

# Saving Money

IWEA Webinar  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June  
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

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# Delivering the 70by30 target with IWEA's 70by30 Implementation Plan (Four Reports)

1. 70by30 Implementation Plan: Building Onshore Wind
  - Complete – Launching Next
2. 70by30 Implementation Plan: Building Offshore Wind
  - Modelling Underway
3. 70by30 Implementation Plan: Saving Money
  - Launched 15<sup>th</sup> June
4. 70by30 Implementation Plan: Saving Power
  - Complete



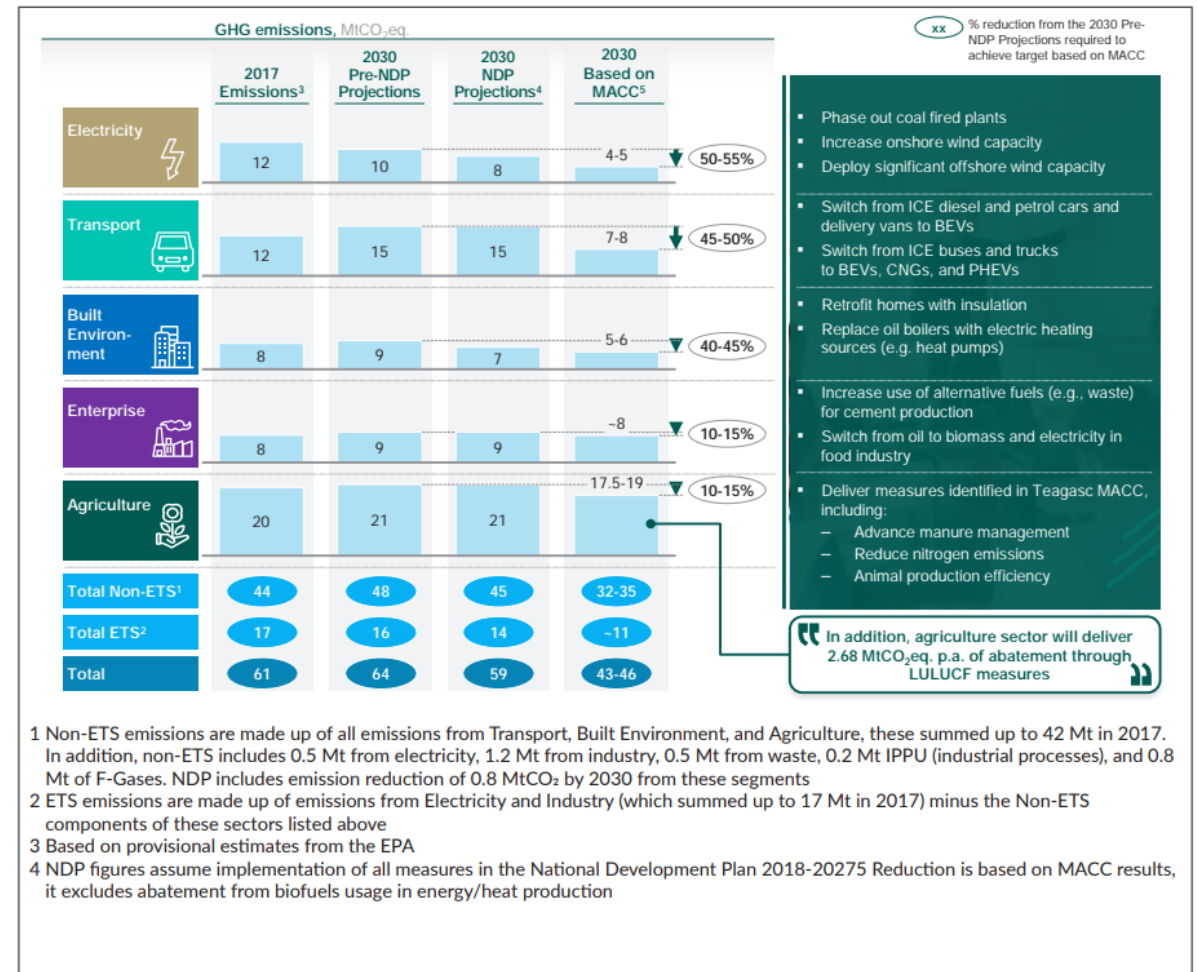
# 70by30 Energy will Save the Most Carbon in the Climate Action Plan

- Climate Action Plan aiming to save ~16 Mt by 2030
- 70by30 will save ~8 Mt of carbon by 2030

