




Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí  
Cork City Council

Cork

One of EU

100 Climate Neutral Cities





# **Leading Cork to take it's place as a World Class City**

**driving local and regional growth, embracing diversity and  
inclusiveness and growing as a resilient, healthy, age friendly city**



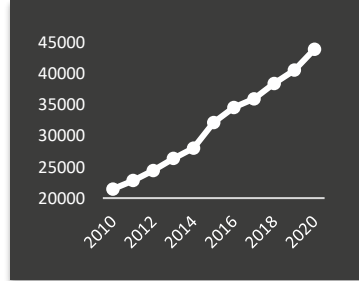
**Our Vision**



# Some Quick Facts



**Population  
Target to  
grow from  
**211,000**  
in 2021 to  
  
**335,000**  
in 2040**



**Level of  
Employment  
in FDI  
**doubled**  
between  
2010 & 2020.**

**Employing  
44,000 staff**



**There is  
**€1.8bn**  
Exchequer  
Funding in  
the pipeline  
for the  
**Cork  
Metropolitan  
Area****



**Cork  
and Ireland  
continue  
to rank  
well on a  
wide range  
of indicators**



**The world is  
changing.**

**ESG is a key  
driver of  
change and  
investment.  
**Environmental,  
Social &  
Governance****



# Challenges



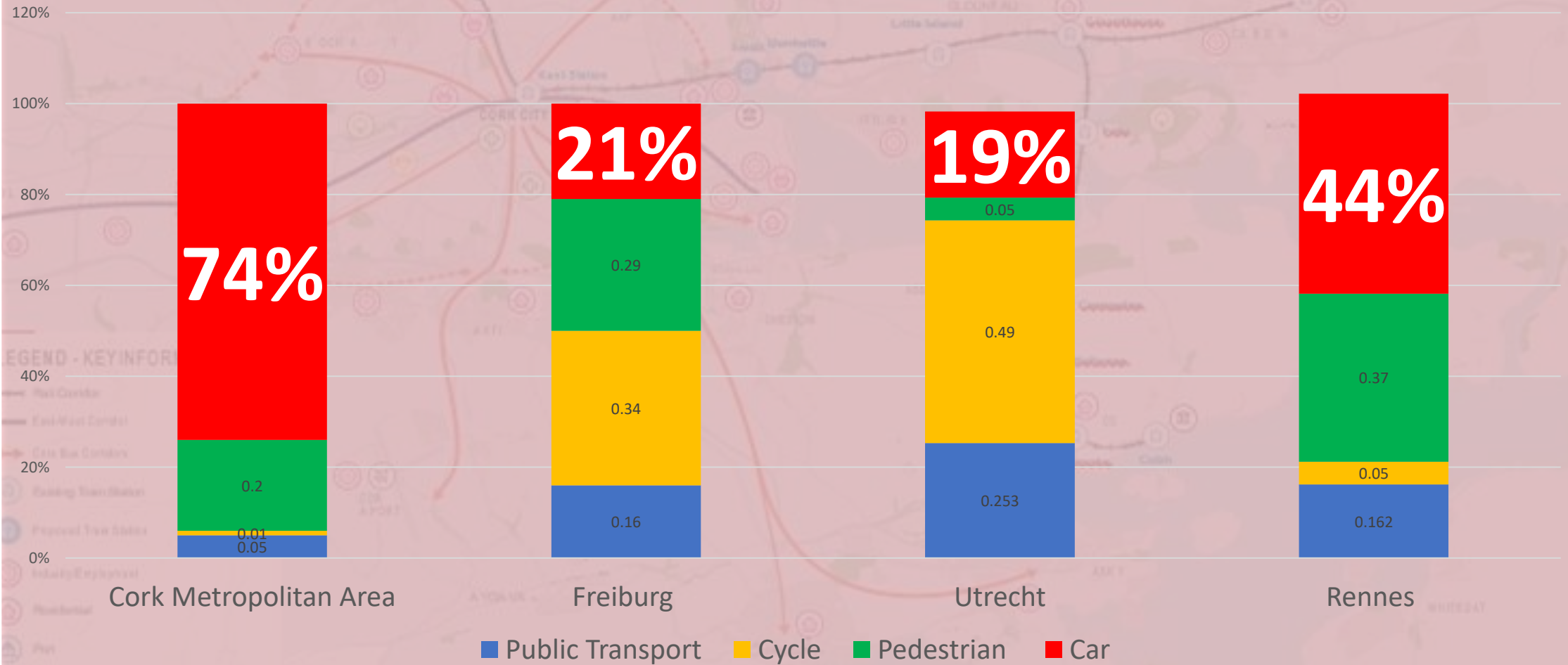


# Climate Action & Sustainable Development



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Modal Split



# Transport



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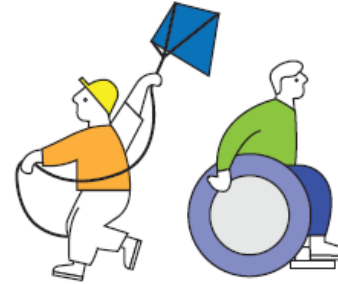




A city of strong communities, with liveable neighbourhoods and an excellent quality of life



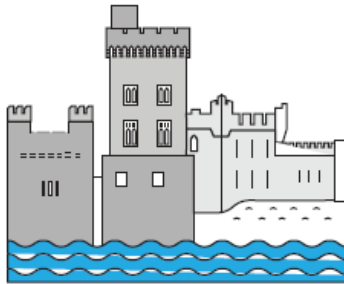
A resilient city that addresses challenges and risks posed by climate change and pandemics



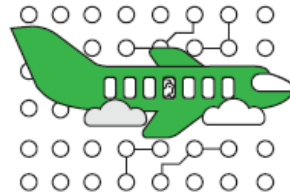
A diverse city offering equality for all



A healthy city offering a vibrant and interactive environment for all



An architecturally rich and beautiful city by the River Lee



A highly connected city, providing local, regional, national and international connectivity



A city of learning, using knowledge as a key enabler for city growth



A city of culture and heritage, creatively embracing its past, present and ambitious for its future



