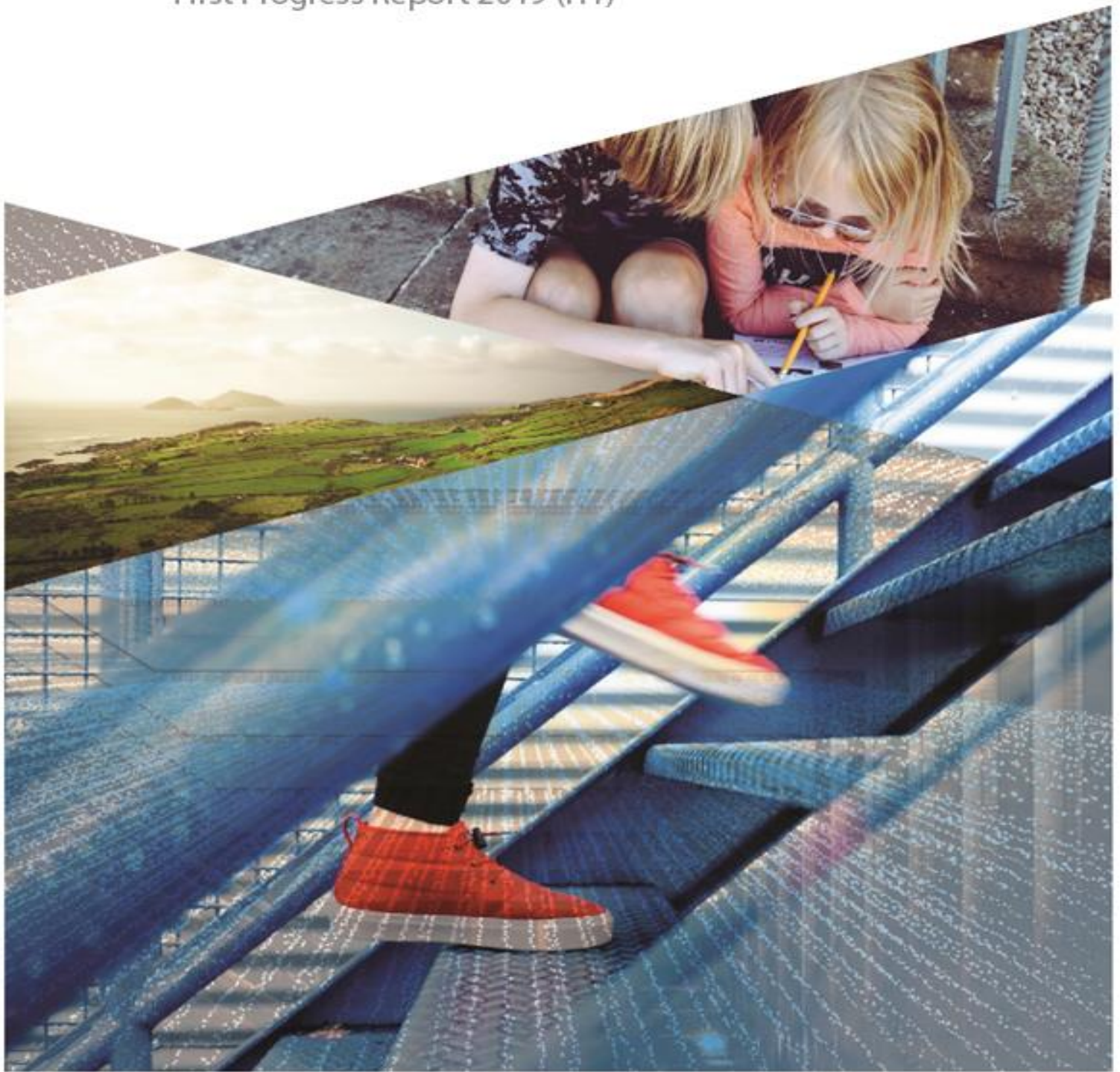




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FUTURE JOBS IRELAND 2019

Preparing Now for Tomorrow's Economy
First Progress Report 2019 (H1)



1. Summary

Future Jobs Ireland 2019 was launched on March 10th. It provides a strategic framework for the development of Ireland's economy over the coming decades. It aims to ensure enterprises and jobs are sustainable over the longer term – accepting that the economy must evolve and adapt to new technologies, new business models and new opportunities. Future Jobs Ireland represents a shift away from an emphasis on gross job creation (as per the Action Plan for Jobs) to an agenda focused on enterprise competitiveness and innovation, where the jobs created are quality, high productivity jobs in positive work environments which reward and develop employees. In addition, Future Jobs Ireland also aims to increase labour force participation levels in the face of capacity constraints and to equip workers and enterprises to adapt to accelerating technological change and the transition to a low carbon economy. Future Jobs Ireland is intended to be evolving agenda capable of adapting as new economic challenges and opportunities emerge.

