



The case of the Irish Micro-Generation Scheme consultation

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Few words on the background of the research

- ▶ Paper as a result of a secondment with NESC (see chat for link)
- ▶ Increasing focus on involving wider range of stakeholders in the energy transition.
- ▶ Scheme consultation on January-February 2021
- ▶ 875 submissions, significant public interest
- ▶ Official summary of the consultation submissions
- ▶ Final scheme to be published soon.

Data

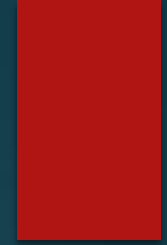
Consultation document

368 submissions (FOI request)

Official summary of the consultation submissions

What did the initial scheme propose?

- ▶ Route to market for exporting electricity and gaining a fair price for doing so.
- ▶ Two tariffs, with access to one restricted
- ▶ Energy Efficiency First Principle
- ▶ Self-consumers for the benefit of the community (EU-wide approach)



What the submissions wanted?

- ▶ Rooftop revolution
- ▶ Open and rewarding scheme
- ▶ Return of investment
- ▶ Using micro-generation to fund community activities and to gain extra income.

Key issues for Irish micro- generation

Type of micro-generators

Inclusivity of the scheme

Potential for a rooftop
revolution

What can be learned from the consultation process?

- ▶ Need for accessible language can not be highlighted enough.
- ▶ Consultation process meaningfulness can be increased by outlining how the results of the consultation impacted the policy.

Good examples and ideas

- ▶ Easy-to-understand online materials, such as short videos
- ▶ Plain English writing standards (National Adult Literacy Agency)
- ▶ Explanations of concepts and words in text
- ▶ Summaries, key points
- ▶ Dialogue, how the consultation process impacted the policy?

What happened with the Micro-Generation Scheme? Update February 2022

- ▶ Post-works BER requirement removed from the scheme:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b1f1be-micro-generation/>
- ▶ Ireland introduced an extensive support scheme for house retrofitting:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/government-launches-the-national-retrofitting-scheme/>
- ▶ Introduction of another scheme, Small-Scale Generation Scheme:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b1f1be-micro-generation/#:~:text=80%2C000%20per%20holdin g.-,Small%2DScale%20Generation,to%20become%20available%20in%202023.>

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