

# Environmental Policy



Iarnród Éireann is a Statutory Body with an obligation to provide a safe, working rail transport system for Ireland. The company owns, operates, and maintains the rail track network, customer service amenities, train maintenance facilities, and Rosslare Europort. Iarnród Éireann recognises that our activities have an impact on the environment. It is our responsibility to manage these impacts and promote environmental enhancement in line with the objectives of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Iarnród Éireann commits to:

- Conduct our activities, and those undertaken on our behalf, in an environmentally responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable compliance obligations (eg. applicable legislation, discharge licence agreements, Local Authority agreements, etc.) and Company Policy and Standards
- Act responsibly and in a sustainable manner in our consumption of natural resources, energy, water, and land.
- Consider environmental implications in our planning and decision-making.
- Conduct environmental impact assessments for major capital projects in accordance with Irish and EU legislation.
- Reduce emissions and minimise the generation of all wastes as far as practicable and increase the volume of waste recycled and / or reused (i.e. promotion circular economy principles).
- Record and respond swiftly to all complaints on environmental matters.
- Address significant environmental concerns to minimise pollution risks.
- Procure vehicles, materials and supplies that meet minimum specifications set out in EU Directives and other requisites.
- Implement Environmental Management Systems for ISO 14001 certification, to be included in a programme with established Quality, Energy and Safety systems.
- Establish a framework for setting objectives and targets, and for reviewing performance against these objectives and targets, on a regular basis.
- Respect protected areas, minimise adverse ecological impacts, and enhance biodiversity where possible in accordance with good practice.
- Focus on preventative maintenance and emergency preparedness to minimise any potential adverse impacts to the environment from the company's activities.
- Implement a carbon reduction strategy and a building energy efficiency strategy to achieve a 51% reduction in our Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030 (from a 2018 baseline) and work with stakeholders within our value chain to reduce Scope 3 emissions to achieve an overall net zero target by 2050.
- Inform our employees, suppliers and contractors of our Environmental Policy and provide the necessary training and support required to meet our environmental objectives.
- Communicate our environmental status, in relation to the requirements of this policy, to the Executive Board and to our employees on a regular basis.
- Make this policy statement available to all staff, contractors, the public and all interested stakeholders.

Iarnród Éireann commits its employees to actively support this Policy and to implement it at all levels throughout the organisation. This policy has the endorsement of the Executive Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Meade".

16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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**Jim Meade**

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**Date**

**Chief Executive Officer, Iarnród Éireann**