To ensure timely delivery of Future Jobs Ireland 2019, a progress report on implementation of actions by each Department/Agency, will be brought to Government and published biannually. The Future Jobs Ireland H1 Progress Report provides a summary of the implementation of the outputs for Future Jobs Ireland 2019 in Q1 and Q2.

The completion rate for H1 was 68%. Each deliverable represents approximately three percentage points so, given the relatively small number of deliverables for H1, each delayed item impacts significantly on the completion rate. Departments have indicated that three further outputs are likely to be completed in the coming weeks which would equate to a 9 percentage point increase. The large majority of outputs in FJI 2019 are due in Q4, and it will be important to improve implementation before the second report.

The next section provides an overview of performance by Department for Q1 and Q2. Some highlights from the H1 Deliverables are outlined in section three. The fourth section provides detail on the H1 Deliverables which have missed their deadlines along with the reason why and the revised date of delivery by the lead Department.

2. H1 Implementation Performance

For H1 2019 there were a total of 34 outputs due for completion, 9 in Q1 and 25 in Q2. The final returns for Q2 indicate that 15 outputs are complete and 10 are delayed. In the final returns for Q1, 8 outputs are complete and 1 output has been delayed. This means of the 34 outputs due for completion in H1, 23 are on target and 11 are delayed. Departments have indicated that three further outputs are likely to be completed in the coming weeks which would equate to a 9 percentage point increase.

3. Highlight Deliverables from H1

- The Cruinniú GovTech Ireland 2019 took place on 20th June. The Summit explored the opportunities that GovTech could bring to the Irish Economy. The output of the Summit is being compiled and will be used as the basis of further consultation and the development of an Action Plan.
- The Future Growth Loan Scheme was opened for applications in April by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI). The SBCI has finalised agreements with EIF/EIB and Bank of Ireland has opened for loan applications on 20th June. Additional lenders will join in the coming weeks.
- A Pilot Initiative for a Regional Innovation and Technology Clustering Programme to link SMEs and Institutes of Technology. The €2.75 million competitive Regional Technology Clustering Fund was officially launched on 1st July by Minister Humphreys.
- Cyber Ireland, the Irish Cyber Security Cluster, was launched by Minister of State David Stanton on 20th May. This national cluster is hosted by Cork Institute of Technology and brings together industry, government and academia with the aim of growing the cybersecurity sector in Ireland.
- DBEI, working with DJE, have introduced a streamlined process to ensure spouses/partners of critical skills employment permit holders have immediate access to the Irish labour market without the need for an employment permit.

4. Delayed Deliverables

1.1 Position Ireland as a leading pioneer in technology adoption by investing in demonstrator sites and developing enabling frameworks and standards

1.1(iv) Develop plans for a National Design Centre to support the potential of the design sector to drive innovation and competitiveness

Q2 Output: Business plan developed

Delayed due to resources being focused on Brexit preparations. Work on developing plans for a National Design Centre is progressing but has been delayed beyond the current quarter. It is intended that a Request for Tender will be published in the coming weeks to support the development of a business plan.

1.1 Position Ireland as a leading pioneer in technology adoption by investing in demonstrator sites and developing enabling frameworks and standards

1.1(v) Drive the development of the Connected Autonomous Mobility sector in Ireland including through delivery of guidelines for testing, a strategic roadmap for Ireland and an administrative review of the current road traffic legislation

Q2 Output: Administrative review of the current road traffic legislation

A review of the Road Traffic legislation is at an advanced stage but is not yet complete. This output is being prepared in parallel with work on drafting guidelines for testing. Progress on the Connected Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Roadmap/Plan and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Strategy will be made in 2019.

