



Energy Policy

1. Context

Ireland's [Climate Action Plan 2025](#) and [Public Sector Climate Action Mandate](#) require public bodies to lead by example in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and achieving climate neutrality. The aim is to reduce energy-related greenhouse emissions by 51% and to improve energy efficiency by 50% in the public sector by 2030. In addition, all public sector bodies with an energy spend greater than €2 million per annum are required to achieve ISO 50001 certification, and an Energy Policy is a key component of this.

2. Purpose

To allow the College to meet the Climate Action Plan targets and legislative obligations, and to support the Trinity Sustainability Strategy, this Policy promotes the prudent and responsible use of energy across the whole of the University.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all areas of College. Estates and Facilities are the functional leads of energy management, however the policy it will apply across procurement, capital projects, operational and academic/research functions.

4. Principles

The university is committed to addressing the challenge of achieving a sustainable and healthy planet, both for people, and for the natural systems we share our planet with and rely upon. While the primary purpose of the university is as an educational and research community, it is recognised that tackling climate change in our own operations is of central importance. The university aims to reduce GHG emissions by 51% by 2030, to work towards Net Zero by 2040, and to meet the Government target of improving energy efficiency by 50% by 2030. Addressing energy management and use is thus essential to achieving these targets.

5. Policy

See overleaf



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Trinity College Dublin is committed to responsible energy management and will strive to efficiently manage and reduce the consumption of energy whilst providing an optimal learning and research environment.

We shall demonstrate best practice in energy efficiency, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions and environmental impact as far as is practicable.

In order to do this, senior management will ensure the availability of the necessary information and resources to continually review and achieve our objectives.

We shall use energy in a prudent and responsible manner throughout all our campuses, in addition to it being a key element of our overall Sustainability Strategy.

To Achieve our objectives, we plan to:

- Target a reduction in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in line with Ireland's Climate Action Plan and Public Sector Mandate
- Commit to continual improvement in our energy performance and management
- Review our objectives and targets and report on our energy performance
- Comply with all relevant legal and other requirements
- Support the purchase of energy efficient products and services that impact energy performance
- Identify and implement energy efficiency measures
- Incorporate energy efficient and sustainable designs for both new build and refurbishment building projects
- Use energy from sustainable sources where practical and promote sustainable energy management practices

• Promote energy awareness amongst both students and staff
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Updates and regular reviews shall be implemented to ensure our Energy Policy is relevant, well documented and communicated fully throughout the University.

Provost
Trinity College Dublin

Date 15 October 2025



6. Policy Owner

Chief Operating Officer *and* Vice-President for Biodiversity and Climate Action

7. Responsibility and Implementation

The Chief Operating Officer and Vice-President for Biodiversity and Climate Action have joint overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy. The Director of Campus Infrastructure has responsibility for energy monitoring and management. The Chief Financial Officer has responsibility for energy procurement. The Provost, Faculty Deans and Vice Provost/Chief Academic Officer have responsibility for promoting energy awareness.

8. Related Documents

This energy policy, signed by the Provost is a key enabler for Trinity to begin the assessment and application for a later ISO50001 accreditation.

[Sustainability Strategy](#) and Action Plan.

9. Document/version Control for New Policies

Approved by: Board

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Date of next review: 2028/29

Officer responsible for review: Chief Operating Officer *and* Vice-President for Biodiversity and Climate Action