# **Evolving Energy and Innovation Policy**

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Box 1. In my View: The progressive evolution of Innovation Policy towards societal challenges

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For many years, policy makers have been developing innovation models and policy instruments to target investments in science and technology in order to maximise the economic impacts of those investments. More recently, the focus of innovation policy has broadened significantly to include not only innovation for economic growth, but also address the formidable twin challenges of environmental sustainability and sustainable development. This expansion in the scope of











# DFA – MaREI System Innovation Network





- Research policy network
- Seminars & jointly prepared policy briefs





#### Our 2050

This is one of a series of policy briefs to summarize ongoing findings related to the research project, 'Our 2050 – Opportunities for Ireland in a Low Carbon Economy', which is on the economic and societal opportunities arising from the transition to a low carbon economy and the policies needed to achieve this transition.















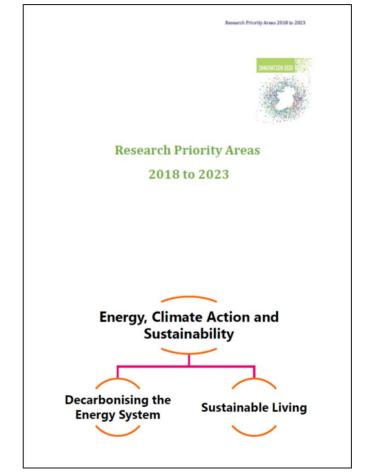




# Evolving policy - refresh of research prioritisation











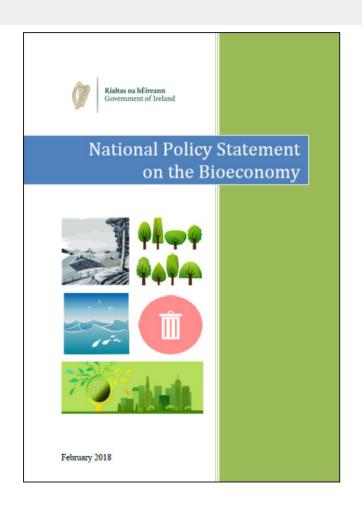






# Systems Innovation Applied to Bioeconomy





- Systems innovation thinking
- Bioeconomy Implementation Group



#### Next Phase of Ireland's economic development – Future Jobs Programme

12th August 2018

Emphasis on quality jobs, improving productivity and building resilience

Interdepartmental Group developing plan, which will be launched in January 2019

Major Jobs Summit to be held in November











### **Enterprise Opportunities in Transition**



#### **Emerging lessons learned**

- 1. Diversity of opportunities
  - a) Firms acting primarily for compliance reasons
  - b) Firms that provide technology and services solutions
  - c) Lead disruptive innovators
- 2. Diversity of actors including semi-state companies and social enterprises
- 3. Potentially transformational role of lead disruptive innovators 'v' Incremental bottom-up innovation