*i.e. 50% of all*

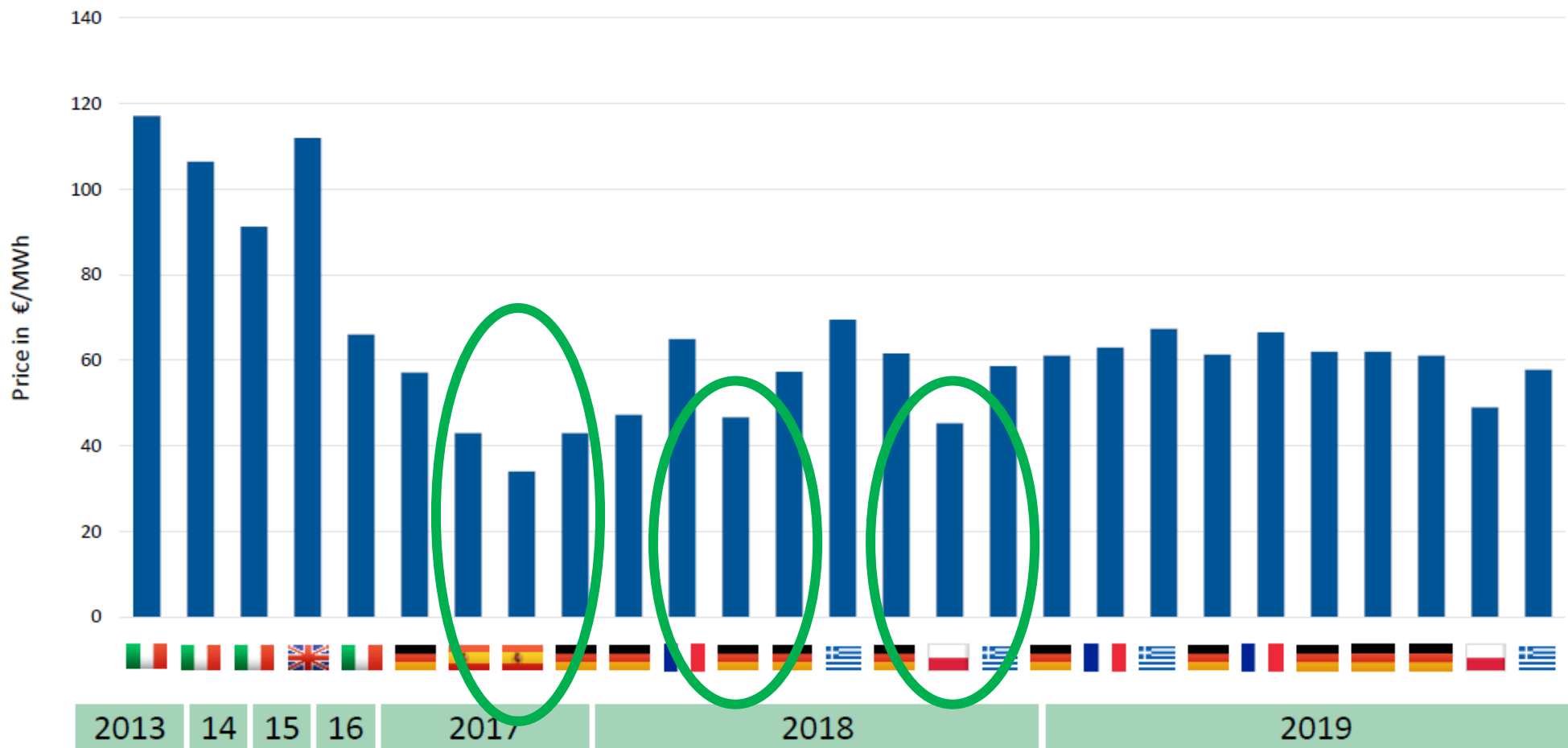
- **INDUSTRY IS DEVELOPING ENOUGH PROJECTS TO MEET 2030 TARGETS**

Figure 4.3 Indicative Sectoral Targets for Ireland to 2030<sup>14</sup>



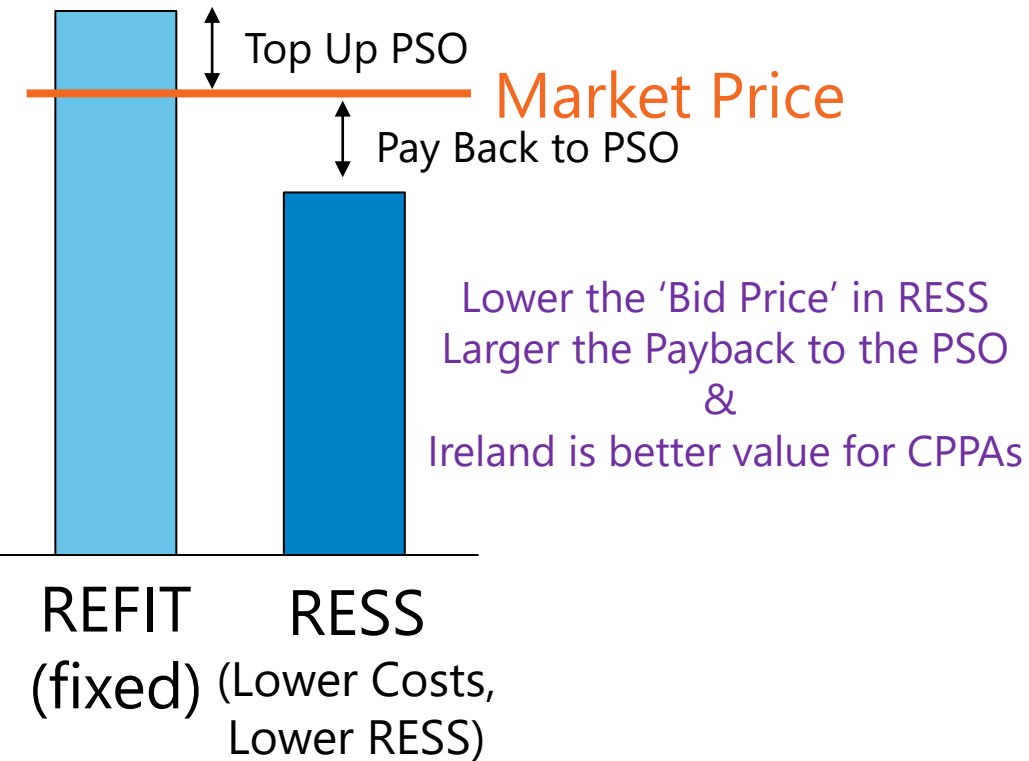
# Cost of onshore wind is decreasing

Auction results

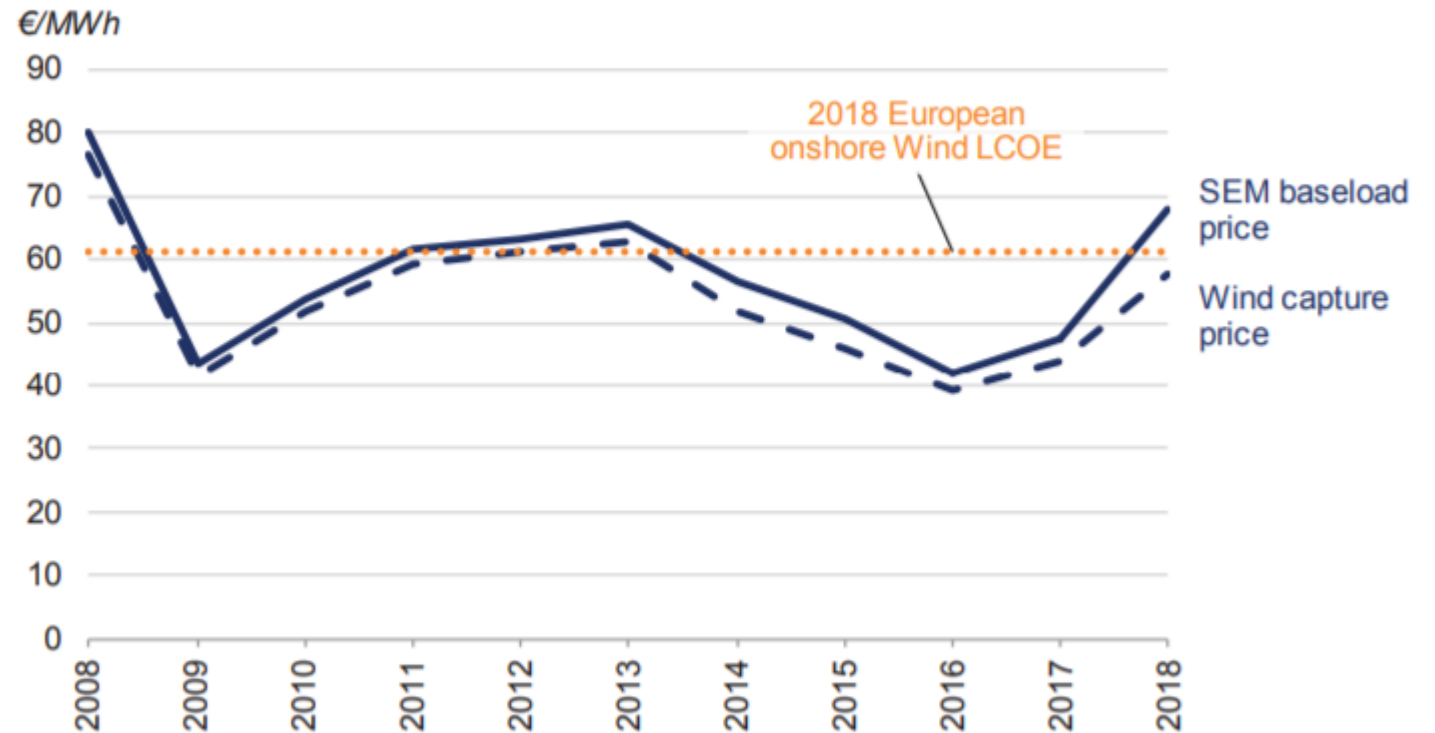


Onshore Wind  
as low as €35-  
45/MWh in  
Other EU  
Member States

# Historical Market Prices in Ireland



**Figure 1 – Historical average wholesale electricity prices in the SEM**  
(€/MWh, nominal money)



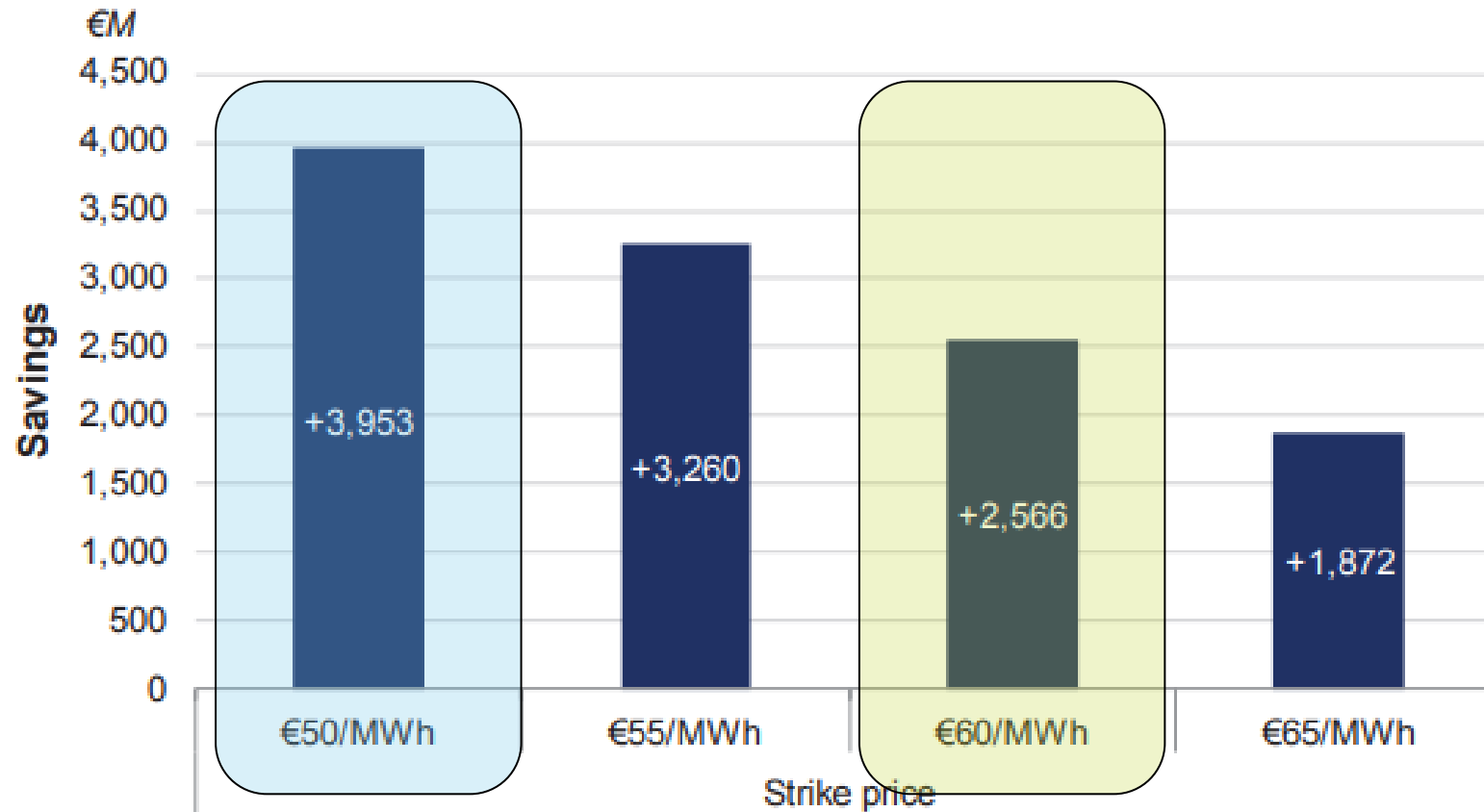
Note: The baseload price gives equal weight to all hours in a year and reflects the System Marginal Price in 2008 to September 2018 and the Day Ahead price from October 2018 onwards; the wind capture price weights each hour by the amount of wind generation available that hour.

Source: Wholesale prices – SEMO; wind capture prices – SEMO and EirGrid; onshore wind LCOE – IRENA.

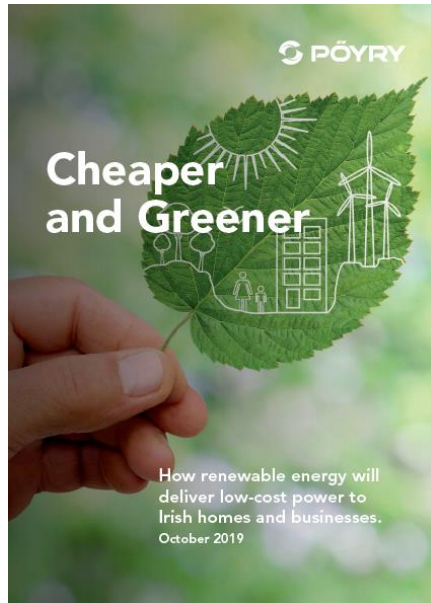
# €10/MWh Saving in LCOE is ~€1.5 billion Extra Saving for Consumers

Savings identified here (i.e. €35/MWh) are therefore >€5 billion in savings for Irish Consumers

Figure 3 – Sensitivity of Net Consumer Value to different auction strike prices  
(€M, real 2017 money)



Note: A discount rate of 6% was used to calculate the net present value.

