

## Capital Investment for Decarbonisation Processes (funded by EERIF)

Under Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) (2021-2026), projects supporting the digital and climate transition of enterprise are being funded through the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility. The Capital Investment for Decarbonisation Processes, funded by the Enterprise Emissions Reduction Investment Fund, assists companies in their decarbonisation efforts by investing in carbon-reducing equipment and technologies.

What can it be used for?

- Incentivising companies to invest in and adopt carbon reducing technologies.
  - Supporting businesses in accelerating their progress towards net zero carbon
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Who is it for?

Companies taking steps to decarbonise their manufacturing combustion processes (reduce scope 1 emissions).

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How do I apply?

If you are an IDA Ireland Client and wish to apply for a sustainable capital support, please contact your IDA Project Executive.

- Applicants must confirm that they have not sought or received any other national or EU funding, directly or indirectly, for investments or actions that qualify for aid from this fund.
  - To have a valid application, you need to submit a completed Application along with all the required documentation to your IDA Ireland Project Executive.
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Eligibility information

Who is eligible?

- Manufacturing clients of Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta, subject to the prevailing policies and eligibility criteria of those agencies.
- Minimum of 10 full time employees in Ireland at the time of application.
- Eligible projects are those that are deemed to be significant capital investments in carbon abatement technologies. These will result in a demonstrable reduction in carbon emissions and include industrial heat pumps, electric steam boilers and heat recovery technologies.
- Each applicant will have to provide a technical assessment to show suitability of the carbon abatement technology.

Please contact your IDA Ireland Project Executive for more information.

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What costs are eligible and what is the maximum funding available?

Eligible projects are those that are considered to be significant capital investments in carbon reduction technologies that will visibly decrease carbon emissions.

The following is a list of technologies eligible for funding:

- Industrial Heat Pumps (including air, water, and ground source)
- Electric steam boilers
- Heat recovery technologies
- Mechanical Vapour Recompression (MVR) evaporators
- Biomass boilers\*\*

**NOTE:** This is **not** a complete list. Each application will be evaluated individually. Applicants must submit a technical assessment to prove the suitability of the carbon reduction technology for their specific manufacturing combustion process, considering site compatibility and alignment with national policy.

\*\*For companies operating within the Emissions Trading System (ETS), biomass boilers are considered an eligible cost. For non ETS companies, biomass boilers may be supported under the [Support Scheme for Renewable Heat](#) (SSRH) through SEAI.

Eligible projects are subject to the conditions set out in Articles 36, 38 and 40 (Environmental Protection) of the EU Commission General Block Exemption Regulation.

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## Ineligible Projects

### Environmental Compliance and Do No Significant Harm

All projects supported under the Enterprise Emissions Reduction Investment Fund: Capital investment for decarbonisation processes must comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation and in particular with the [‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance \(2021/C58/01\)](#).

Specifically, the following projects are **not eligible**:

- activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use<sup>1</sup>,
- activities under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks<sup>2</sup>,
- activities related to waste landfills, incinerators<sup>3</sup> and mechanical biological treatment plants<sup>4</sup>, and

- activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment.
1. *Except projects under this measure in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).*
  2. *Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible should be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.*
  3. *This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.*
  4. *This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and anaerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.*

Activities related to fossil fuel are **not eligible** for funding. Solar panels are **not eligible** for funding.



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