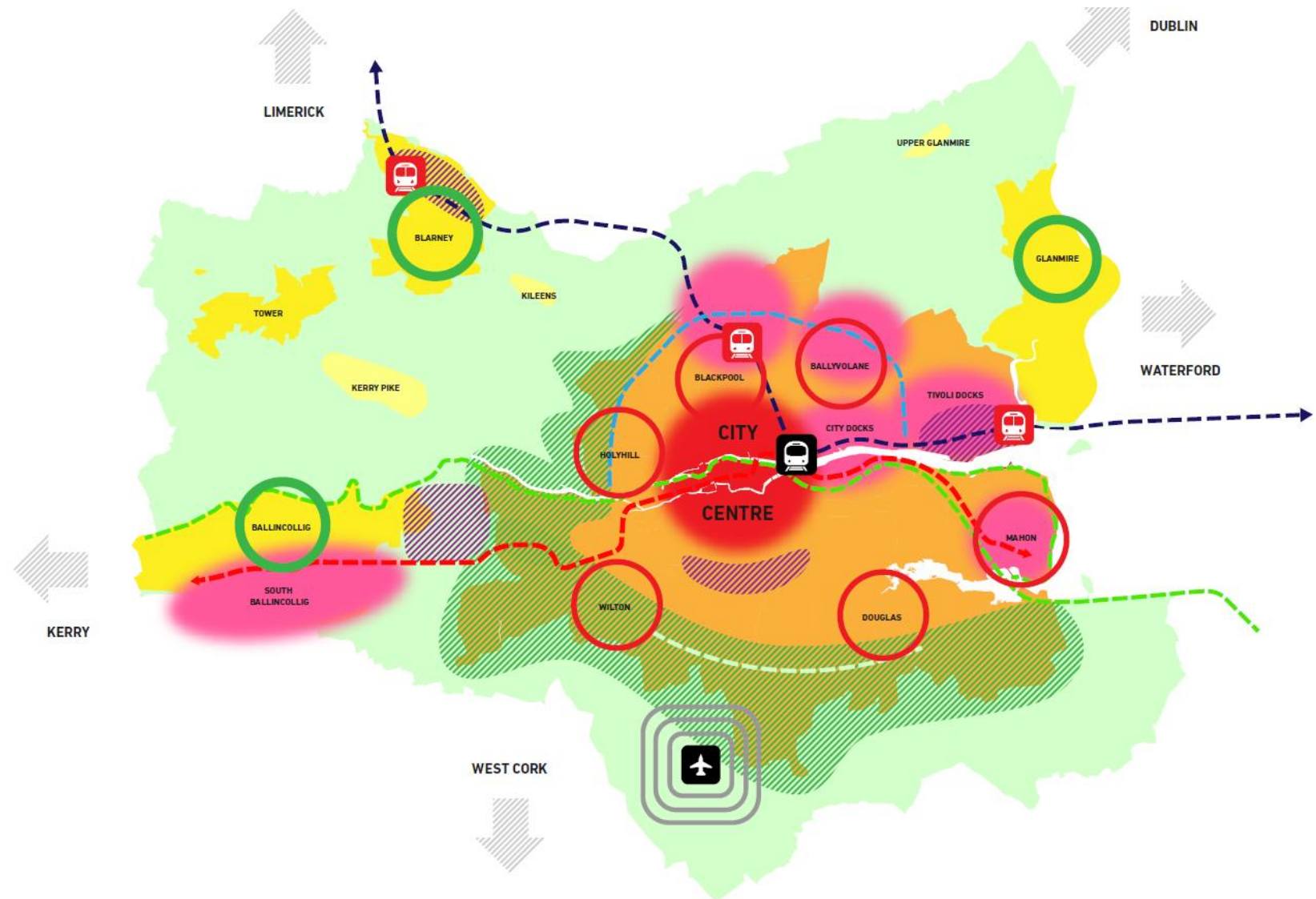
## Cork City 2040

- City Regeneration and Expansion Areas
- Hinterland
- Compact Growth
- Urban town
- City Hinterland Settlements
- Long term Growth Areas
- Consolidate Urban Edge
- District Centre
- Urban town Centres

- 🚉 Kent Station Public Transport Hub
- 🚆 New Train Station
- ✈ Cork International Airport

### Indicative Transport Routes

- Suburban Rail Transport
- Light Rail Transport
- Greenway
- Northern Distributor Road
- Southern Distributor Road



# Cork City 2040



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# We must have ...

- **Climate Action**
- **Compact Growth**
- **15 Minute City**
- **Sustainable Communities**
- **Sustainable Transport**
- **Diversity**
- **Resilient Economy**
- **Excellent Placemaking**



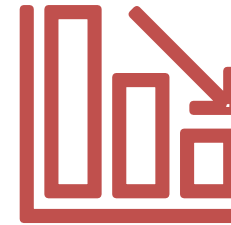
# Climate Neutral & Smart Cities Mission