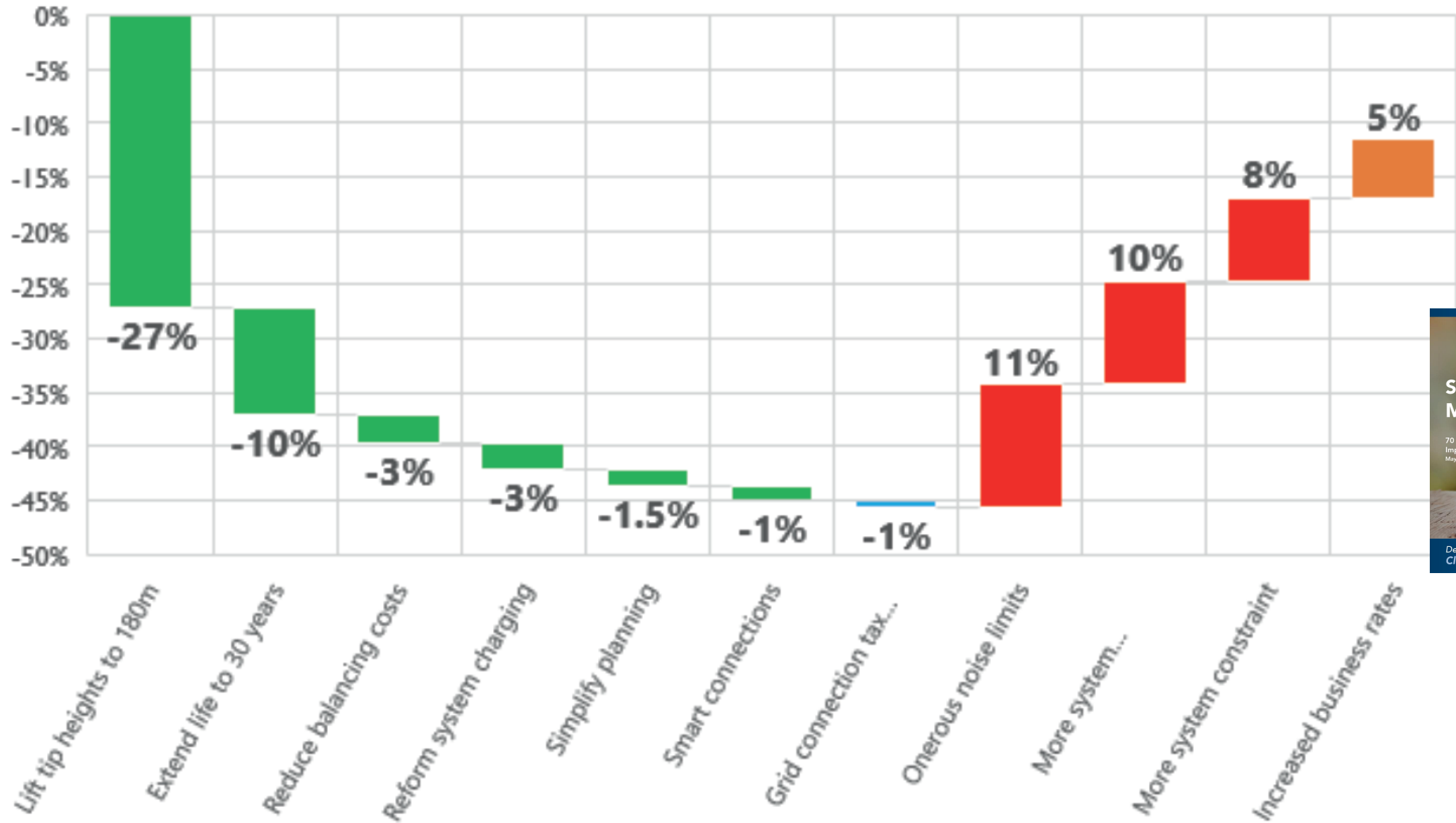




■ Cost reducer – direct consumer saving  
■ Cost reducer – savings transferred

■ Cost raiser – direct consumer cost  
■ Cost raiser – costs transferred

## Impact on LCOE



## Policy Choices to Reduce the Cost of Onshore Wind in Ireland

Name	Description	Lead Stakeholders	Most Affected	Others Impacted <sup>A</sup>	Cost Impact
<b>1. Tip Heights</b>	Ensure that taller wind turbines can be accommodated in the revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines	DHPLG, DCCAE, Communities, Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála	All Consumers receive savings via the PSO due to lower RESS bid prices.		-27 per cent -€20.3/MWh
<b>2. Noise Limits</b>	Ensure the revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines do not include extreme noise limits	DHPLG, DCCAE, Communities, Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála	All Consumers pay additional costs via the PSO due to higher RESS bid prices.		+11.4 per cent +€8.6/MWh
<b>3. Life Extension</b>	Grant planning for wind farms for 30 years	Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála, DHPLG	All Consumers.	Offshore Wind; Solar	-10 per cent -€7.5/MWh
<b>4. Simplified Planning</b>	a) Enhanced community engagement; b) Implement regional planning for wind energy; c) Improve SID engagement and decision timelines in An Bord Pleanála; d) Facilitate grid consenting in parallel to wind farm consenting.	a) Wind farm developers; b) DHPLG & Regional Authorities (via REPDF); c) An Bord Pleanála & DHPLG; d) DHPLG & CRU to facilitate grid installations on public roads	All Consumers. Some savings should be allocated to additional resources in Regional Authorities & ABP.	Offshore Wind	-1.5 per cent -€1.1/MWh
<b>5a. Curtailment</b>	Continuation of the DS3 program to ensure enough system services (reserve, inertia, reactive power, and ramping) can be provided, ideally by zero-carbon services, to increase SNSP to 95 per cent and eliminate 'Min Gen'. Create more flexibility on the Irish grid via interconnection and Demand Side Management/storage.	CRU to provide enough resources via PR5 and EirGrid/ESBN to implement, particularly via continuation of DS3, more interconnection and flexible technologies.	All Consumers. Some savings should be allocated to EirGrid, ESBN & industry to invest in new solutions required.	Offshore Wind; Solar	+10 per cent +€7.5/MWh
<b>5b. Constraints</b>	Progress grid reinforcements based on future development along with alternative network solutions using best-in-class community engagement. Streamline EirGrid's 'six-step' process and create a Grid Capacity Advisory Council.	CRU to provide enough resources via Price Review 5 and EirGrid to design/consent based on future outlook. ESBN to build the grid once a clear need is demonstrated.		Offshore Wind; Solar	+8 per cent +€6/MWh
<b>6. Grid Charges</b>	Provide fixed grid charges (DLAF, TLAF, DuOS and TuOS) before financial close of a wind farm and allocate future cost changes to new connections and/or to be socialised.	CRU to review grid charges methodology.	All Consumers will benefit from lower capital costs. Reform of grid charges should otherwise be cost neutral.	Offshore Wind; Solar	-3 per cent -€2.3/MWh





<b>7. Grid Connections*</b>	More contestability for grid connections, sufficient grid offers and alignment of grid offer process with RESS auctions, facilitate hybrid connections by allowing separate legal entities and dynamic sharing of capacity at a single connection point.	CRU via review of Hybrid policy, ECP policy and PR5. EirGrid and ESBN to implement Hybrid and ECP policy with resources/incentives from PR5.	All Consumers. Some savings should be allocated to EirGrid & ESBN for additional resources to deliver.	Offshore Wind; Solar	-1 per cent -€0.8/MWh
<b>8. Balancing Costs</b>	Create more flexibility on the Irish grid via interconnection and DSM/storage; couple I-SEM to Europe via SIDC (formerly XBID); improve liquidity in the continuous markets by allowing new products and GB access to all intraday markets; avoid excessive system margins.	EirGrid via SEMO and CRU to update the I-SEM design. EirGrid to facilitate more interconnection and flexible technologies.	All Consumers with some savings offset by investment in new solutions.	Offshore Wind; Solar	-3 per cent -€2.3/MWh
<b>9. Commercial Rates</b>	Reverse recent increase in commercial rates for wind farms so they are maintained at similar levels to those payable by fossil fuel generators. For example, Ireland could decrease the rates payable by wind farms by updating the Valuations Act to exclude the moving parts of a wind turbine which is the case in Northern Ireland.	DHPLG to update the Valuation Act. Valuation Office to implement based on a more transparent and robust valuation scheme for wind farms.	All Consumers. Reduced commercial rates liability will enable wind farms to sell power more cheaply.	Solar	+5 per cent +€3.8/MWh
<b>10. Grid Capital Allowances</b>	Allow the capital costs associated with grid connections to be included as capital expenditure like roads, turbines and electricity systems when reducing the amount of tax payable, as allowed in the UK.	Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners	Lower costs for wind, but tax reductions will need to be collected elsewhere or offset by future growth in wind.	Offshore Wind; Solar	-1 per cent -€0.8/MWh
<b>Total Savings</b>					-46.5 per cent -€35/MWh
<b>Total Costs</b>					+34.4 per cent +€26/MWh

^The analysis was originally based on onshore wind, but there are a number of policies that will potentially benefit offshore wind and solar also, which are also central to the Irish government's plans for 2030.

\*This does not account for the cost of uncertainty due to grid delivery. For example, if renewable electricity auctions include 'cliff edge' deadlines then this will create additional risk for a project, particularly in relation to the timelines for grid delivery. This will be an additional cost to consider and was beyond the scope of the analysis here.

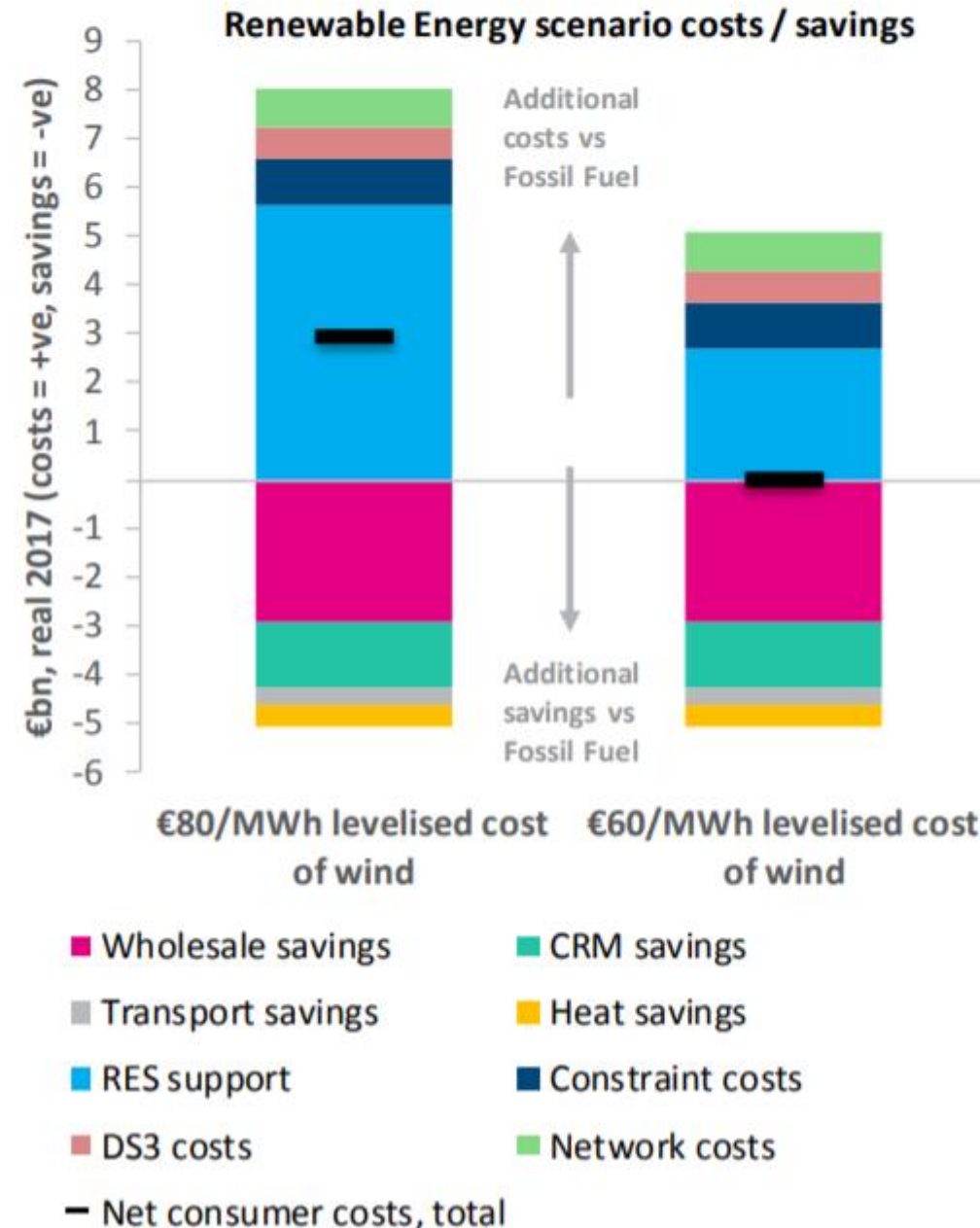
**Need Cross-Department 'Cost Task Force' to Ensure we realise these Savings**



