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# National Radon Control Strategy: Update on EPA actions

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# National Radon Control Strategy



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## 34 Actions under five themes:

- Radon prevention in new buildings
- Use of property transactions to drive action
- Communications and advocacy
- Promoting confidence in radon services
- Radon in workplaces and public buildings



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# Communications and Advocacy



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Actions 12, 13 and 17 - Annual Radon Day events, promote awareness of radon through local and national media and at EPA outreach events



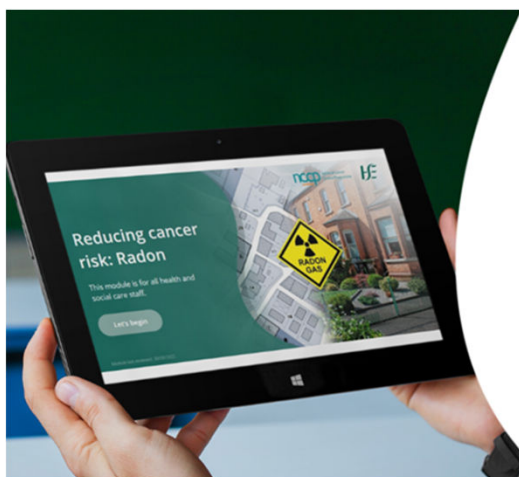
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## Action 14 – Stage matched awareness with specific groups

Since the launch on World Cancer Day (1<sup>st</sup> Feb), approx. 55 professionals engaged with the radon module by May



### New reducing cancer risk eLearning programme launched

Access and complete at [www.hseland.ie](http://www.hseland.ie)



## Action 15 - National Radon Forum 2022

- Launch of the updated radon maps



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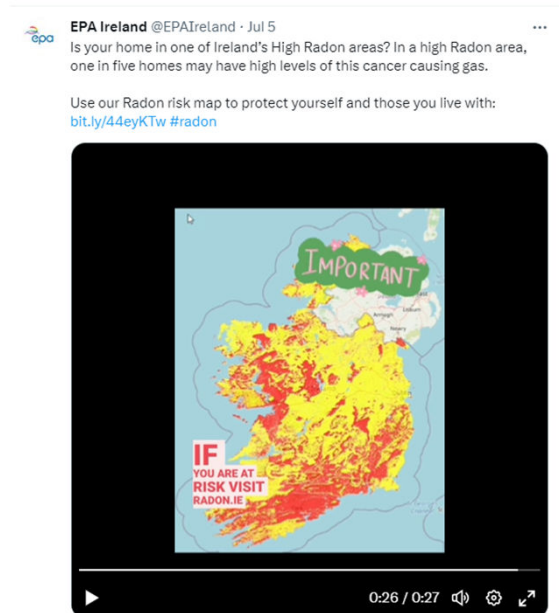
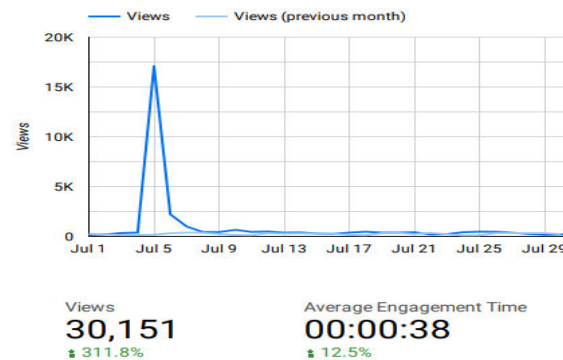
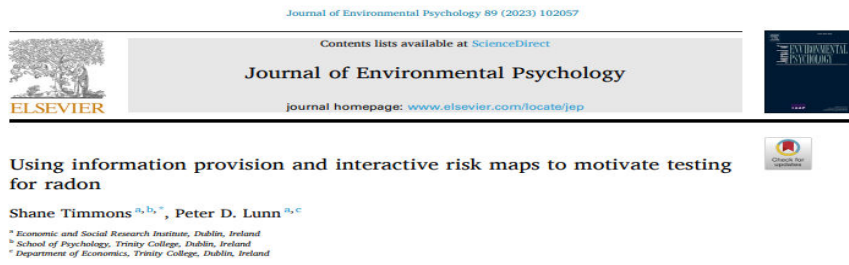
500,000+

pageviews of radon-related content



## Action 34 - Develop and roll out a comprehensive communication plan for the updated radon risk map

- July 2023 - ESRI press release on the user testing of radon map



## Use of evidence-based communications

- In collaboration with behavioural scientists from ESRI, a trial to test different communications and assess their impact on radon testing is complete – awaiting report.



