



Sustainable Tipp: Accelerating Tipperary's Transition to a Sustainable, Low Carbon Economy

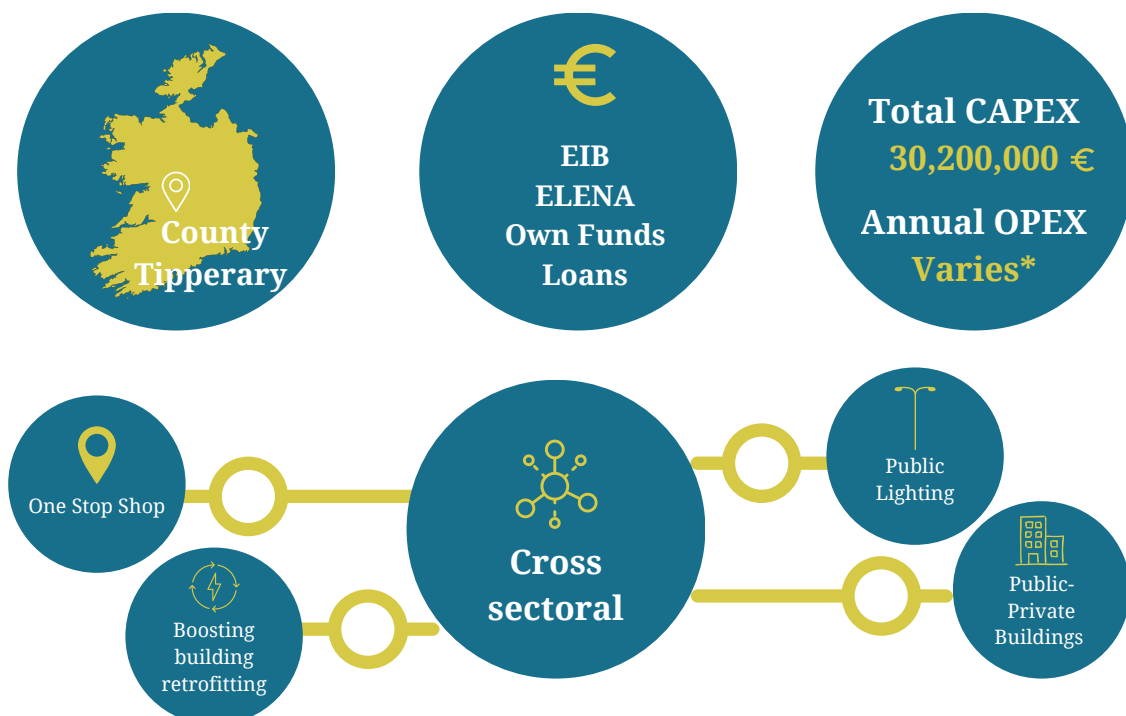
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Blended Finance across Country Tipperary

Sustainable Tipperary (Sustainable Tipp/TIPP) used the **ELENA technical assistance facility** to scale a county-wide **One Stop Shop** (OSS) for deep home **retrofits**, community and public **building** upgrades, and energy-efficient public **street lighting** across County Tipperary.

The Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) provided end-to-end support including audits and feasibility studies, technical design support, contractor engagement, and grant administration for private homeowners, schools, and community organisations. Between August 2017 and January 2021, the programme mobilised €30.2m of investment (about 300 homes, 60 non-residential/community buildings, and ~600 lighting points).

- Delivered ~16 GWh **energy savings**/year.
- ~13,000 **tCO2 offset** per year.
- 7 years **payback period** (incl. grant).
- **Lifetime** of the measure: Retrofit works: 25–50 years; heat pumps: 15–20 years; LED lighting: 15–20 years.





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Innovation and Awards

- Featured as an ELENA case story by the **European Investment Bank** and as a **FEDARENE** best practice;
- **Demonstrated** a rural One Stop Shop (OSS) retrofit model for private homes.



Delivery Partners

- Tipperary Energy Agency (lead, One Stop Shop); European Investment Bank (ELENA);
- SEAI programmes (SuperHomes, Better Energy Communities);
- Schools and community organisations;
- Local contractors and professional service providers;
- Tipperary County Council (lighting).



Challenges

- **High coordination** effort for hundreds of small projects;
- Need for stable **regulatory** framework (renewable heat incentive delays);
- Complex grant **administration**;
- Limited installer **capacity** in rural settings;
- Need for **sustained** outreach to build project **pipeline**.



Successes for Replicability

- Keep **strong local presence**, especially for **rural** one-off housing;
- Use a **central coordinating body** to support projects end-to-end, including validation for grant approval;
- Allocate **dedicated resources** for coordination and administration when scaling many small projects;
- Plan for **regulatory** or incentive-scheme delays and maintain flexibility in the project pipeline;
- Invest in **audits** plus **marketing/communications** to create a steady flow of bankable projects.



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