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Back in September 2017, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment formally announced the commencement of a "final consultation" for a new subsidy regime for renewable energy, to be known as the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS). The Department's consultation ran until early November 2017.

On 24 July 2018, the Irish Government formally approved RESS.

The main elements of the new Scheme reflect a number of the consistent themes that emerged in the earlier public consultations, including:

- Community Participation
- Increasing Technology Diversity
- Delivering Ireland's contribution to renewable energy electricity targets to 2030 and closing the gap on the legally binding target of ensuring that 16% of Ireland's energy requirements are met through renewables by 2020
- Renewable Electricity Auctions

The first RESS auction is due to take place in 2019. A link to the Department's announcement is located [here](#).

*If you are interested in learning more about RESS or REFIT please contact [Philip Daly](#), Head of our Energy Team or [Jamie Ritchie](#), an Associate in the Projects and Energy team.*

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