75% Of EU  
Population Live in  
Towns & Cities



Globally  
Cities Account for  
60% Of Emissions



National Target  
Net Zero by 2050  
51% by 2030

## The Facts



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# The Cities

**Ireland**  
Cork & Dublin

**EU**  
100 Cities  
27 Countries  
75 Million People

**Non - EU**  
12 Cities  
8 Countries  
(Including UK)





# Political Endorsement



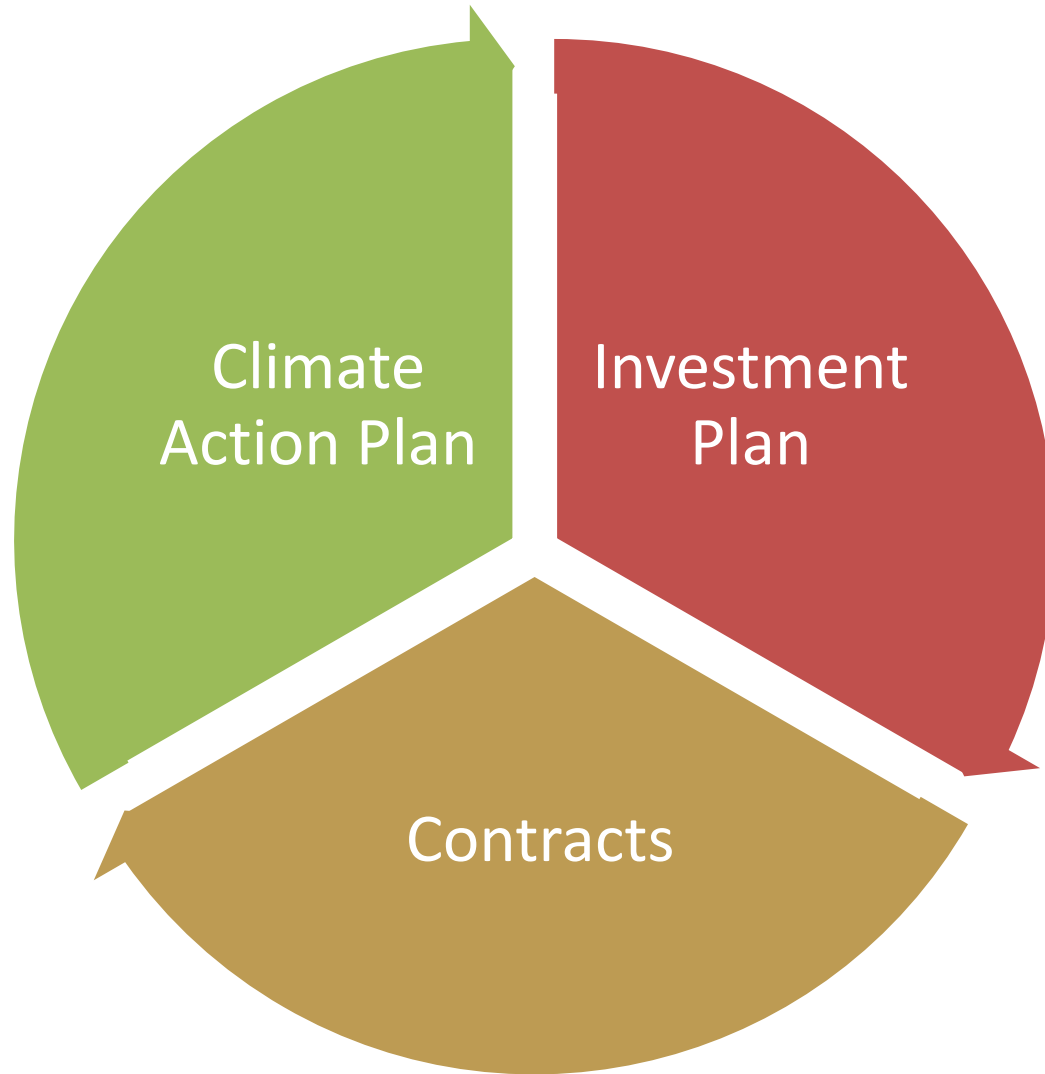
*“Through this Mission, Cork and Dublin **will be supported in accelerating their green and digital transformations** and will become part of a network of 100 cities across Europe working to achieve this aim. The chosen cities are poised to act as experimentation and innovation hubs, implementing cutting-edge and **creative solutions across energy, transport, waste, infrastructure and building categories to reduce their environmental footprints and contributions to climate change.