1.2 Implement a strategic approach to maximise the benefits from digitisation

1.2(i) Publish and implement an Industry 4.0 strategy which will provide an ecosystem and supports for the digital transformation of the manufacturing sector and its supply chain

Q1 Output: Publication of Industry 4.0

The action is delayed. The draft Industry 4.0 Strategy is at an advanced stage and is expected to be published Q4 2019. The Strategy will set out Ireland's ambition to become a leader in the development and adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies and business models thereby securing the competitiveness and sustainability of our manufacturing base.

1.2 Implement a strategic approach to maximise the benefits from digitisation

1.2(ii) Finalise and publish the National Digital Strategy to set out Ireland's vision and ambition to maximise the economic and societal benefits of digitisation, with the Public Service leading in technology adoption

Q2 Output: Publication of the new National Digital Strategy following Government approval

The drafting of the new National Digital Strategy is at an advanced stage and is progressing in joint collaboration with other key Departments and the established InterDepartmental Group. It is expected to be brought to Government in mid September.

1.3 Position the Public Service to be a leader in technology adoption and innovation

1.3(v) Secure approval and progress procurement for the Electronic Health Record programme

Q2 Output: Approval secured

A Memo for Government seeking approval to progress the procurement of an Electronic Health Record programme in the New Children's Hospital will be submitted in July 2019.

2.1: Diversify our enterprise base to ensure the Irish economy is more resilient and adaptable

2.1(vii) Publish and commence implementation of a National Policy on Social Enterprise which will support the development of social enterprise as part of the wider entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Q2 Output: National Policy published and implementation commenced

A draft National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland was published in April 2019 for public consultation, which closed on 14 May. The Department is now reviewing the submissions received which will inform the final draft of the Policy. The Policy seeks to provide a coherent policy framework to support the development of social enterprise in Ireland over the next 4 years. It will be submitted for Government approval shortly, prior to launch and publication.

2.6: Strengthen linkages between SMEs and multinational enterprises and our tertiary education institutions

2.6(iii) Develop new and existing clusters or innovation districts to support best practice sharing and knowledge development such as:

a. The Innovation District Advisory Group will develop a vision and recommend a roadmap and governance structure for a globally competitive innovation district, centred around the Grand Canal Dock area, which would act as a magnet for talent, investment, innovation, industry and research;

Q2 Output: Roadmap for competitive innovation district published

A draft report of the Innovation District Advisory Group has been completed and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Group prior to its submission to Government in mid September.

3.1: Provide high quality and timely education and training responses to evolving enterprise and skills needs

3.1(i) Initiate a competitive call for proposals in line with the new Human Capital Initiative that will involve investment of €300 million in higher education over the 5 year period from 2020 to 2024, with €60m being made available in each of those years.

Q2 Output: Successful proposals identified

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) and the Higher Education Authority have made significant progress in developing and agreeing the scope and detail of the initiative with a view to commencing preparation for a launch and first call for proposals. DES is currently in discussion with DPER with regard to the format of the Human Capital Initiative (HCI) and it is expected that the first Call for proposals under the HCI will issue late Q3 2019.

4.1: Encourage participation in the labour force through high-quality Early Learning and Care

4.1(iii) Publish a Childminding Action Plan to give parents greater access to subsidised informal Early Learning and Care.

Q2 Output: Childminding Action Plan published

Preparation of the Childminding Action Plan is at an advanced stage, with a view to publication in Q3 of a draft Action Plan for the purpose of public consultation.

5.1: Become a leader in adopting and developing standards in the low carbon economy

5.1(i) Publish an environmental sustainability roadmap for the agri-food sector to ensure that the future development of agriculture and the land-use sector, including forestry, will be built upon and contribute fairly to Ireland's climate targets.

Q2 Output: Public consultation on the roadmap

In line with the outcomes from the 2018 Sustainability Dialogue, a national climate roadmap is being finalised for the sector for 2030 and beyond. This project incorporates various strands including developing a vision, mission and guiding principles and also the establishment of working groups to develop of an action plan for implementation of targets regarding emissions, sequestration and energy.

The roadmap will open for public consultation will be published on 31 July.

5.2: Realise the opportunities for economic activity and job creation

5.2(i) Approve the successful projects from the first call under the Climate Action Fund and issue a further call for Expressions of Interest in 2019.

Q2 Output: Successful projects approved

The validation of the projects under the first call for applications is currently underway. While the majority of projects are expected to complete the validation stage in Q3, a small number of projects are due to complete in Q4 due to complexity of the due diligence. In parallel with the validation process from the first call, preparatory work will take place in advance of a further call.

