

Roundtable II – Evolving national and European regulatory frameworks: increasing convergence?

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UISCE
ÉIREANN : IRISH
WATER

We currently deliver 1.7 billion litres of drinking water every day.


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..to Irish homes

..to Irish homes



..and Irish businesses

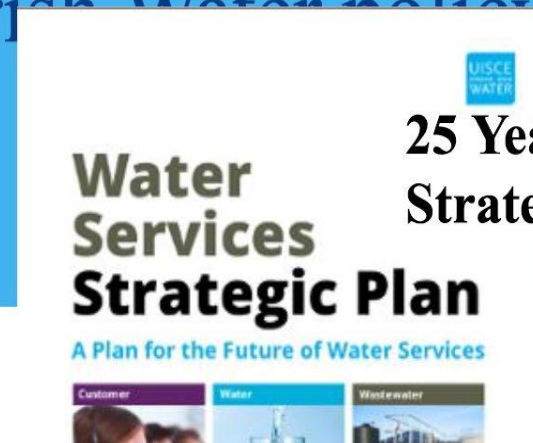
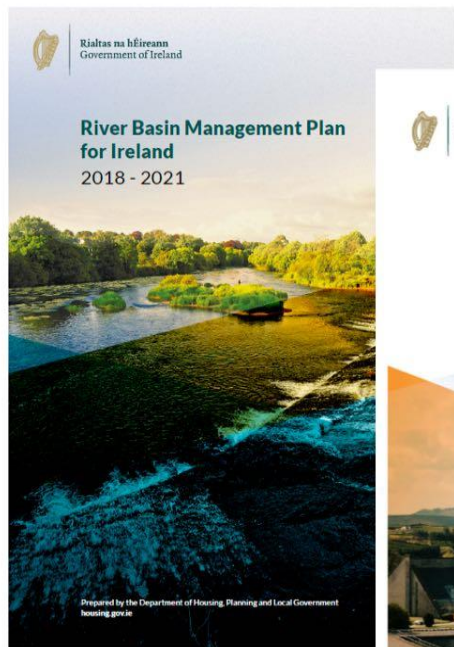
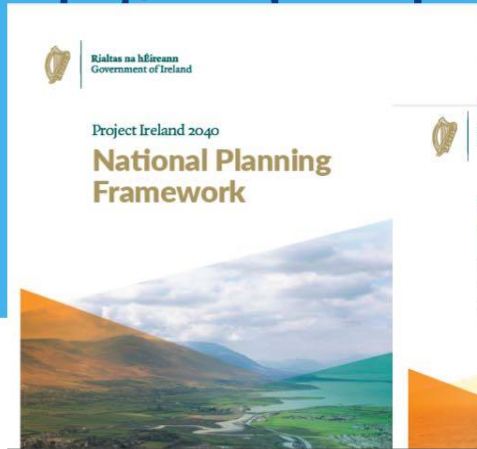


... with 88,000km of water and
wastewater pipe to manage 24/7,
including leaks...

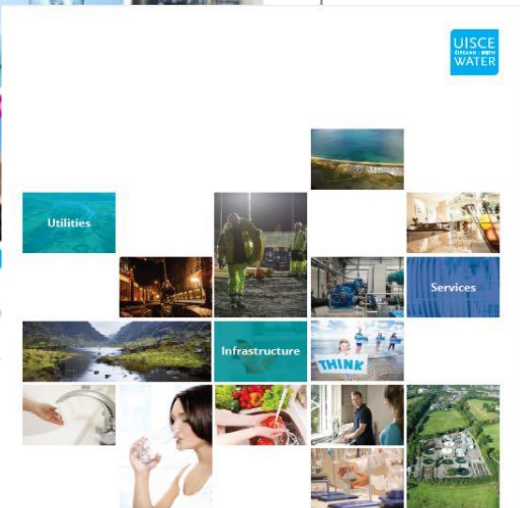
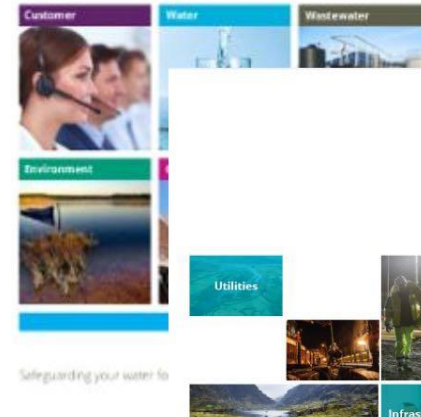
... while Ireland's demand for water
services is growing significantly...

