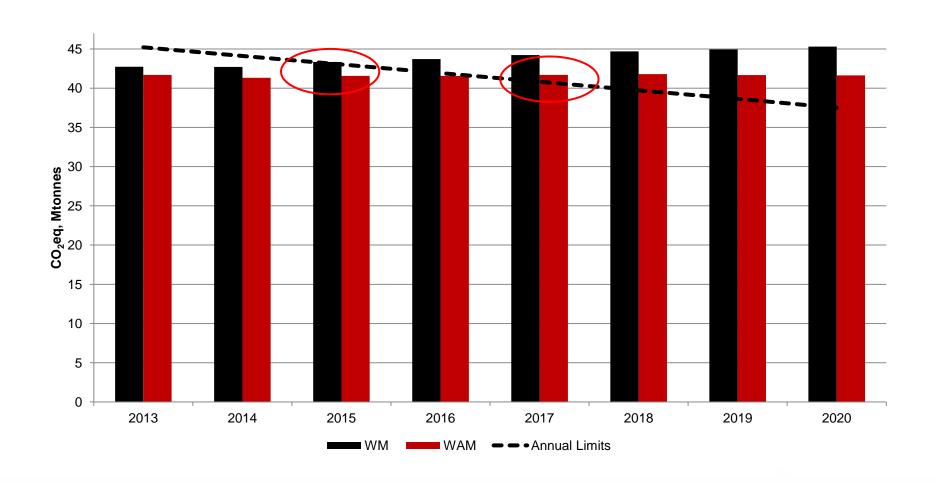


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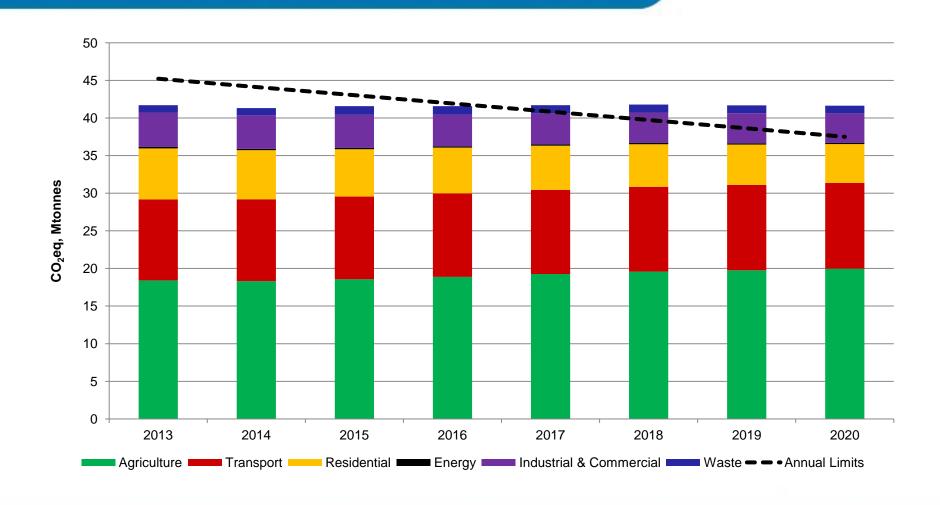


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With Additional Measures

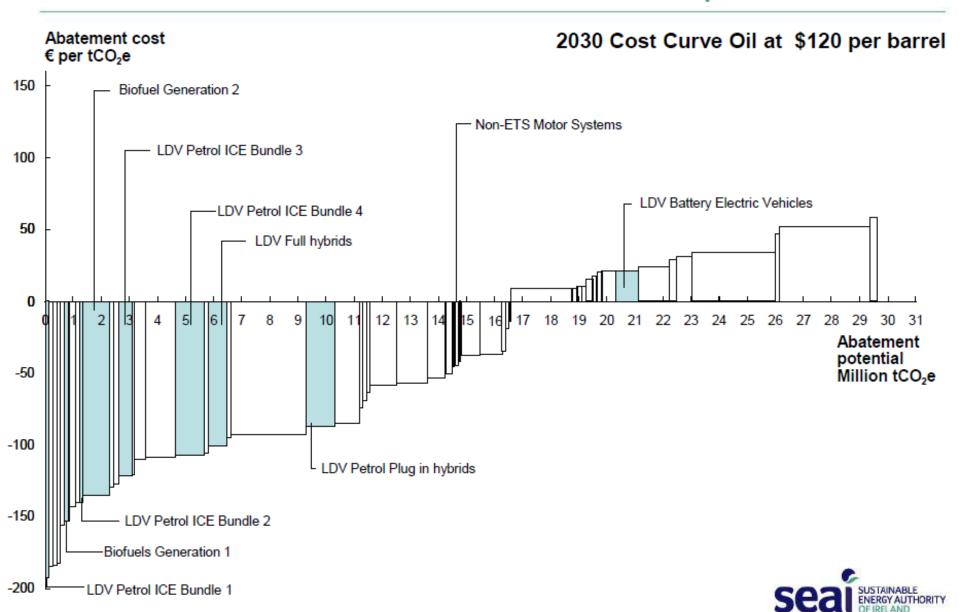




Transport

- Transport projection assumes
 - Technological improvements improved fuel efficiency
 - 10% biofuels in 2020
 - Achievement of electric vehicle target of 200,000 electric vehicles by 2020
 - More efficient traffic movements

Transport Sector





Agriculture

- Agriculture projection assumes
 - Full achievement of Food Harvest targets
 - Removal of milk quota by April 1 2015
 - Efficiencies included in line with Sectoral Road Map for Dairying



Flexibilities under the Effort Sharing Decision

- Carry forward from the following year a quantity of up to 5% of its annual emission allocation
- Carry over of excess emission reductions to the subsequent years
- Transfer part of the annual emission allocation to other Member States
- Use of credits up to 3% of a Member States 2005 emissions - additional 1% limit for some MS



Key Issues

- Now is the time to set both the right level of ambition and the right pace of transition to a low-carbon economy
- Need to focus on delivering currently planned policies and measures to achieve With Additional Measures scenario and identify new policies and measures
- Focus should be on domestic action agriculture and transport
- Multiplier effects of domestic action include contribution to economic recovery, innovation and wider environmental benefits