** They will act as sites of learning and **inspiration for other cities** and towns to follow in the decades to come.”*



*“The green transition is making its way all over Europe right now. But there's **always a need for trailblazers**, who set themselves even higher goals. These cities are showing us the way to a healthier future. **We will support them on this!** Let's begin the work today.”*



# What is Next – Three Components



## Mission Principles

**Bold:** Ambitious Targets – New Ways of Thinking

**Accountable:** Concrete, Measurable & Transparent

**Interconnected:** Multi Actor, Multi Disciplinary, Bottom Up



# Climate Action Plans

## EU Climate Neutral Cities

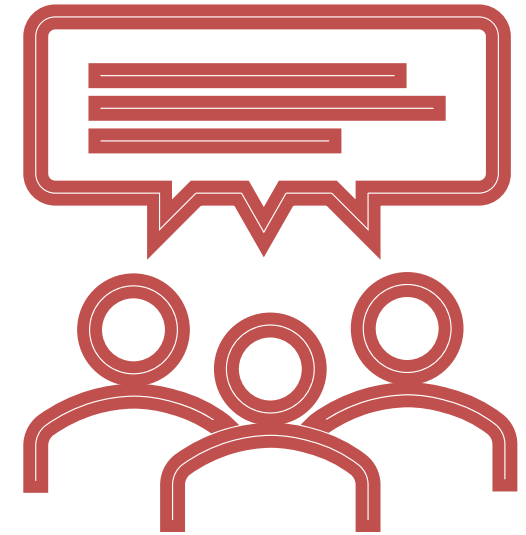
- ☐ Bespoke to Each Area
- ☐ Objectives, Goals, Actions, Timelines, KPIs
- ☐ Solutions Oriented
- ☐ Process Opportunity for Engagement

