

# THE IRISH CORPORATE LEADERS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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## **Vision**

Ireland will be a world leader among competitive, low carbon economies.

## **Mission**

Through leadership, corporate Ireland will collaborate to trigger the step-change in policy and action needed both to meet the scale of the threat posed by climate change, and to grasp the business opportunities created by moving to a low climate risk economy. We will use our position of influence to work with government and consumers in making the vision of a sustainable, low-carbon society a reality.

## **About us**

The Irish Corporate Leaders Group on Climate Change is an initiative of Business in the Community Ireland, Friends of the Earth and Vodafone. Its 12 current members are:

Arup Consulting Engineers, Bewley's, Bord na Móna, BT, Diageo, Intel, KPMG, NTR, PwC, Siemens, Vodafone, Zurich Life

## **Our key messages:**

### **1: Collectively acknowledge the seriousness of the challenge and the enormity of the opportunity**

- *Ireland has potential to be a world leader in green enterprise and technology, generating jobs and laying the foundations of economic resilience and prosperity for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

### **2: Ireland should advocate and support climate change policy driven by science**

- *Ireland to advocate and support science based emissions reduction targets for 2020 – 25-40% reductions for developed countries*

### **3: What business needs from Government is a long-term policy framework to provide certainty**

- *Government to introduce robust climate change law*
- *The Department of the Taoiseach to take overall responsibility for climate change policy.*
- *Government to engage with the Irish Corporate Leaders Group on new National Climate Change strategy*

### **4: Ireland can be a world leader in smart green enterprise**

- *Refocus national investment priorities to take advantage of key potential strategic opportunities*
- *Stimulate green economy through a public procurement policy with strong sustainability criteria*
- *Stimulate consumer choice through enhancing standards, labelling and information*
- *Business to support and promote Ireland as a green investment destination*

### **5: We need to prioritize education and research to build a low-carbon economy**

- *Government to coordinate a collaborative effort to develop a low carbon economy*
- *Government to prioritize education and research that builds the skills and knowledge required for a low carbon economy*

### **6: Act now or pay later**

- *We are unambiguously calling for the Government to take into account the cost of inaction on climate change to this economy and to prioritise the low-carbon agenda in its development plans and budgets.*
- *Decisive action to take advantage of the opportunity*