70by30 for  
Electricity:  
Cost Neutral  
@€60/MWh



Figure 1 Summary of total Renewable Energy scenario costs and benefits relative to the Fossil Fuel scenario (2020-2030)



# Need to Spend Money to Save Money!

## SPEND MILLIONS

- Resources (DPER?):
  - DCCAE
  - DHPLG
  - An Bord Pleanála
  - Regional Assemblies
- Price Review 5 (CRU)
  - Infrastructure & Resources
  - EirGrid/ESB Networks
  - Grid Capacity
  - DS3
  - Grid Charges
  - Market Design (SEMO)



## TO SAVE BILLIONS!

- Lower Wind Prices
- Lower Bid Prices in RESS
- Lower PSO Costs
- More Corporate PPAs





# 70by30 Implementation Plan Saving Money



# WIND ENERGY IN IRELAND

## ANNUAL REPORT – 2019



**32.5%**

In 2019 wind energy provided 32.5% of our electricity.



**4,130 MW**

The Republic of Ireland now has 4,130 MW of installed wind capacity.

**24**

New wind farms built in 2019.

An extra

**463 MW**

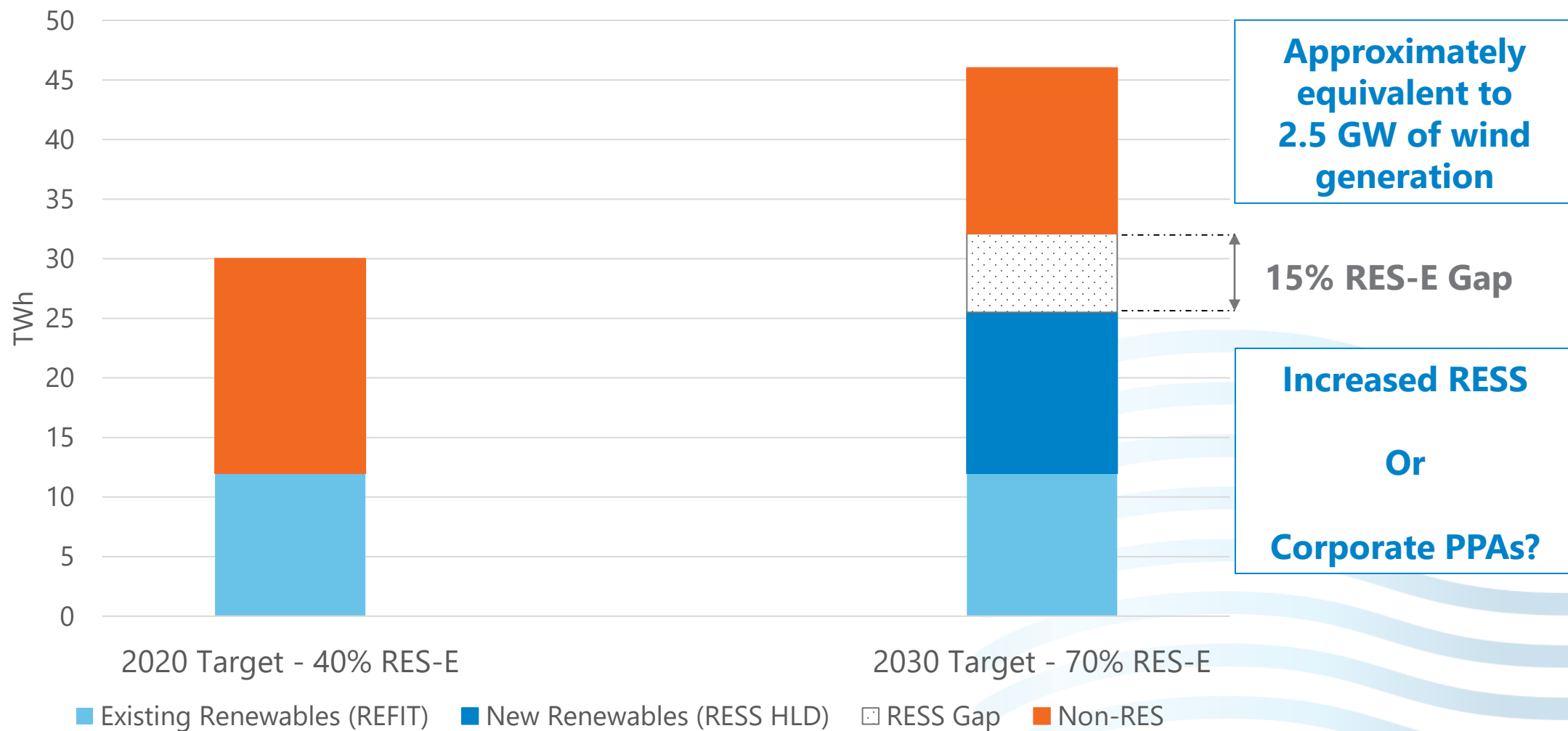
of new wind capacity installed.

Wind **outperformed gas** in February and December.

New record set with **4,039 MW of wind** on the all-island system.



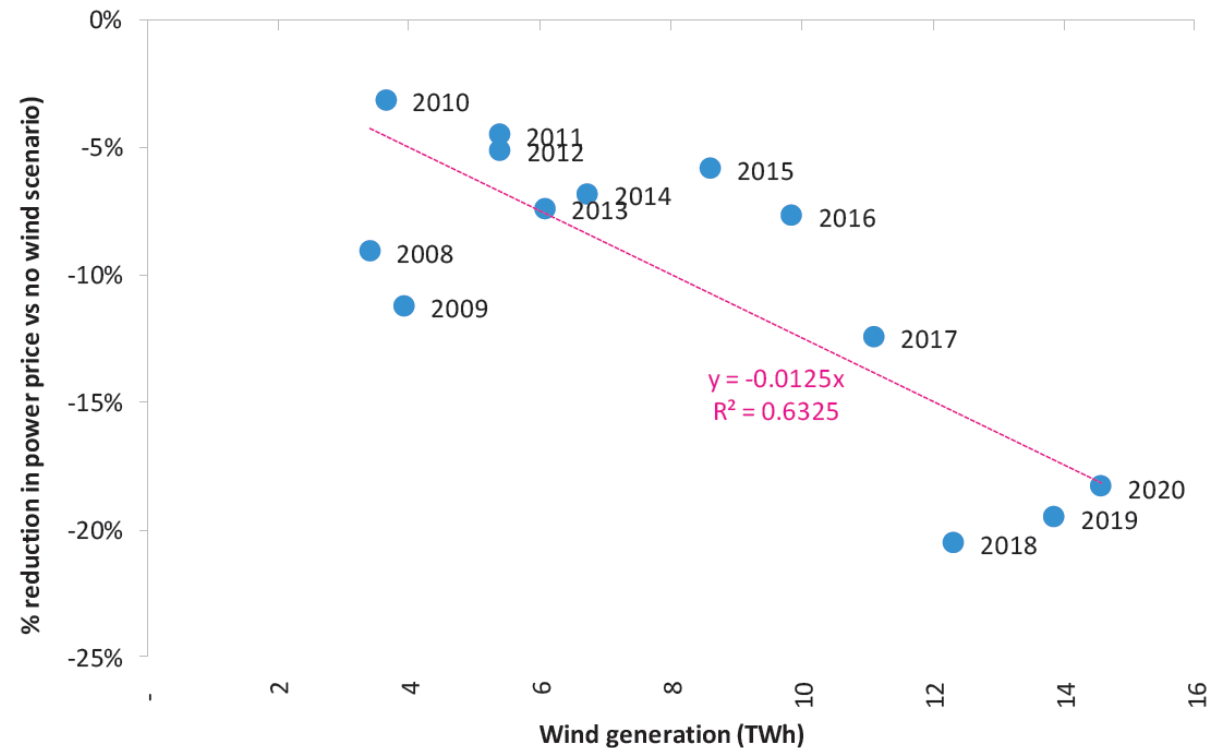
# 70% RES-E - Increased RESS Volumes or Corporate PPAs?



# Wind Energy Drives Down Prices in the Electricity Market



Figure 6 Wind generation and wholesale price reduction vs 'no wind' scenario



# Planning and Environment – Tip height

## Base case assumptions

- 90m rotor, 80m hub
- 125m tip height
- Shear = 0.2
- 9 turbine on 6D x 4D spacing
- Industry best practice losses

## Benefits of increased tip height

- Latest turbine tech with improved wind conditions
- Reduced turbine and civils CAPEX per MW
- Reduced turbine OPEX per MW

