



Climate KIC – DAFM

Deep Demonstration Consultative Group

Meeting Title	1st Meeting Consultative Group - Climate KIC- DAFM Partnership
Date & Time	Thursday 19 th May 2022 11:00 – 13:00

Minutes of meeting

Title	Key points
Welcome The Chair – Bill Callanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair set the scene and expectations for the meeting and the project. Ultimately it is about creating a ‘sense of direction’, understanding what is working and what is not, so that as a sector we can ‘do things better’. • There is already a huge amount of activity in Ireland; this initiative will seek to map and build on this with practical interventions, rather than duplicate existing initiatives. The mapping will focus not just on the what, but also the how and will explore how gaps in targets can be closed through innovation/research/demonstration. • Chair noted Climate-KIC will bring their international networks, expertise, and systems approach to facilitate the process with Irish stakeholders. • The metaphor of a three-legged stool was used to illustrate the importance of the three key approaches of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimising emissions ○ Removing emissions (Carbon capture, bioeconomy, and storage/land use) ○ Energy and biobased transition • The Chair also noted that both policy and market incentives will be needed to deliver on targets. • Final key message is the importance of approaching the challenges that the sector faces and the project with an open mind.
Update on EU regulations and targets Liam Brennan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAFM provided an update of the EU regulations and changes to carbon emissions targets (slides attached). These changes have raised the bar in terms of what the agri-food sector will need to achieve. • The discussion which followed highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were concerns from different stakeholders about achieving the reduction without 100% adoption/penetration by farmers. Concerns that full adoption of measures wasn’t possible. ○ Concerns that it should not become a zero-sum game between the different sub-sectors ○ As a sector to achieve the emissions targets, we will potentially need to broaden the focus to look for opportunities outside of what is in the Climate Action Plan



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for a roadmap and set of metrics and targets was flagged up to help with managing the transition ○ What got us here won't get us there, so we need to think differently and work collaboratively ○ As a sector we have managed transformational change in the past and we can do it again, through the harnessing of new thinking, ideas, and good practices to enable the change
<p>Climate-KIC introduction and project overview Andy Kerr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate-KIC¹ shared a brief presentation on the history of Climate-KIC, and a broad outline of the projects four work packages and deliverables (slides attached). ● A brief Q&A session after this presentation included discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The importance of the stakeholders in the room to the success of the project and that the goal was not to replace or duplicate things already underway but to build a system map capturing the linkages and relationships in the sector ○ The specific deliverables at end of year 2022: agreed system map with identified interventions, portfolio of innovation activities to test different pathways to meeting targets – with agreed budgets. And the need to mobilise public funding and private finance to initiative these activities in 2023. ○ Clarifying the Deep Demonstration² process ○ The importance of building networks not just in the room, but across Europe and beyond to tap into expert networks and identify good practices that could be relevant to Ireland. Communications from and within the group is key.
<p>Consultative Group activity & facilitated discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Due to the excellent discussions in the previous sections, there was only time to cover the first question: each CG member was asked to identify individually key interventions that would help the Irish agri-food and land sector achieve Climate Action Plan targets (attached separately) ● Meeting agreed that the members of the Consultative group will be emailed separately for their input to the second question on key initiatives underway that they think are relevant and these will be compiled and shared with the CG as part of the mapping process
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terms of Reference for the Consultative group – the stakeholders were given a 2-week deadline to 2nd June 2022 to provide feedback on the Group's ToR. ● DAFM will incorporate any feedback and finalise the ToR within a further two-week period. ● The Climate-KIC team will be reaching out to each member of the CG over the coming weeks to start the mapping process and to agree appropriate participants for key workshops over the coming months.
<p>Closing remark</p>	<p>'Ireland can showcase what is possible.' It is the first sector wide initiative at country level, and it can provide a positive benchmark to others and attract EU Mission funding and private finance to support the programme of innovation interventions.</p>

¹ [Climate-KIC | The EU's main climate innovation initiative](#)

² [Deep Demonstrations - Climate-KIC](#)