





We are an Environmental Protection Agency funded research project based in MaREI, the SFI Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, Environmental Research Institute at University College Cork. The project focus is on SDG linkages and how they influence policy implementation in Ireland.

WORKPACKAGES

-  A comprehensive reporting of critical nodes for SDG implementation in Ireland, and the goals and targets that will be most influential in aligning with and delivering on the country's priorities.
-  A toolkit for evidence-informed approaches to address the multiple challenges encapsulated by the SDGs. Strengthening of scientific evidence in SDGs implementation including costs, benefits and spill-over effects of SDGs implementation.
-  A policy brief and guidance on implementation of SDGs in Ireland accounting for cross linkages and interactions between SDG goals and targets.
-  Improved awareness of the impacts posed by the relationship and interactions between SDG goals and targets with national policy priorities.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



The project focusses on SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, and specifically target 17.14: Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development. Increasing capacities to identify, understand and manage interactions and inter-connections of Sustainable Development Goals and how best can science and knowledge inform a robust policy framework for implementation of the SDGs.

ABOUT THE PROJECT



The SDGs are a global drive to achieve human development goals without compromising the integrity and stability of the planetary system to provide for future generations. It is in this context that the SDGs4I project explores these global aspirations against national goals in Ireland. Understanding the nature of interactions between SDGs and targets - negative and positive - and their implication for coherent planning and efficient policy design in Ireland to reflect national context, perspectives and priorities is important.

The SDGs bring the challenge of their interpretation in the national context, and implementation in an integrated and cross-cutting manner. Transformative changes set out in the SDGs requires Government to adopt new approaches to collaboration across Departments that facilitate innovative solutions.

The SDGs4I project provides a space to explore the utility and application of Ireland's SDG implementation plan to support policy coherence for sustainable development in Ireland and;

Integrate policy analysis: to ensure that proposed policies, programmes and targets are supportive of nationally tailored SDGs;

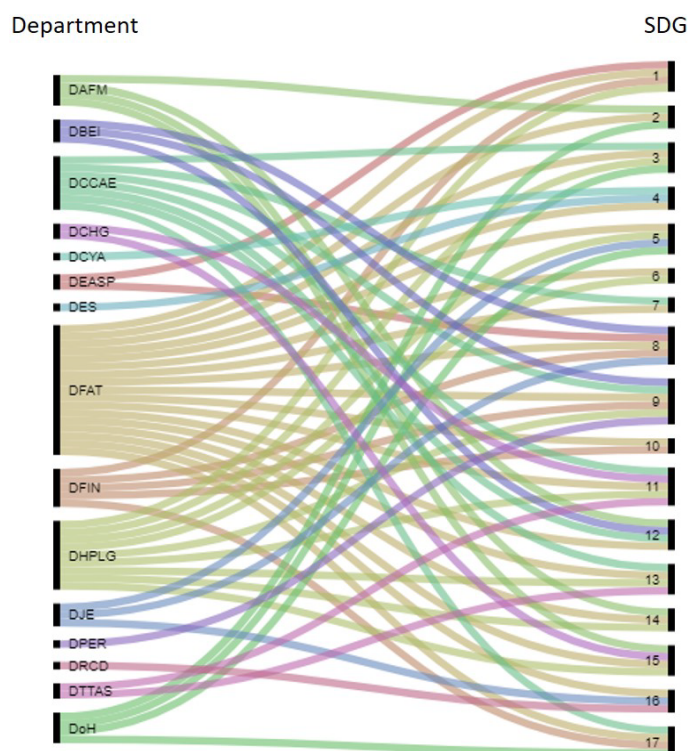
Coordinate institutional mechanisms: to create formal partnerships across sectoral line departments and agencies;

Integrate modelling: to help clarify and articulate the interconnected system of goals and targets and to analyse and inform key policies, programs and projects for their impact on nationally tailored SDGs.

The project focusses on how environmental features of the SDGs support social and economic goals in Ireland, and which are important in the context of national, regional and international responsibilities and obligations for Ireland:

Biodiversity - ensuring that natural resources are properly harnessed and protected are key to the success of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provides benefits to all sectors of society in Ireland.

Climate Action - addressing climate change and its impacts are integral to successfully achieving all SDGs and will particularly impact the way the environment supports social and economic objectives in Ireland.



Irish Government Departments' alignment to the Sustainable Development Goals. Source: Ireland's SDG Implementation Plan

The "Identifying Interactions for SDG Implementation in Ireland" project approach aims to evaluate the alignment of current Government of Ireland policy to the SDGs and a tool to analyse policy inter-linkages across economic, social and environmental areas, including the identification of synergies and trade-offs.