5. Appendix: Full Update on H1 Deliverables

SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

The table below summarises implementation by Department for H1

| Dept | H1 Measures | Q1 | | | Q2 | | | H1 Total | |
|--------------|-------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | Total | Complete | Delayed | Total | Complete | Delayed | Complete | Delayed |
| DAFM | 4 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| DBEI | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| DCCAIE | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| DCYA | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| DES | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| DEASP | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| DFIN | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| DJE | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| DoH | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| DoT | 3 | | | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| DTTAS | 2 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| DPER | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | |
| DRCD | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Total | 34 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 23 | 11 |

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Ambition 1.1 Position Ireland as a leading pioneer in technology adoption by investing in demonstrator sites and developing enabling frameworks and standards

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| 1.1(ii) | Develop a National Centre of Excellence on High Performance and Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB): a. Establish a National Steering Group b. Deliver NZEB Fundamentals training to over 500 people c. Government to consider the future development of the Centre | National Steering Group in place | DCCAЕ |
| <p>The Key Stakeholders relevant to progress this initiative through the steering Group (including DHPLG, DCCAЕ, DES, DFAT, DBEI, SOLAS, Wexford County Council and Waterford Wexford ETB) met in January. Initial draft terms of reference and a draft proposal for the centre of excellence are being prepared and it is envisaged that these will be agreed/ discussed with the group formally to be convened shortly. Many of the steering Group members met on 17 June with Scott Foster - Director of Sustainable Energy Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – to discuss the potential for the Centre to participate in the UN Network of International Centres of Excellence.</p> | | | Complete |

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| 1.1(v) | Drive the development of the Connected Autonomous Mobility sector in Ireland including through delivery of guidelines for testing, a strategic roadmap for Ireland and an administrative review of the current road traffic legislation | Draft guidelines for testing for consultation | DTTAS |
| <p>Draft guidelines have been prepared and are the subject of ongoing informal consultation which is informing iterative drafts.</p> | | | Complete |

Ambition 1.3 Position the Public Service to be a leader in technology adoption and innovation

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| 1.3(i) | Convene a major GovTech Summit to explore the opportunities that GovTech could bring to the Irish Economy and set out an Action Plan for moving forward | Summit held | DPER |
| <p>Cruinniú GovTech Ireland 2019 took place on 20th June. It was opened and attended by Minister of State O'Donovan and involved a wide range of stakeholders from across industry, academia, representative bodies. The output of the Summit will be written up and used as the basis of further consultation</p> | | | Complete |

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Ambition 1.3 Position the Public Service to be a leader in technology adoption and innovation

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| 1.3(ii) | Departments to submit priority digital plans covering individual and business services via the Digital Leaders Group, including the expansion of access to public services through MyGovID | Submission of a coherent digital plan covering all Government Departments to the Civil Service Management Board | DPER |
| The Digital Leaders Network has agreed a reporting format for collecting the baseline information for each Department's Top 5 Digital Services, and responses were due back by Friday 7th June. The Government Chief Information Officer (CIO) will use this as a basis for reporting back to CSMB on 28th June and OGCIO will then develop a Memo for Government to be issued as soon as possible thereafter. | | | Complete |

Ambition 1.7: Develop Transition Teams to assist workers and sectors likely to be most challenged by our changing economy

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| 1.7(i) | Commission the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) to develop policy recommendations for consideration by Government for the operation of Transition Teams to manage the impact of economic transition on vulnerable workers and sectors which might include: a) developmental supports for enterprises and sectors faced with challenges arising from the move to a low carbon economy, sustainable business models and new technologies; b) career advice and training guidance to managers and workers in sectors and job roles affected by future changes; c) accessible training to upskill and retrain such workers including through Skills to Advance as well as tailored development plans for them; and d) potential EU financial assistance opportunities for such a programme. | Research initiated | DoT |
| Work on Transition Teams has been initiated. A Working Group has been established and Terms of Reference for the work has been completed. Two meetings of the Working Group have taken place as of 1 July. https://www.nesc.ie/work-programme/transition-teams/ | | | Complete |

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Ambition 2.1: Diversify our enterprise base to ensure the Irish economy is more resilient and adaptable

