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1. Name of Governmental Department or Agency
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
2. Title of the Project
DECC1 Development of Just Transition Indicators Framework to support measurement of progress towards a just climate transition
3. Description of the Project
<p>Building on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, Climate Action Plan 2023 sets out a framework for delivery of a just transition, comprising four principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An integrated, structured, and evidence-based approach. 2. People are equipped with the right skills to be able to benefit from the future net zero economy. 3. Costs are shared so that the impact is equitable and won't exacerbate existing inequalities. 4. Social dialogue to ensure impacted citizens are core to the transition process. <p>This Just Transition Framework is relevant to all aspects of Ireland's climate policies, including both mitigation and adaptation. It therefore applicable in multiple sectors, such as housing, transport, agriculture, electricity, and enterprise; as well as to key cross-cutting policies, such as taxation and social protection.</p> <p>In line with the first principle listed above, DECC proposes to research proposals for a suite of suitable just transition indicators, to inform the development and adoption of a new Just Transition Indicators Framework. This will provide a basis for measurement of data to contribute to a robust evidence base and to support policy development and effective ongoing monitoring of progress towards achieving a just transition.</p> <p>A key part of the project will include the identification of relevant 'dimensions' relevant to the above policy areas that will comprise the Just Transition Indicators Framework.</p>
4. Project Scope
<p>It is anticipated the project will involve the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Project Steering Group and preparation of Project Initiation Document • National and international academic literature and policy review • Identification of proposed dimensions of a just transition indicator framework

- Gathering of information on key data sets relevant to the just transition
- Development of proposals for indicator framework, including classification and dashboard presentation
- Recommendations to address identified data gaps to enable further iteration of indicator framework

The scope of the work will be informed inter alia by data sets and measurement tools that currently exist in relevant policy areas, and by the processes that have been put in place to develop and report on our progress towards the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), and under the [National Wellbeing Framework](#).

5. Skills/Expertise Required

This project would be suitable for a researcher with relevant post-graduate qualifications in a social science discipline, and with appropriate post-qualification experience.

A good working knowledge of the interface between social and environmental policies would be desirable. The research project will require an extensive review of various data sources in these areas and would require the researcher to be comfortable in interrogating data sources and policies outside of their core academic qualifications / discipline.

The researcher should have strong written and oral communication skills in order to liaise effectively with both academic and public sector stakeholders in the course of the research project.

6. Expected Outputs of Project

Informing Policy

Identification and clarification of indicators relevant to the measurement of a just transition will be an important input to inform ongoing just transition policy development in the context of the annual Climate Action Plan. The 2023 Climate Action Plan anticipates the Government will be asked ultimately to formally adopt a Just Transition Indicators Framework as a basis for measurement of progress.

This will also facilitate the further development a broader evidence base and research tools related to just transition. The adopted indicators would also help to guide our public engagement processes under the National Dialogue on Climate Action, and to complement both the quantitative and qualitative data that will be gathered directly from these public engagement processes.

Dissemination of findings

A key objective of this project is to provide guidance in relation to the integration of just transition considerations into sectoral policy development for the delivery of Climate Action Plan objectives. It is anticipated that the researcher will be asked to provide structured briefings or seminars to key stakeholders are key junctures during the course of the project.

7. Working Arrangements

The researcher will work within and with the support of the Just Transition and Sectoral Policy Division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. It is also anticipated that a project steering group will be established.

The research will be based in the offices of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 (until the end of 2023, at which time the Department's headquarters will move to Beggars Bush). Flexible and remote working arrangements will be accommodated.

8. Expected Timeline

This project is envisaged to take up to 12 months full-time.

9. Contact Details

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