



Overview of Other EcoMerit Services

In addition to the core environmental certification and support services we provide, below is a brief summary of other services available from EcoMerit for our Community members and commercial clients.

Support in Accessing Capital Grants



EcoMerit is a Sustainable Energy Community registered with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

This is an important factor in securing SEAI 'Communities' [grants](#) for our members. These capital grants are for energy-saving improvements and are typically 30% for commercial organisations and up to 50% for not-for-profit organisations.

We have successfully secured grants for our members every year since 2012, when the first SEAI 'Communities' grant was launched. In fact, we have a 100% success rate in winning these grants. To date, we have supported grant projects at 53 sites across Ireland. In doing so we have won €1.7 million in grant support for projects which are saving over €1 million per year in reduced energy costs, and almost 4,000 tonnes per year in reduced carbon emissions.

Support in Accessing Finance for Environmental Improvements



For larger improvement projects we work with a partner organisation to provide the full capital requirement, without the need for in-house capital resources.

This is based on the 'Energy Efficiency as a Service' model, where the capital costs are borne by the partner organisation, and the resulting energy savings are shared with the site owner / operator.

This financial model is particularly useful where major upgrade works are appropriate and funding constraints would otherwise impose a much slower implementation.

Training Support



EcoMerit can deliver bespoke training on a range of environmental and sustainability related subjects. This includes providing in-house training for green teams, tailored to suit the audience and including company-related data where that might be appropriate.

Training can be delivered in a classroom setting, remotely by Zoom or MS teams, through site mentoring type visits, or any combination of these.

Popular subject areas for inclusion in EcoMerit training include:

- How to start on your sustainability journey
- Changing our environmental behavior, at work & home
- Green procurement (supplier or buyer perspective)
- Pros and cons of environmental certification
- The climate and biodiversity crisis
- Understanding electricity bills
- Carbon footprinting
- Carbon offsetting

Green Procurement



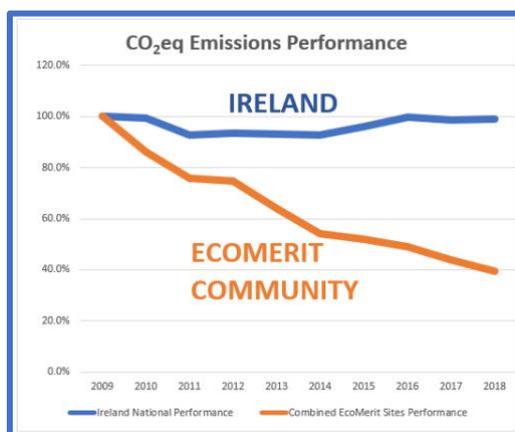
Green procurement allows organisations to enhance their environmental performance by procuring products and services that have superior environmental performance.

The EcoMerit Supply Chain Greening model can support a Green Procurement strategy. This simple, effective and low-resource model uses two basic metrics:

- The percentage of selected suppliers which hold a credible environmental certification
- The percentage of the annual spend going to these suppliers

EcoMerit can help organisations to launch and run an effective and transparent [green procurement](#) process, including providing training and support for procurement personnel and suppliers' personnel.

EcoMerit Community Performance Reporting



A key measure of the effectiveness of the EcoMerit programme is the year-on-year reduction in the energy carbon footprint of the certified sites.

While individual Members may choose to keep their own performance confidential, we publish the combined performance of the EcoMerit community on the [website](#).

On average, EcoMerit certified sites achieve a 9.2% year-on-year reduction in energy carbon emissions, see the orange line.

The blue line provides an interesting, if somewhat disappointing, contrast. This is the national performance of Ireland over a similar timescale.

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