



## Building an Energy Agency in Ireland as Not-for-Profit Social Enterprise

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### The Story of the Energy Agency in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland

Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) was established in March 1998 as a partnership between local authorities and a third level institute, TEA provides **building and renewable energy services** including feasibility, detailed design, public procurement, tendering, project management and grant coordination. **Delivery partners** include local authorities, public bodies, communities, SMEs and European project consortia. Estimated cumulative impacts including **35 million kWh saved** and **12,594 tonnes CO2 reduced** across its project portfolio.

The funding sources used are: service revenue (engineering, advisory, education), support from national and European grants, as well as collaboration with local authorities. This leads to a diversified income model. TEA also showcases a diversified scale of operation: countywide plus national and EU project portfolio, with strong governance and partnerships, and standardised delivery methods (feasibility to procurement).



### Challenges

- Maintaining **long-term funding**;
- **Pipeline** continuity;
- **Specialist** capability;
- **Aligning** multiple stakeholders across sectors.



### Successes for Replicability

- Establish an **independent, trusted** delivery entity;
- **Combine** technical depth with procurement and grant expertise;
- Maintain **measurable impact reporting**;
- Build **long-term partnerships** with **local** authorities and communities;
- Use **EU** projects to expand capability and replication.

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