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| 2.1(i) | Strengthen the capacity of Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), in collaboration with Enterprise Ireland, to provide a comprehensive suite of supports for indigenous Irish businesses and entrepreneurs that will enable seamless and appropriate supports (including addressing any gaps in such supports) for ambitious and growth-oriented firms thereby achieving a step-change in enterprise productivity, innovation and resilience. | Assessment of gaps in provision completed | DBEI |
| <p>The Local Enterprise Offices have identified and are driving “Innovation” as a main pillar for micro enterprise development. This is being achieved through the provision of Supports such as Agile RD&I, Innovation Partnerships, Innovation Vouchers and Innovation Mentors/Advocates. The Local Enterprise Offices have heavily engaged with all their clients in respect to the LEO Lean4Micro offer. This programme helps businesses to adopt ‘lean’ business principles that boost performance and increase competitiveness. A Lean expert works with the small business to undertake a specific cost reduction project and assists the company in benchmarking its performance.</p> | | | Complete |

Ambition 2.4: Encourage enterprises to exploit established technology and business process improvements to increase productivity

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| 2.4(i) | Launch the Future Growth Loan Scheme to provide long term debt financing for strategic investments. | Scheme open for applications | DBEI |
| <p>Applications for loan eligibility opened on 17th April 2019 through the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) website. The SBCI has finalised agreements with EIF/EIB and Bank of Ireland has opened for loan applications on 20th June. Additional lenders will join in the coming weeks.</p> | | | Complete |

Ambition 2.5: Improve leadership and management skills in SMEs

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| 2.5(v) | Include management and leadership skills as a particular focus in the call for proposals under Springboard+ 2019. | Course proposals in management & leadership skills included in Call for Springboard+ 2019 | DES |
| <p>In January, the HEA issued a call for proposals to be funded under Springboard+ 2019. In developing courses, providers were asked to be cognisant of four areas which have been deemed by government as being of critical importance at this time: digital skills, transversal skills, management and leadership skills and the workplace of the future. All courses submitted for funding will have to address one or more of these areas. The deadline for submission of proposals was Monday 25th February 2019.</p> <p>Decisions on proposals to be approved for funding will be made by a panel of experts with industry and educational experience, which has been established by the HEA. An independent process auditor will oversee the assessment and selection process. The assessment process has been</p> | | | Complete |

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completed and notification of approved courses has issued to providers. Springboard+ 2019 was launched on 14 May 2019 providing for 9,151 places on 275 courses across the country. Springboard+ 2019 courses are aimed at meeting the need for in-demand skills in the economy and include courses in Leadership and Management Skills, Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Virtual Reality and Smart Factory Technology.

Ambition 2.6: Strengthen linkages between SMEs and multinational enterprises and our tertiary education institutions

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| 2.6(ii) | Develop a Regional Innovation and Technology Clustering Programme to link SMEs and Institutes of Technology. | Pilot Initiative developed | DBEI |
| The new €2.75m Regional Technology Clustering Fund was launched on 1 July and is now open for applications. The fund will be administered by Enterprise Ireland on behalf of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and will support institutes of technology in their role as engines for driving regional enterprise development through clustering initiatives overseen by the IOTs. | | | Complete |

Ambition 2.6: Strengthen linkages between SMEs and multinational enterprises and our tertiary education institutions

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| 2.6(iii) | Develop new and existing clusters or innovation districts to support best practice sharing and knowledge development such as: b. Cyber Ireland, a cybersecurity cluster in Cork, which aims to position Ireland as a leading location for cybersecurity expertise: and | Cluster established | DBEI |
| B. Cyber Ireland, the Irish Cyber Security Cluster, was launched by Minister of State David Stanton on 20th May. This national cluster is hosted by Cork Institute of Technology and brings together industry, government and academia with the aim of growing the cybersecurity sector in Ireland. The Board of the cluster was also announced. | | | Complete |

Ambition 3.1: Provide high quality and timely education and training responses to evolving enterprise and skills needs

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| 3.1(iv) | Develop digital literacy in our young people by a. progressing the development of the new primary school mathematics curriculum to include computational, flexible and creative thinking skills; and b. exploring approaches to coding in an Irish context, to inform the redevelopment of the primary school curriculum. | Report for Minister | DES |
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| b. A report on exploring approaches to coding in an Irish context, to inform the redevelopment of the primary school curriculum was completed by the NCCA and has been received by the Department of Education and Skills. | Complete |
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Ambition 3.2: Encourage lifelong learning and upskilling

