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Ireland is a country in north-western Europe. Ireland's population is around 5 million. Ireland shares its only land border with Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom.

We have an action plan for climate change. The Climate Action Plan 2021 provides a detailed plan for taking decisive action to achieve a 51% reduction goal in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050. The plan commits to using less chemical nitrogen and more targeted use of fertilizer while maintaining the same level of grass growth through multi-species swards. Other measures include improving the genetics of our herds to reduce emissions and improve productivity. We will also incentivize increased organic farming and diversification into forestry, biomethane and energy production. Also we will achieve 22%-30% reduction in emissions. We will reduce food waste by 50% and will ensure that all plastic packaging is reusable or recyclable by 2030. We will also increase our capacity to recycle packaging waste by 70%, and plastic package waste by 55%.

We think that encouraging our citizens is important and necessary. If our citizens use walking or cycling as a transport method more frequent, it would help reducing gas emissions. Letting people know about the consequences of climate change could persuade people to take action. Climate change has lots of severe consequences such as acid rains, severe windstorm, hurricanes, smog and erosion aggravation. It could also affect human health terribly. It could cause skin diseases. Also because of the increase of carbon dioxide, it will be harder to breathe later on so setting solar panels on houses, using renewable energy alternatives instead of burning fossil fuel and stopping deforestation are another way of reducing carbon dioxide. Encouraging other countries to take action. Even though we will do our best, it is not enough if the other countries don't accompany us on our way.