

## Residential Solid Fuel Use in Ireland and the Transition away from Solid Fuels

This research project will provide a quantification of the solid fuel residential heating market in Ireland. Within this a strong focus will be placed on providing accurate data for the use of non-traded fuels particularly wood and sod peat. The development of a new data set based on a survey of households will be the primary contribution. This data set will include information on the type of solid fuel that households use (traded and non-traded), the quantities in which solid fuels are used and the solid fuel heating appliance or technology that household's possess. The factors that influence choices regarding residential heating and the barriers to transitioning from solid fuels will also be examined using this survey as well as existing data sets. Semi-structured interviews and workshops will be undertaken to develop an understanding of people's lived experiences of solid fuel. The results arising from this project will be especially beneficial in developing policy instruments that could be used to promote the transition away from solid fuels.

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