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| 3.2(v) | Develop Springboard+ 2019 training in emerging new technologies, as identified by industry's needs, such as blockchain, AI and robotics. | Courses in emerging new technologies approved for funding. | DES |
| Springboard+ 2019 which was launched on 14th May 2019 will provide for over 9,000 free or subsidised places on 275 upskilling and reskilling courses across the country. Courses in the areas of Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Virtual Reality and Smart Factory Technology have been approved for funding under Springboard+ 2019. | | | Complete |

Ambition 3.2: Encourage lifelong learning and upskilling

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| 3.2(vii) | Implement the EXPLORE Programme to help address the issue of Ireland's low level of participation in lifelong learning, particularly targeting persons over 35 years of age in manufacturing employment through improving digital and transversal skills. | Roll out of new EXPLORE programmes | DES |
| Further iterations of EXPLORE are currently being rolled out across the country. To date 85 participants from 34 companies are participating in the EXPLORE Programme. | | | Complete |

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Ambition 3.4: Compete successfully for international talent

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| 3.4(ii) | Ensure that all aspects of the process for granting permission to work for the spouses and partners of Critical Skills Employment Permit holders is as streamlined as possible. | Streamlined process in place | DBEI |
| A Streamlined process has been introduced. Spouses/Partners of critical skills employment permit holders have immediate access the Irish labour market without the need for an employment permit. Eligible spouses/ partners are granted an immigration permission with automatic right to work. | | | Complete |

Ambition 3.5: Improve career guidance and advice provision

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| 3.5(ii) | Publish the Review of Career Guidance and develop a plan to implement its recommendations. | Review published | DES |
| The Report of the Review of Career Guidance was launched on 24th April 2019. The report contains 18 recommendations under four themes: Reforms to Governance and Delivery Arrangements, Improvement in Career Guidance Tools and Career Information, Enhancement of Enterprise Engagement and Promotion of Inclusion. A Departmental internal taskforce has been established to examine each of the recommendations and develop a prioritised implementation plan. | | | Complete |

Ambition 4.1: Encourage participation in the labour force through high-quality Early Learning and Care

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| 4.1(vi) | Promote uptake of accelerated capital allowances to incentivise employers to provide Early Learning and Care facilities for the use of their employees, by providing an accelerated deduction for the capital investment costs incurred. | Revenue Notes for Guidance available on the Revenue website | DFIN |
| Revenue published an eBrief and a Tax and Duty Manual update in February providing details of the new incentive for the provision of childcare services and/or fitness centre facilities to employees. The Department of Finance published links to the Revenue guidance on its Twitter and LinkedIn profiles. https://www.revenue.ie/en/tax-professionals/ebrief/2019/no-0382019.aspx | | | Complete |

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Ambition 4.2: Foster participation in the labour force through flexible working solutions

| 4.2(iv) | Extend provision for unpaid Parental Leave and amend the upper age limit of the child for which the leave can be taken from 8 to 12 allowing for greater flexibility for parents. | Implementation timeframe and milestones agreed | DJE |
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| <p>The Parental Leave (Amendment) Act 2017 was enacted on 22 May 2019.</p> <p>The Act amends the Parental Leave Act 1998 in order to extend the period of unpaid parental leave from 18 to 26 weeks and to allow any parent who has already availed of their current entitlement of 18 weeks to receive a further eight weeks of parental leave. Parents will be able to take an additional four weeks of unpaid parental leave from 1 September 2019 and a further four weeks from 1 September 2020. In addition, the Bill increases the age of a qualifying child from eight to twelve years of age.</p> <p>This Department is currently preparing a commencement order and it is expected that Minister Flanagan will sign the order no later than 19 July.</p> | | | Complete |

Ambition 4.5: Undertake promotional campaigns to encourage greater levels of participation in the labour force