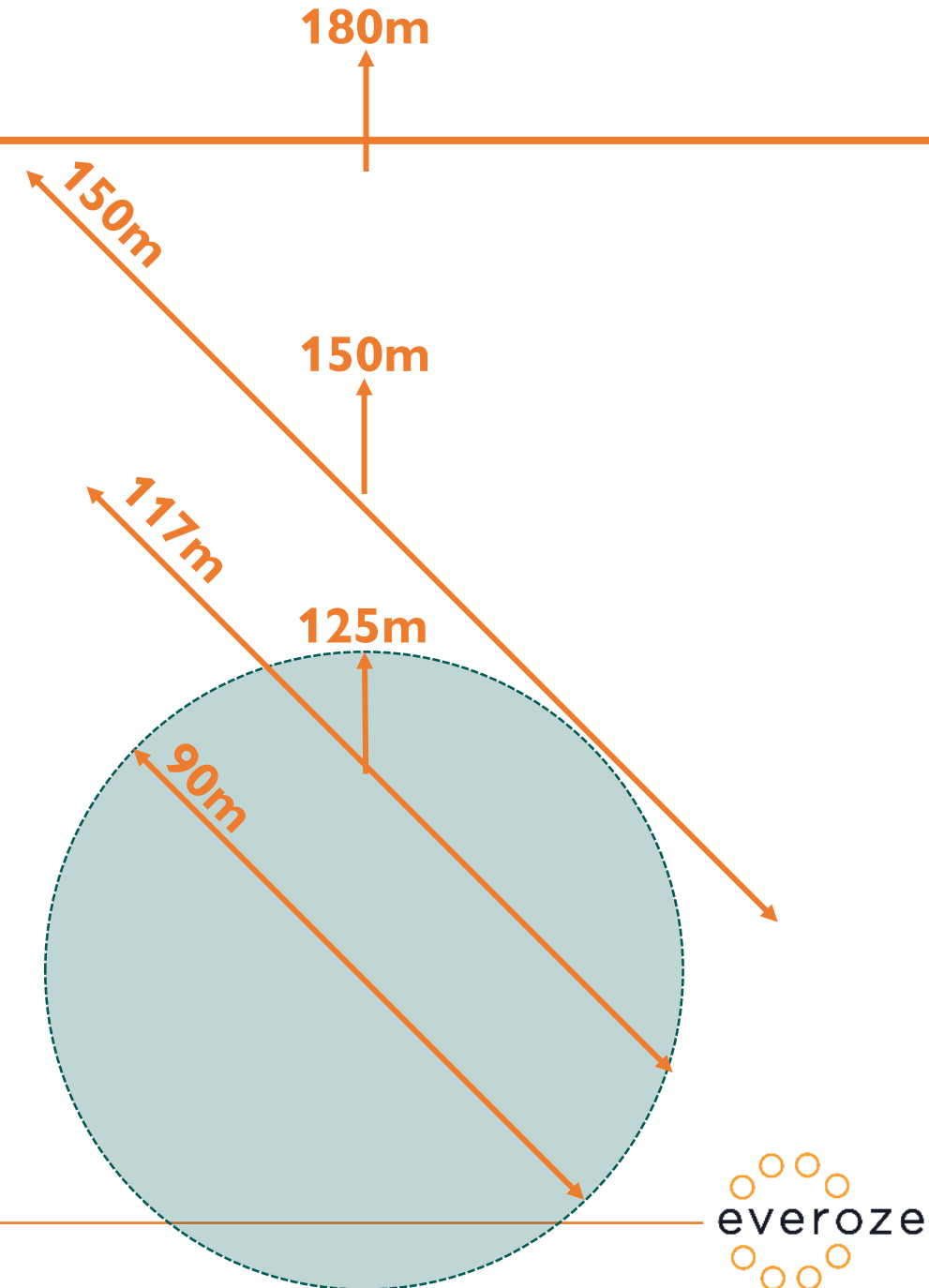
## LCoE impact on base case

150m

-12%

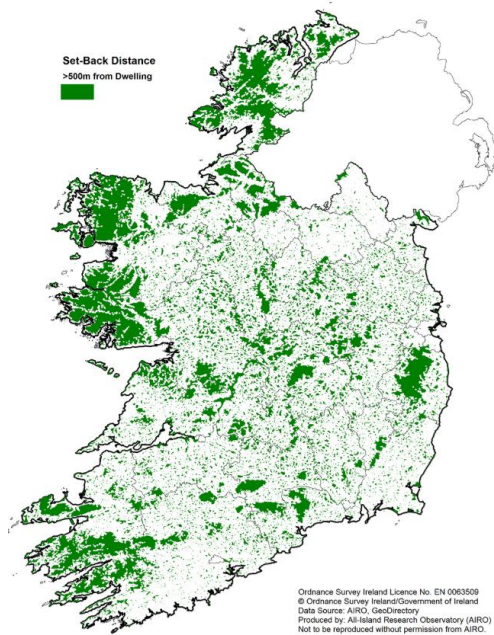
180m

-27%

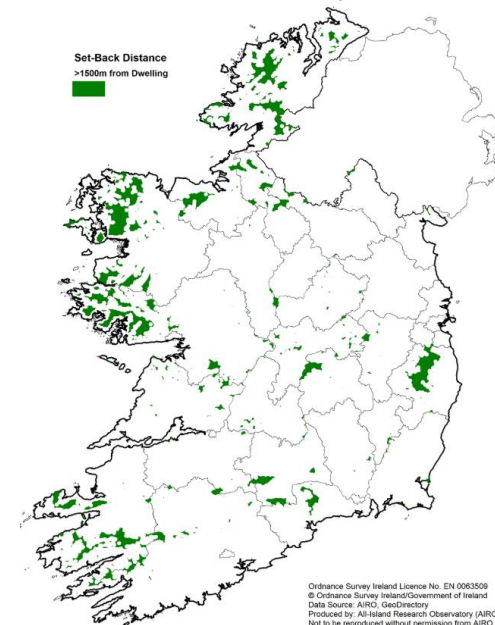


# An excessive setback distance could prevent future onshore wind development

500 METRES SETBACK = 23% LAND  
(CURRENT GUIDELINES)



1500 METRES SETBACK = 5% LAND  
(10 X MIN TIP OF 150 M)



Source: <https://irelandafternama.wordpress.com/2012/11/26/wind-turbines-bill/>

# 20% Increase in Height = 180% Increase in Power





**Bellacorrick:**  
New turbines are 3.2  
MW vs. the original  
0.3 MW, so  
x10 times the Power  
for x3.6 times the  
height  
(~180 m high).

**22 Original turbines**  
will be replaced by 2  
new turbines  
(~50 m high).



NIRIG @NIRIGrenewables - Jul/2  
Awww - look the the size of the wains 🤔

A new 3.2 MW turbine going up at Ovenshury Wind Farm in Co. Mayo. Right beside it are  
the original 0.3 MW turbines installed in 1992.

Small far away

yes but it's a long drive home

# Larger Turbines Can be Quieter Turbines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjO7aS6WZ5g>

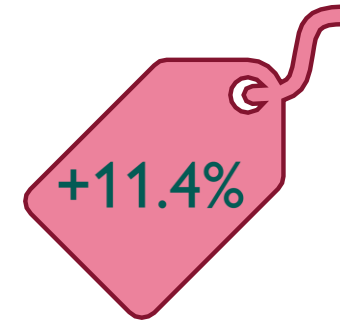
No	Type	Power	Rotor	Tip height	Noise
		(MW)	(m)	(m)	(dBa)
1	V117-4.2MW	4.2MW	117	150m+	106 dBa
2	V126-3.6MW	3.6MW	126	150m+	104.4 dBa
3	V136-3.6MW	3.6MW	136	150m+	105.5 dBa
4	V136-4.2MW	4.2MW	136	150m+	103.9 dBa
5	V150-4.2MW	4.2MW	150	180+	104.9 dBa
6	V150-5.6MW	5.6MW	150	180+	104.9 dBa
7	V162-5.6MW	5.6MW	162	200+	104 dBa



# Planning and Environment – Other scenarios

## Noise

- Implementing proposed WEG guidelines will increase need to restrict wind turbine performance
- IWEA 10% reduction in AEP based on models of members sites



## Life extension – extending permitted operating life from 20 years

...to 25 years

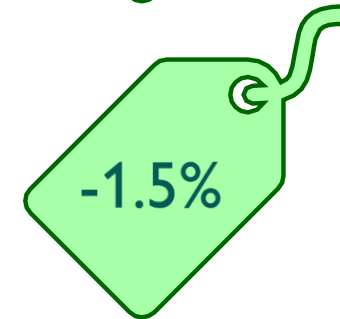


...to 30 years



## Simplified planning

- Less uncertainty in development = smaller risk premiums
- Reduced time in development phase
- 28% reduction in DEVEX



# WEGs: IWEA Main Concerns & Proposed Compromise

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## Noise: a) limits and b) method:

- Independent experts say method “contains a number of technical errors, ambiguities and inconsistencies” – IWEA acousticians have identified 309 issues
- Wind Europe “The proposed noise limit of 35-43 dB would be, by some distance, one of the lowest and harshest limits in the whole EU”
- Compromise: keep 35-43 dBA limits, but use Northern Ireland/UK method

# Northern Ireland Noise Data

- Northern Ireland: A recent study from Northern Ireland concluded that only 20 out of ~11,700 noise complaints over a 12-month period in 2017/2018 were related to wind farms i.e. 0.1% of all noise complaints.
  - Page 12: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/daera/DAERA%20Noise%20Complaint%20Statistics%20NI%202017-18.pdf>

**Table 1**

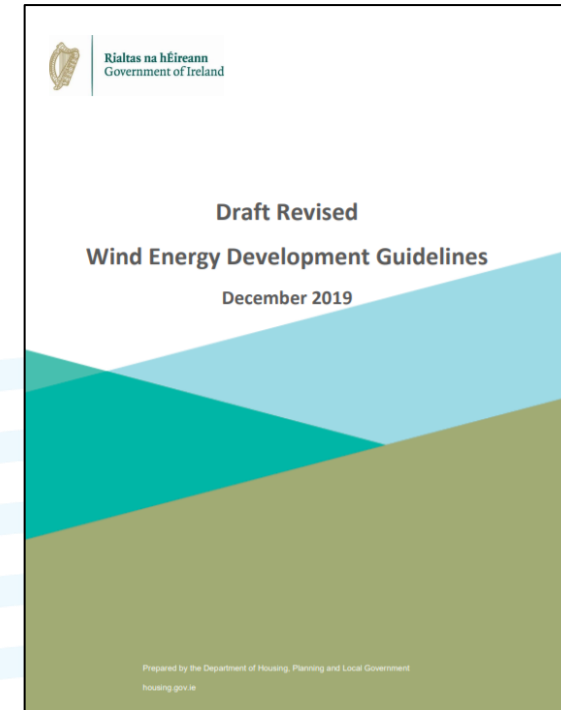
Total noise complaints received by district council 2017-18

COUNCIL	Category of Source															
	Industrial				Commercial & Leisure							Domestic				
	Industry Manufacturing Workshops	Agricultural	Wind Turbine (Individual)	Wind Farm	Entertainment Premises	Sports & Leisure	Petrol Stations/Car Wash	Hot Food Bars Restaurants	Other Shops & Offices	Security Alarms	Other	DIY	Music Televisions Parties	Animal Noise	House Alarms	Other Neighbour Noise
Antrim & Newtownabbey	22	2	6	2	3	10	0	0	3	4	34	8	119	289	7	87
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	9	11	12	0	1	25	1	2	0	2	4	7	143	409	6	52
Belfast	2	0	0	0	366	49	4	3	68	163	51	49	3,648	813	147	899
Causeway Coast & Glens	12	5	6	4	5	0	0	1	0	8	11	1	62	313	10	17
Derry & Strabane	18	2	2	2	26	3	0	6	1	3	5	4	77	239	11	52
Fermanagh & Omagh	8	7	7	2	5	1	2	0	3	4	3	1	41	120	0	51
Lisburn & Castlereagh	9	9	2	0	4	8	2	1	0	4	0	3	80	283	2	58
Mid & East Antrim	10	4	4	1	5	6	0	0	4	4	1	8	60	216	5	49
Mid Ulster	26	11	3	7	2	3	1	0	1	4	1	2	54	196	1	34
Newry, Mourne & Down	22	4	13	0	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	19	242	4	43
Ards & North Down	6	6	2	2	3	8	0	2	3	9	6	2	62	319	5	38
TOTAL	144	61	57	20	424	115	10	16	83	206	116	85	4,365	3,439	198	1,380
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# Draft Wind Energy Guidelines a Huge Concern