## Ireland

- ☐ All Local Authorities Required to Prepare Climate Action Plans

## Cork

- ☐ Support Mechanism through Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO)
- ☐ Strength in Cork With MaERI @ UCC
- ☐ Energy Cork





# Climate Investment Plans

- **Capital Needs Assessment**
- **Enabling Actions**
- **Capital Deployment**
- **Portfolio Implementation & Scaling**
- **Milestones & Impact Framework**



# Climate Contracts – Three Parties

## EU

- Green Deal
- EIB
- ECB
- Private Institutions
- National Governments
- Climate Advisors
- Financial Advisors

## Irish Government

- Prioritisation
- Unlocking
- Whole of Government
- Link EU and Cork

## Cork

- Citizen Engagement
- Political Engagement
- Public Sector Leadership
- Business Leadership
- Stakeholder Buy In
- Co Benefits
  - Citizen
  - Business (Energy Cork eg)



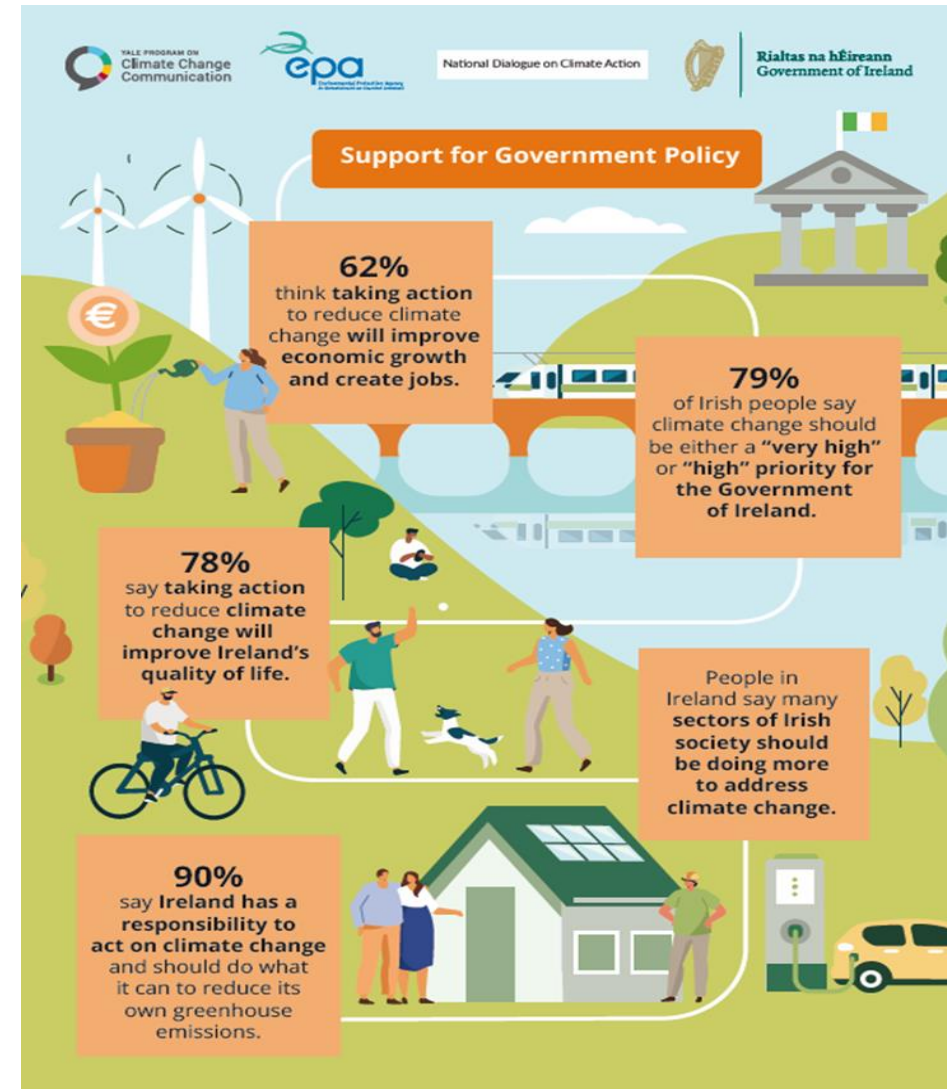
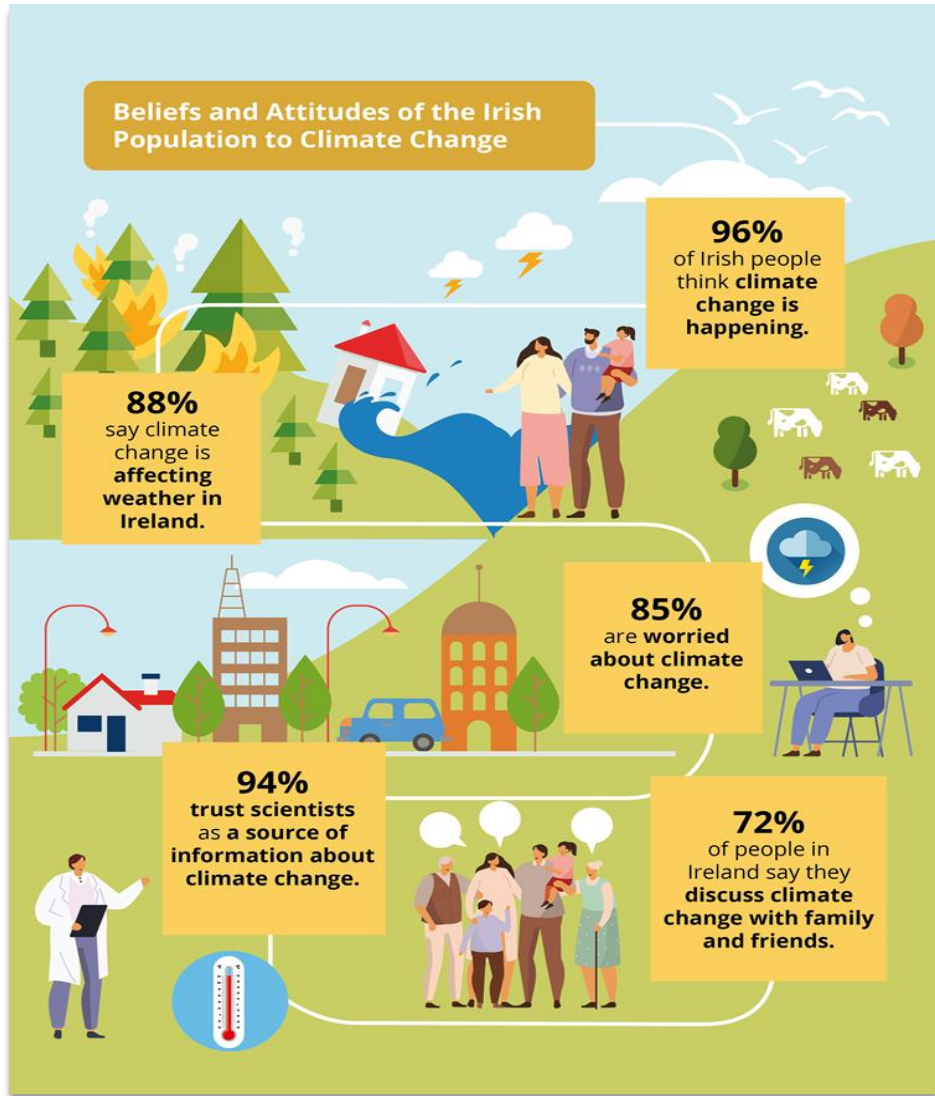
# The Opportunities for Cork

- ✓ **Health, Wellbeing, Sense of Pride in Cork**
- ✓ **Significant Support for Citizen & Business Engagement**
- ✓ **Enhanced Position Cork as a Place for Domestic and International Investment**
- ✓ **Enhanced ESG Credentials**
- ✓ **EC Support for Access to EU Funding**
- ✓ **EC Support for Access to International Investment**
- ✓ **Cork Plays Role in the Integrity of Ireland's Climate Action Credentials (COP 26)**
- ✓ **Prioritisation of Exchequer Funding / Government Fiscal & Monetary Instruments**
- ✓ **What People Want – The Potential Market**





# EPA Research – Climate in the Irish Mind



# Planning a Better Cork





**We are Cork.**