Government policy on water is very clearly

mirrored in all Irish Water policy



25 Year Strategic Plan

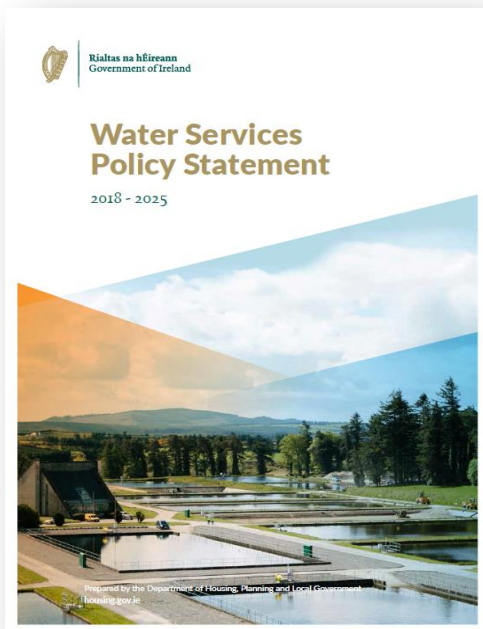


Irish Water Business Plan
Transforming Water Services in Ireland to 2021

7 Year Business Plan

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Water Services Policy Statement 2018 – 2025 focuses on 4 Key Principles



**One single publicly owned
national water services
authority**

**Fair and efficient delivery
with a customer focus**

**Priority public health and
environment
quality outcomes across
sector**

**Ways of working to
support partnership with
State bodies and excellent
stakeholder engagement**

Water Services Policy Statement – June 2018

Theme

Outcomes



Quality

Water

- Complete risk assessments
- Remove plants from EPA's RAL
- Implement lead strategy

Waste Water

- UWWTD Compliance
- Protect high status waters
- Deliver RBMP improvements



Conservation

Reduce Leakage

- Increase awareness
- Meet leakage targets
- Complete the Resource Plan

Protect the Environment

- Sludge management
- Energy Efficiency



Future Proofing

Capacity & Resilience

- Improve resilience in areas most vulnerable to shortfalls

Support Economic Growth

- Support National Planning Framework and Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies



Riadas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Water Services Policy Statement

2018 - 2025

Prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
housing.gov.ie

...governed by extensive and important oversight bodies...



European Commission



Environmental Protection Agency



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Houses of the
Oireachtas
Tithe an Oireachtais

Joint Committee on **Housing, Planning
& Local Government**

Committee on **Public Accounts**

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An Coimisiún
um Rialáil Fónais

**Commission for
Regulation of Utilities**

**An Comhlacht Comhairleach
Uisce (Water Advisory Body)**



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



An Roinn Caiteachais
Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe
Department of Public
Expenditure and Reform



An Roinn
Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
Department of
Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht



National Parks & Wildlife Service



National
Water Forum

AN
**FÓRAM
UISCE**



An Coimisinéir Faisnéise
Information Commissioner

NewERA



Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland



Coimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí
Standards in Public Office Commission



Coimisiún
Cosanta Sonraí
Data Protection
Commission

Two Principal Regulators

Environmental Regulator

- Drinking Water Quality Supervision & Reporting
- Waste Water Discharge Licensing
- Urban Waste Water Compliance Reporting
- With powers to prosecute Irish Water for any compliance failures



Economic Regulator

- to protect the customer interests by monitoring the performance of Irish Water
 - in delivering services and providing investment in water and wastewater infrastructure in a cost efficient manner.
 - ensure consumer prices for water are fair and reasonable
 - resolving complaints that customers have with Irish Water



Advisory Body 1



An Fóram Uisce (The Water Forum)

Between 20 and 40 members representing stakeholders

- to advise the Minister in relation to water policy having regard to water conservation, rural water services and the interests of the customers of Irish Water
- to make recommendations to Irish Water in relation to the performance by of its functions, and when requested on any policy document prepared by Irish Water
- to advise and provide observations to the CRU in relation to the performance by Irish Water of its functions and on any consultation document prepared by the Commission
- to advise in relation to any river basin management plan and implementation of that plan, on matters pertaining to the objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive, and on such other related matters concerning the management of the inland aquatic environment and water resources;

Advisory Body 2

An Comhlacht Comhairleach Uisce (Water Advisory Body)

- 5 persons (1 each from CRU, EPA & Water Forum plus 2 appointed by the Minister)
- to advise the Minister on the measures needed to improve the transparency and accountability of Irish Water for the purpose of increasing the confidence of members of the public in Irish Water
- to furnish, on a quarterly basis, a report on the performance by Irish Water on the implementation of its business plan with particular regard to:
 - (i) infrastructure delivery and leakage reductions;
 - (ii) cost reduction and efficiency improvements,
 - (iii) improvements in water quality,
 - (iv) procurement, remuneration and staffing policies,
 - (v) responsiveness to the needs of communities and enterprise.



Go Raibh Maith Agaibh Go Léir

Thank You All

Grazie a Tutti