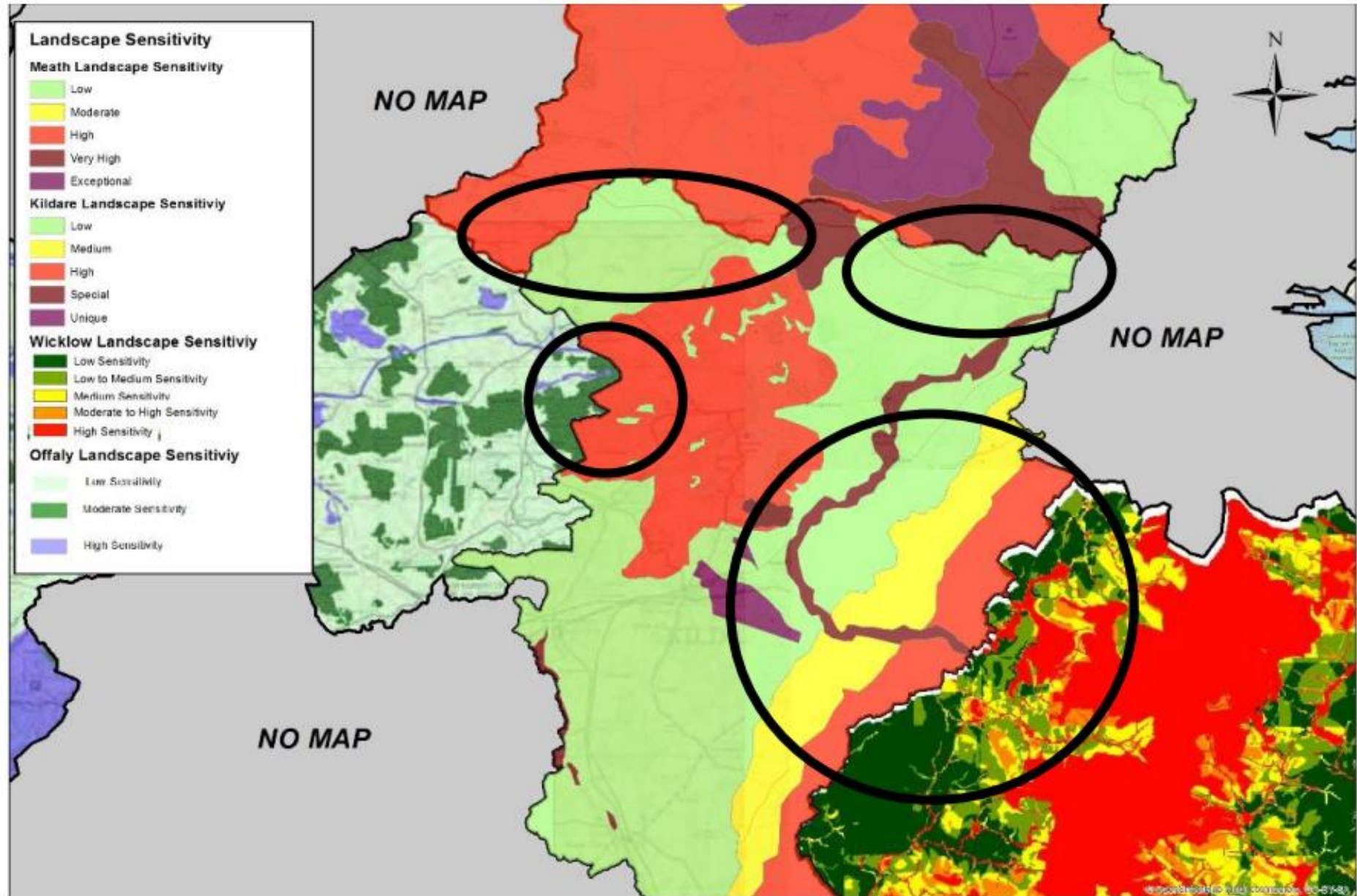
- No assessment of reduction in capacity from existing wind farms (IWEA estimate 36% at risk)
- No assessment of reduction in future onshore wind development (e.g. setback means 40% less land. Overall, 2030 onshore wind target = high risk)
- No assessment of additional costs to consumer i.e. higher bid prices in RESS (IWEA estimate of limits only = €2.7 billion)
- No assessment of the scale of concerns e.g. number of noise complaints (IWEA estimate = ~20 per year)



# Simplified Planning

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# Example of Simplified Planning: Regional Approach



# Curtailment/ Constraints

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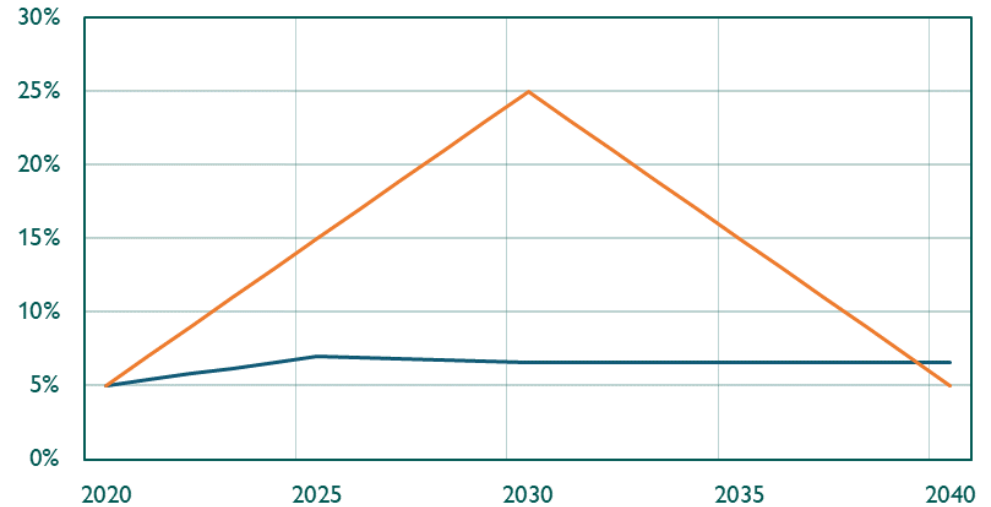
# Grid – Constraint and curtailment

## Curtailment

Base case: per 70by30 study

Downside scenario:

- 5% in 2020 (operations year 1)
- rising to 25% in 2030
- falling back to 5% by 2040

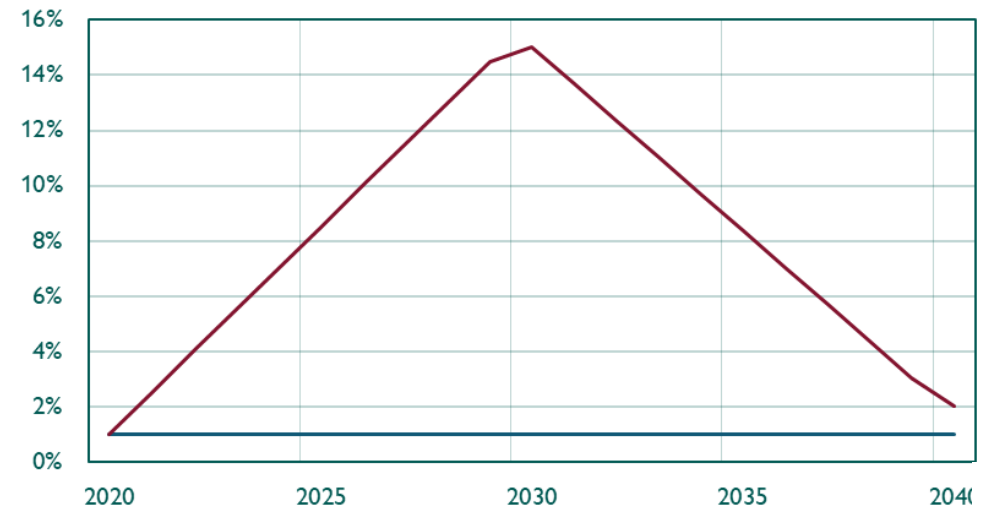
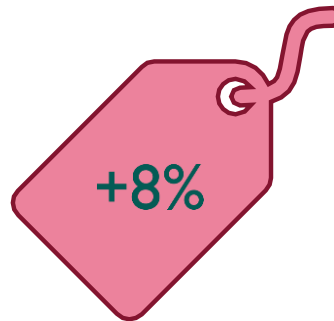


## Constraint

Base case: 1% flat

Downside scenario:

- 1% in 2020 (operations year 1)
- rising to 15% in 2030
- falling back to 2% by 2040





# Curtailment Solutions: Coming Soon in 'Saving Power'





## DS3+ & Interconnection

Scenario	SNSP	Min Gen	Interconnector Capacity	Average Interconnector Exports*	Curtailment in 2030 with 70% RES-E	Stakeholders Responsible for Individual Policies
"Climate Action Plan" Scenario i.e. All Measures Successfully Implemented	90%	700MW	2030MW	90%	5.5%	EirGrid/ ESNB /CRU
Impact of Failure for Each Policy Measure Individually						
DS3+ Failure	75%	1400MW	2030MW	90%	16.4%	EirGrid/ ESNB /CRU
Interconnection Export Capacity Failure	90%	700MW	580MW	90%	19.1%	EirGrid/ CRU
Interconnection Market Failure	90%	700MW	2030MW	50%	12.4%	SEMO/ EirGrid/ CRU
Impact of Failure for All Policy Measures Combined						
DS3+ Failure, Interconnection Capacity & Market Failure	75%	1400MW	580MW	50%	44%	EirGrid/ ESNB /CRU



Identifying the relative and combined impact and importance of a range of curtailment mitigation options on high RES-E systems in 2030 & 2040