| 4.5(iii) | As part of Jobs Week 2019 and Jobs Fairs, develop promotions for female participation, participation by older people and people with disabilities. | 100 events involving over 500 employers and over 14,000 jobseekers will be provided during Jobs Week 2019. | DEASP |
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| <p>112 job events were delivered throughout Q1 2019, not including engagements with the Online Fair across multiple locations every day, with 450 people engaged on the 28th March alone (minimum 87 online event engagements), exceeding the target for number of events. Events included an online career fair from 18th February with over 1,200 jobs running every day to provide accessibility to people where they are unable to attend a fair, including people with disabilities, people with childcare or other responsibilities and those in rural areas so that they could apply for jobs and chat to employers online. All seminars taking place at the flagship fair in Dublin Castle on the 28th March were also live streamed through this link so that anyone anywhere could view these videos. Videos included various topics with one, Re-entering the job market, being targeted at older job seekers and women returners which was delivered by Women Returners Network and Grey Matters Network. Employability, who exhibited at Dublin Castle, received 100 applications on the day which was an 80% increase in interest from previous years. Equally there was an increase in applications received by employers, where feedback showed 100% of employers rating the event as excellent/very good, with 90% stating an interest in participating at future events. Overall numbers of job seekers had risen, with an attendance of 2645 at the Dublin Castle event alone, indicating a 10.7% increase from 2018.</p> | | | Complete |

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Ambition 5.1: Become a leader in adopting and developing standards in the low carbon economy

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| 5.1(i) | Publish an environmental sustainability roadmap for the agri-food sector to ensure that the future development of agriculture and the land-use sector, including forestry, will be built upon and contribute fairly to Ireland’s climate targets. | Develop roadmap building blocks: vision, mission, principles and targets | DAFM |
| The Department is currently in the process of developing a roadmap (“Ag-Climatise”) to ensure the future development of the agriculture, land use including the forest sector and will be built upon environmental sustainability and contribute fairly to Ireland’s climate, air and energy targets. | | | Complete |

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| 5.1(i) | Publish an environmental sustainability roadmap for the agri-food sector to ensure that the future development of agriculture and the land-use sector, including forestry, will be built upon and contribute fairly to Ireland’s climate targets. | Establishment of workstreams to develop actions to deliver targets | DAFM |
| The project incorporates various strands including developing a vision, mission and guiding principles and also the establishment of working groups to develop of an action plan for implementation of targets regarding emissions, sequestration and energy. Initial meetings have been held and a document is being prepared on the basis of those discussions which will go to public consultation during Q3 2019. | | | Complete |

Ambition 5.1: Become a leader in adopting and developing standards in the low carbon economy

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| 5.1(i) | Publish an environmental sustainability roadmap for the agri-food sector to ensure that the future development of agriculture and the land-use sector, including forestry, will be built upon and contribute fairly to Ireland’s climate targets. | Commence DAFM/EPA funded project to identify pathways to carbon neutrality | DAFM |
| NUIG has been awarded funding to commence the EPA Research Project: 2018-CCRP-MS.57. Scenarios Quantifying land Use & Emissions Transitions towards Equilibrium with Removals. The first steering group meeting was in mid-April 2019. The project is anticipated to extend to 36 months duration with an interim report after 12 months. | | | Complete |
| The project combines NUIG expertise in bioeconomic modelling and GHG accounting and life cycle assessment (LCA) with Teagasc expertise in transdisciplinary research. It aims to develop a collaborative and transdisciplinary approach with relevant stakeholders to identifying potential pathways towards carbon neutrality by 2050 for Ireland’s agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sector. | | | |

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Ambition 5.2: Realise the opportunities for economic activity and job creation

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| 5.2(v) | <p>Further develop and implement green public procurement (GPP) as part of National Public Procurement Policy Framework which includes:</p> <p>a. Progress the incorporation of environmental considerations into public procurement through the Social Considerations Advisory Group</p> <p>b. Produce a green procurement implementation policy.</p> | <p>First meeting of cross departmental Social Considerations Working Group</p> | <p>DCCAIE</p> |
| <p>The OGP has hosted the first meeting of the Social Considerations Working Group. Terms of Reference have been circulated to group members for observations. M/PER has prioritised green public procurement for treatment by the Working Group. GPP, as a policy lever to achieve climate action objectives, features in a number of actions in the Climate Action Plan 2019 as published.</p> | | | <p>Complete</p> |

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| <p>In line with the Government Decision of 3 January, 2019, DCCAIE and OGP have engaged to bring forward proposals on implementing green public procurement as part of national public procurement policy. A series of meetings has taken place between OGP and DCCAIE initiating this work item as planned. Discussions are focusing on the breadth, depth and timing of introducing green criteria into public purchasing decisions. A D/PER circular is at an advanced stage of drafting and is scheduled for issue in Q3 in line with the Climate Action Plan 2019 (Action 148).The SEAI and EPA are also collaborating with DCCAIE and OGP in development of training in GPP.</p> | | | <p>Complete</p> |