



## Transition Teams—Low Carbon and Digital

### Working Group: Terms of Reference & Membership

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#### Terms of Reference

NESC work on Transition Teams will provide a forward look at the economy in the context of a transition to low-carbon and more digital future. It will identify sectors, jobs and roles which are most vulnerable to the pressures associated with reducing carbon and increasing digitisation. It will develop a practical framework to support workers to upskill or retrain. It will make recommendations for core practices, local, national and international alliances, and appropriate scaling efforts that promote simultaneous job and environmental quality. The Transition Team project will include the following areas of work:

- identification of those groups of workers or enterprise sectors where help is needed most;
- conceptual thinking on the nature of low carbon and digital transition, including a focus on the principles of a ‘just’ transition;
- examination of how other countries are managing the transition process, in particular, the downside risks;
- identification and examination of relevant supports and protections along with mitigation and scaling efforts, provided by various Government departments and agencies, including national and international potential sources of funding and collaborative alliances;
- frameworks for enhancing utilization of products, services and business alliances, that can improve the economic status for vulnerable workers; and
- augmenting work underway in the Midlands and in Bord na Mona.

The role of the Working Group is to guide, support and inform the work of the Secretariat and the Council in developing recommendations and practical guidance. It will:

- help define and shape the overall conceptual framing of the project and approach to the Government request as per Ambition 1.7 of Future Jobs Ireland;
- help identify key areas of vulnerability associated with low carbon and digital future;
- strengthen and extend the supports and services available and consider how to manage the impact of carbon and digital transition on vulnerable workers more effectively; and



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- provide advice on the development of policy recommendations for the creation of Transition Teams and support the finalisation of reports for submission to the NESCS Council.

Drafting will be undertaken by the Secretariat.

The Working Group will meet 4 to 5 times between May 2019 and December 2019, with first meeting to take place May 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The Transition Team project will be discussed by the Council at meetings in Q3 and Q4. A NESCS council report and recommendations is to be produced at the end Q4 2019.

### Membership of the Working Group

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