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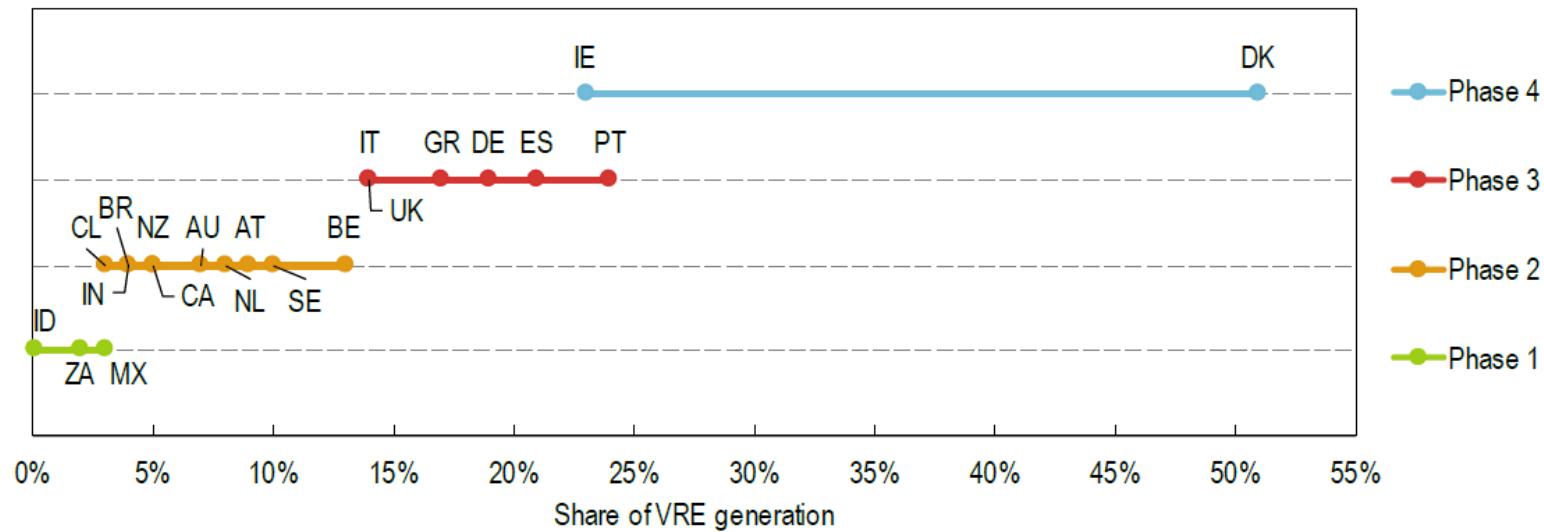
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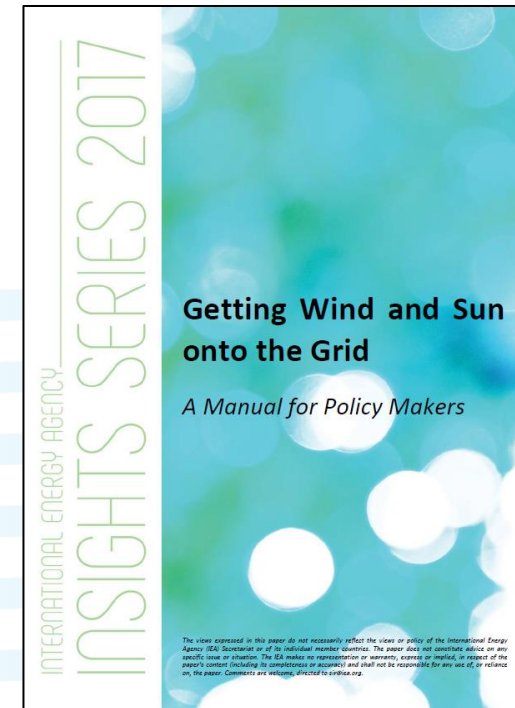
# Ireland is a World Leader in Wind Power Integration

**Figure 1 • Annual VRE generation shares in selected countries and correspondence to different VRE phases, 2015**

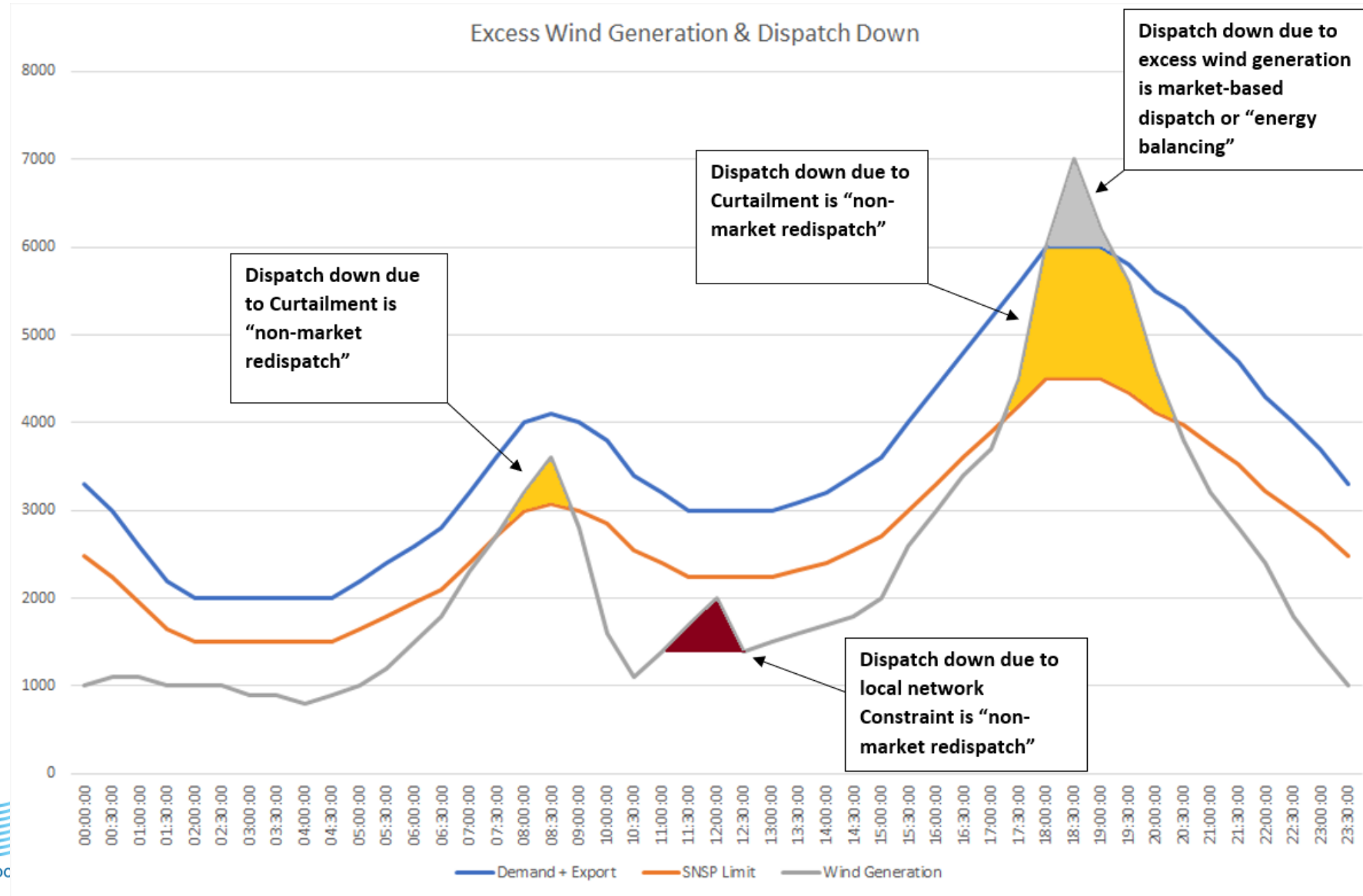


Source: Adapted from IEA (2016d), *Medium-Term Renewable Energy Market Report 2016*

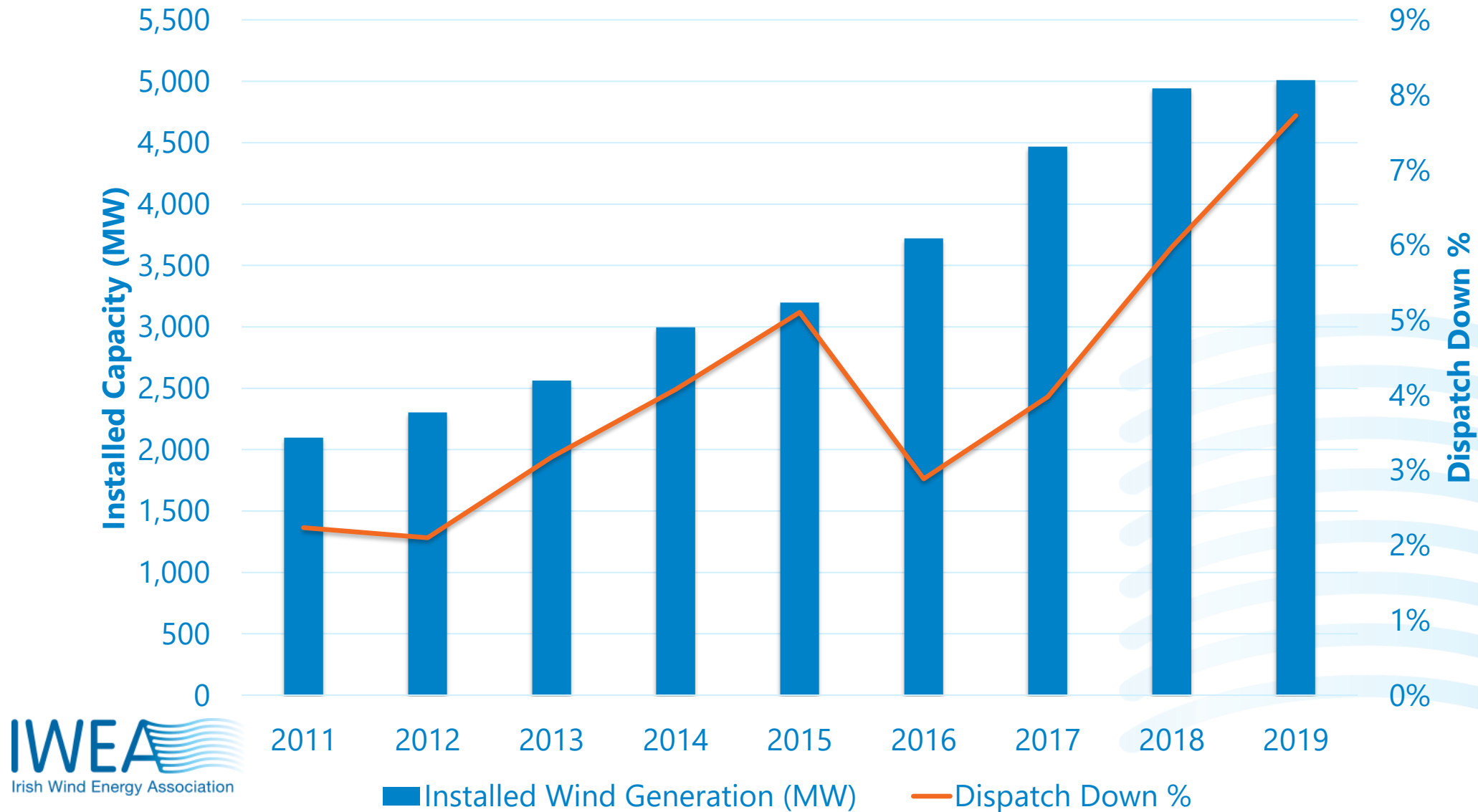
**Key point •** Each phase can span a wide range in terms of VRE share of electricity: there is no single point at which a new phase is entered.



