



## SOE 2: Full implementation

**Full implementation of existing environmental legislation and a review of the governance around the coordination on environmental protection across public bodies.**

### *ACTIONS – WHAT IS NEEDED?*

Full implementation of, and compliance with, existing environmental directives and legislation is a must to protect the environment. A review of environmental governance is needed to develop structures to achieve full implementation. This review should also develop recommendations for governance structures that help with improving co-ordination and linking up environmental protection work across different departments, organisations and regulatory bodies.



# Full implementation of existing environmental legislation is a must to protect Ireland's environment

Chapter 15 of Ireland's Environment: An Integrated Assessment 2020 presents a summary of the EPA's assessment of Ireland's performance in implementing key environmental policy and legislation in the areas of climate, air, nature, water and waste/circular economy, based on high-level performance assessments presented in the report. The right hand column of this image is the current status/ level of compliance and the dominant trend over the past 20- 25 years. The right hand column is the outlook/prospective of Ireland meeting the relevant policy objectives/target.

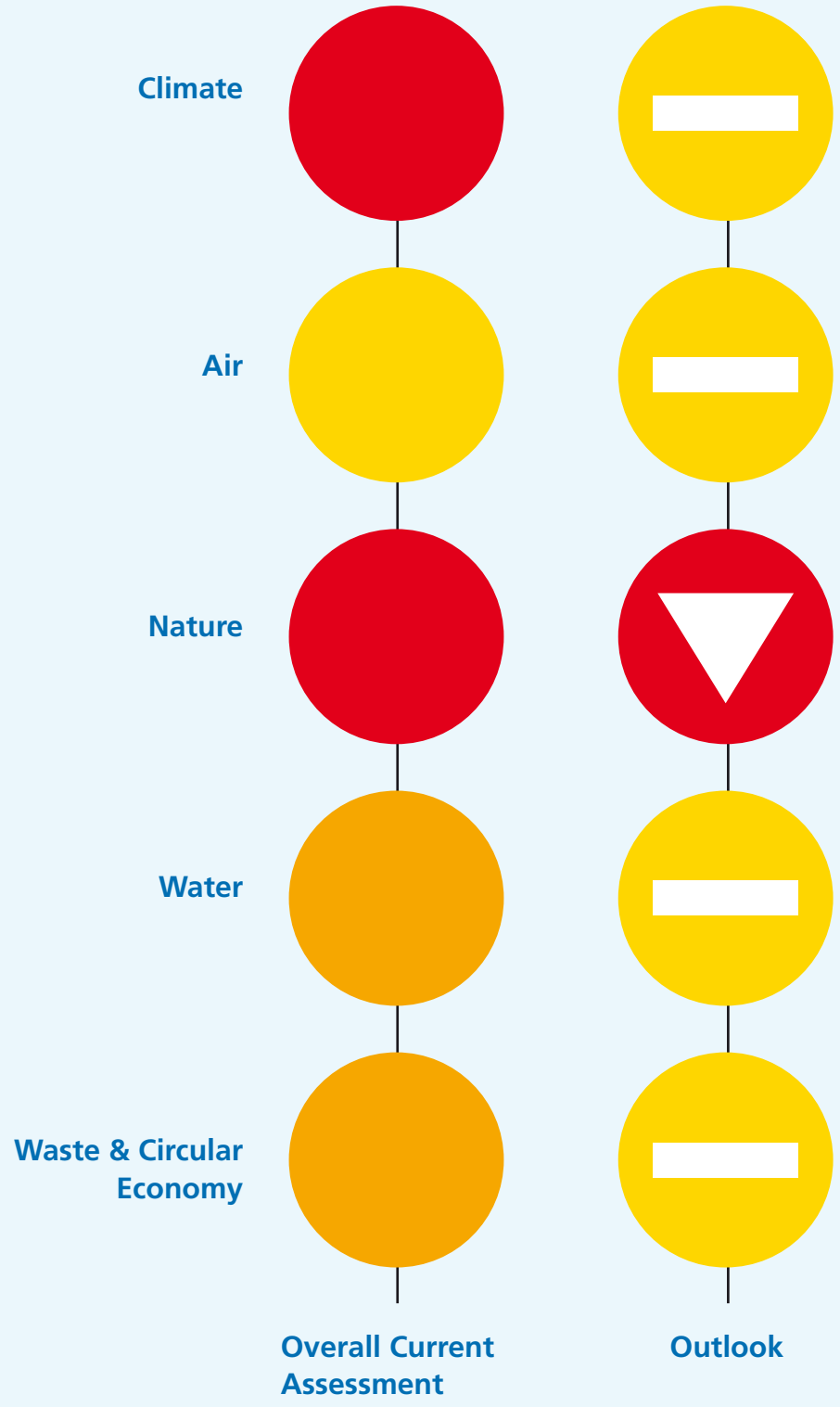
The more detailed assessment can be found on page 408 of Ireland's Environment: An Integrated Assessment 2020.

**CURRENT ASSESSMENT: Summary assessment of current environmental performance, policy and implementation in Ireland**

- Very poor/significant environmental and/or compliance challenges to address
- Poor/environmental and/or compliance challenges to address
- Moderate/on track generally/local or occasional challenges

**OUTLOOK: Current prospect of meeting policy objectives and/or targets**

- ▼ Largely not on track to meet policy objectives and targets. Significant challenges remain to achieving full compliance. Systemic and transformative change needed.
- ▬ Partially on track to achieving full compliance or measures in place or planned that will improve the situation. However, the outlook is dependent on existing and planned actions, measures and plans being fully implemented and effective.



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## The who does what web

This is a network graph that shows some of the public bodies that have a role in environmental policy or legislation. The lines between the public bodies show some of the many links between them (relationships that could include oversight, reporting or working on common projects or tasks).

This graph shows there is a web of organisations that need to work together to implement environmental legislation.