- Supporting risk communication experts with field testing of social media messages (Jan 2024)



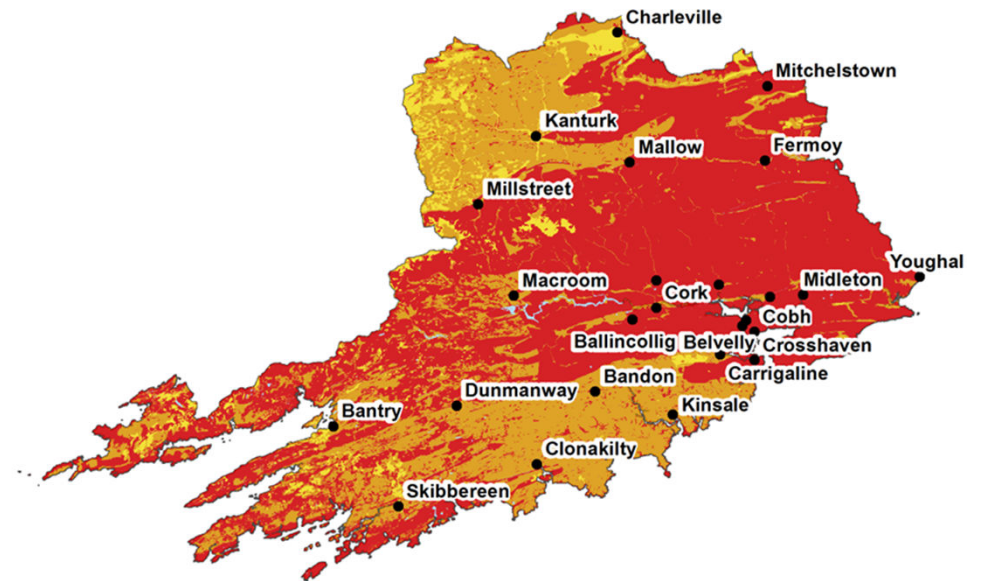
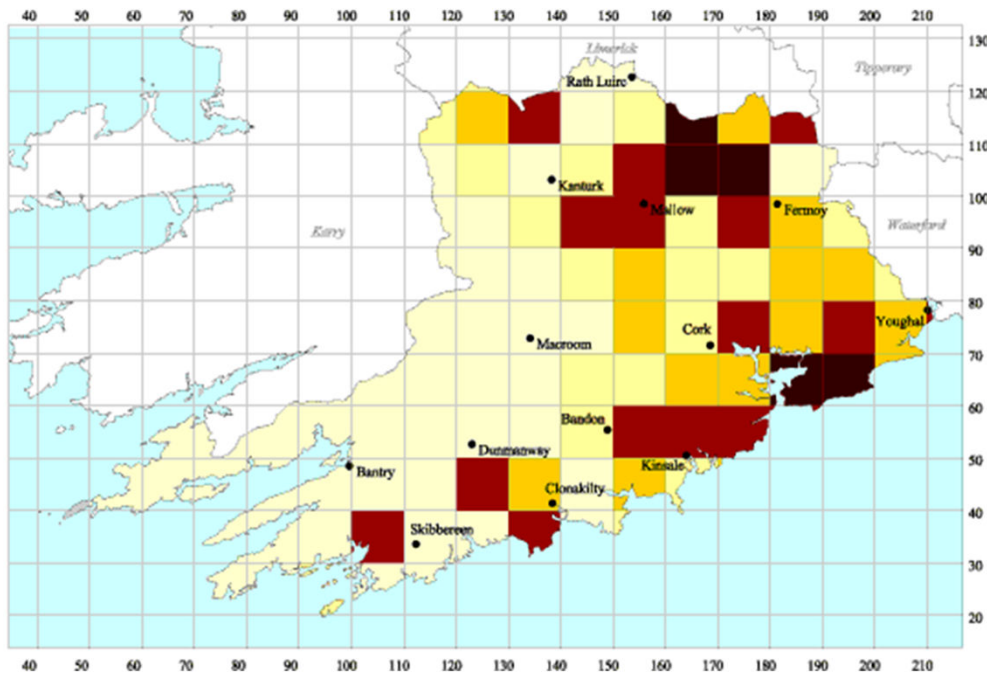
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# Promoting confidence in radon services



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## Action 25 and 27 - Provide the 2-day training course in radon remediation and promote attendance

- ✓ Delivered in Roscrea, Ballincollig and Ballycoolin Castlebar scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October
- ✓ 55 attendees
- ✓ Private contractors
- ✓ 11 local authorities
- ✓ Office of Public Works
- ✓ HSE Estates
- ✓ Tusla



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# Radon in workplaces and public buildings



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## Action 31 Continue cooperation on radon with other State agencies

Information sessions delivered by EPA to:

- Health and Safety Authority inspectors
- Local authorities – Cork County Council
- Environmental Health Association of Ireland



# Ongoing EPA actions



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- European Radon Day – 7<sup>th</sup> November (Action 12)
- Maintain & develop [www.radon.ie](http://www.radon.ie) (Action 19)
- Continue the EPA's 24/7 Free Phone and [radon@epa.ie](mailto:radon@epa.ie) services (Action 20)
- Maintain Registration Schemes for measurement & remediation services



**Thank you for your attention!**



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