



Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) Indicative Schedule of future auctions

Under Article 6 of the EU Renewable Energy Directive, Member States are required to publish a schedule of future renewable electricity support scheme auctions on an annual basis¹.

The Climate Action Plan 2021 provides that Ireland will be increasing the share of electricity demand generated from renewable sources to up to 80% where achievable and cost effective, without compromising security of electricity supply. This will be mainly delivered through auctions under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) where electricity technologies will compete with each other on cost through competitive auctions to reach the above target.

The recently published Annex of Actions under the Climate Action Plan 21 includes a commitment to publish a forward RESS auction calendar by end 2021 (See Action 104). The below table sets out an indicative forward schedule of RESS auctions for the next three years. The indicative volumes are based on estimated renewable generation volumes required to meet Ireland's target of up to 80% RES-E by 2030.

It should be noted that the auction volumes and dates are indicative and subject to change particularly in relation to the evolution of electricity demand estimates, network requirements as well as the supply pipeline of projects.

RESS Future Auction Schedule

Auction Type	Indicative Auction Volume (GWh)	Indicative Auction Dates	Indicative Auction Commercial Operation Dates
Onshore RESS 2	1,000-3,500	Q2 2022	2024
Offshore RESS 1	7,500-10,000	Q4 2022	2027
Onshore RESS 3	2,000-5,500	Q2 2023	2025
Offshore RESS 2	15,000-25,000	2024-2025	2029
Onshore RESS 4	1,000-5,000	2024	2026

¹ Given effect to in Ireland under [S.I. No. 365 of 2020](#)