# Three Types of 'Dispatch Down' in Ireland



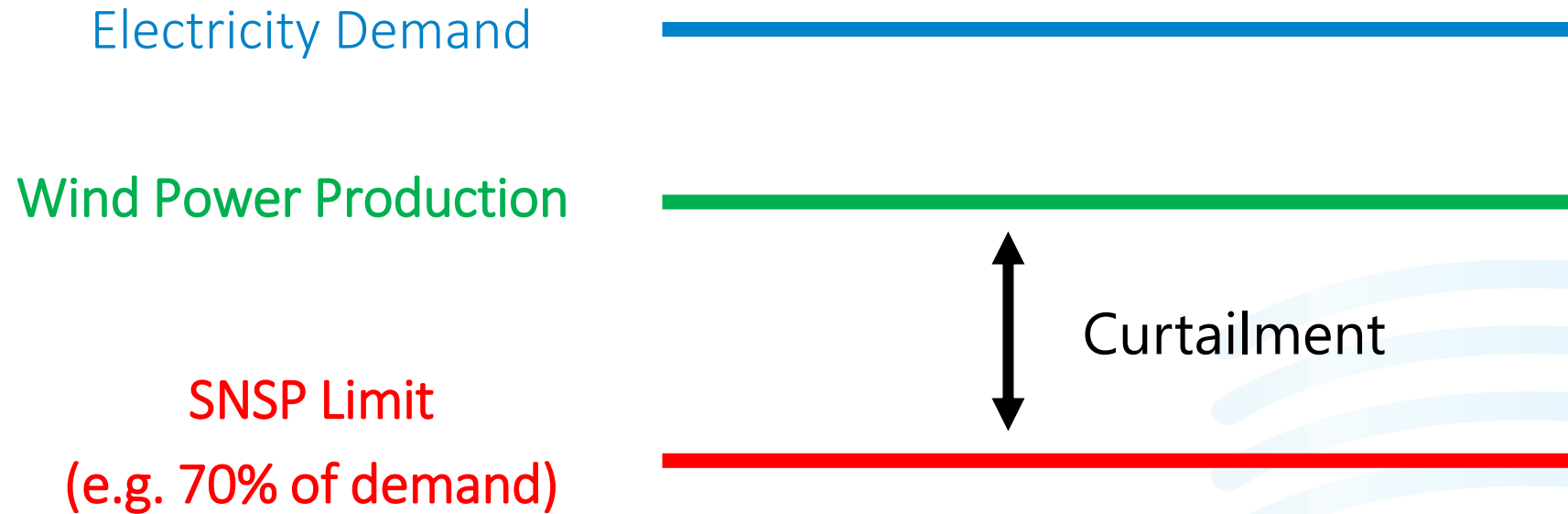
# Maintained Levels of Dispatch Down



# Curtailment

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# Curtailment





# System Services Categories & Zero Carbon Technologies

## Zero Carbon Technologies to provide System Services

### Reserve

- Batteries, Demand Side Response, Renewable Generation (Wind, Solar, Hydro)

### Inertia

- Synchronous Condensers

### Reactive power

- STATCOMS, SVCs, Synchronous Condensers, Renewable Generation (Wind, Solar, Hydro)

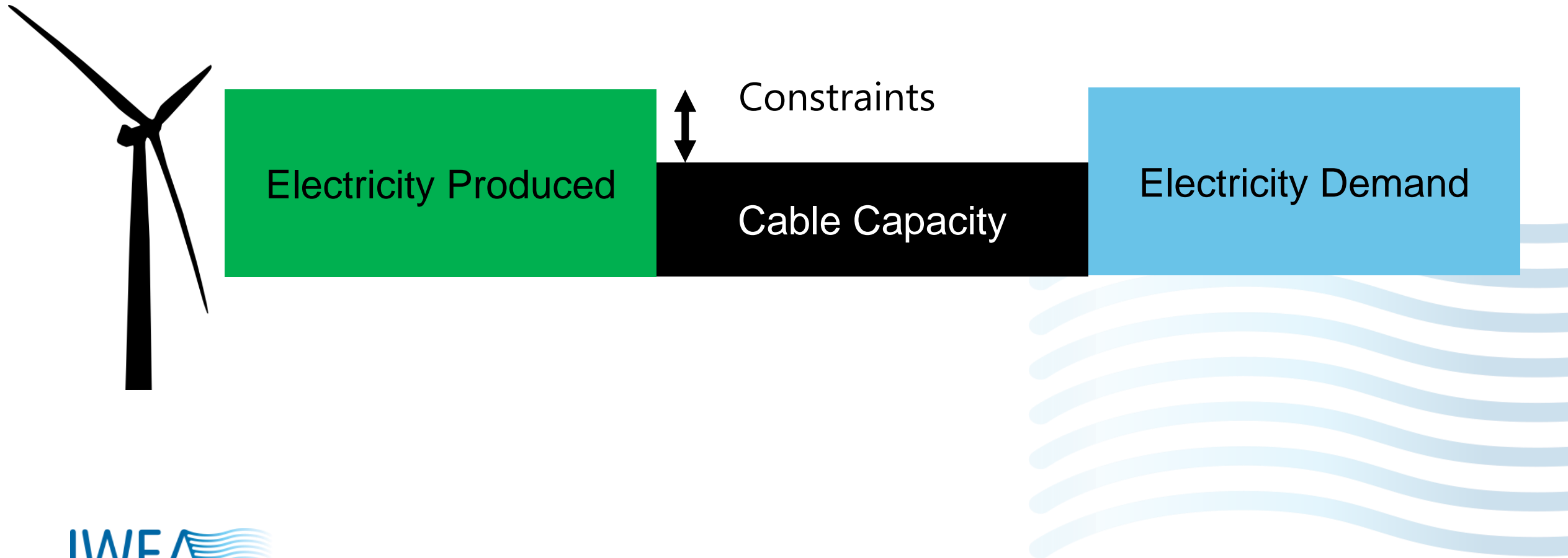
### Ramping

- Long-duration batteries (4-8 hours), Pumped Hydro Generation, Demand Side Response, Flexible Hydrogen Gas Power Plants

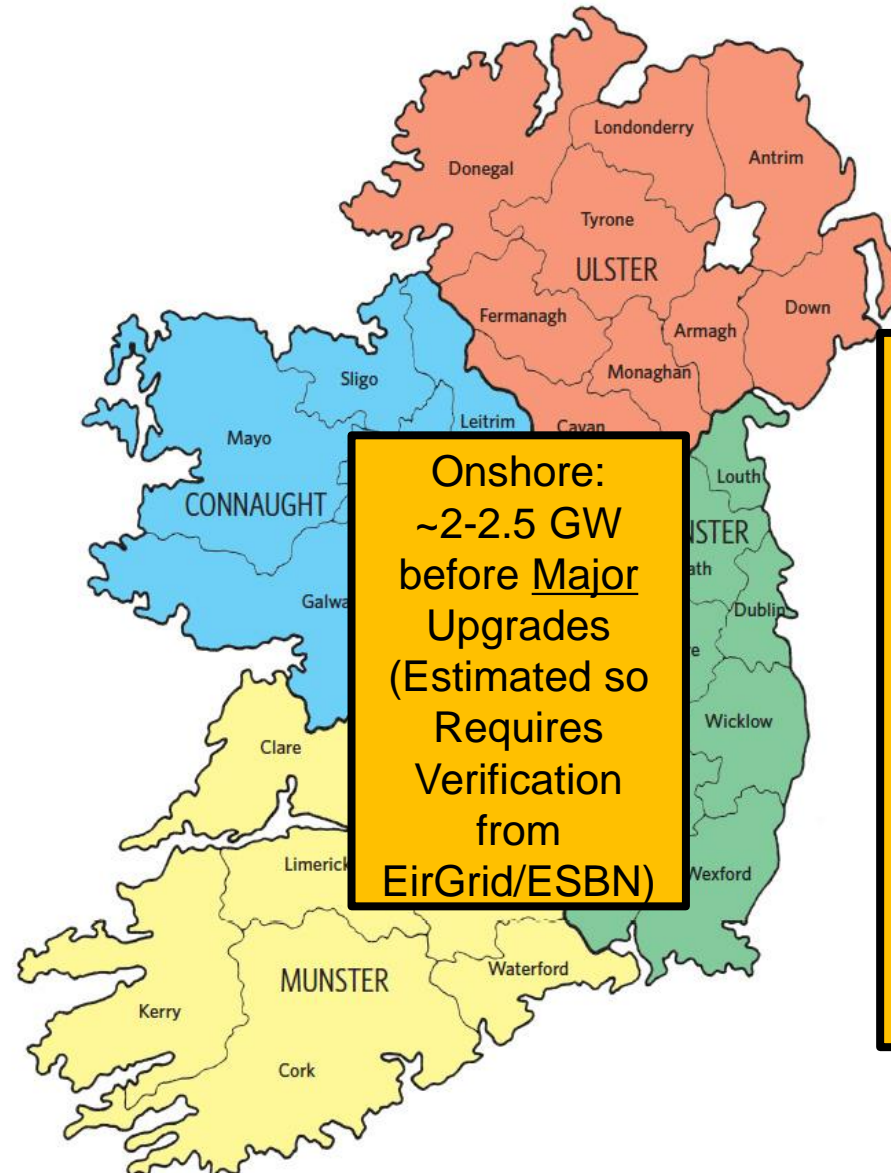
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Onshore:  
~2-2.5 GW  
before Major  
Upgrades  
(Estimated so  
Requires  
Verification  
from  
EirGrid/ESBN)

Offshore:  
East Coast  
~1.5-2 GW  
before Major  
Upgrades  
(EirGrid East  
Coast Study)

# Upgrading Existing Lines

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## Existing Technologies:

- Hybrid connections
- High-Temperature Low-Sag (HTLS) overhead line conductors
- Series Compensation
- Dynamic Line Ratings
- Reactive Power Management Devices

## New Technologies:

- Power Line Guardian
- Voltage Upgrading
- New HTLS Conductors
- New line structures / tower designs