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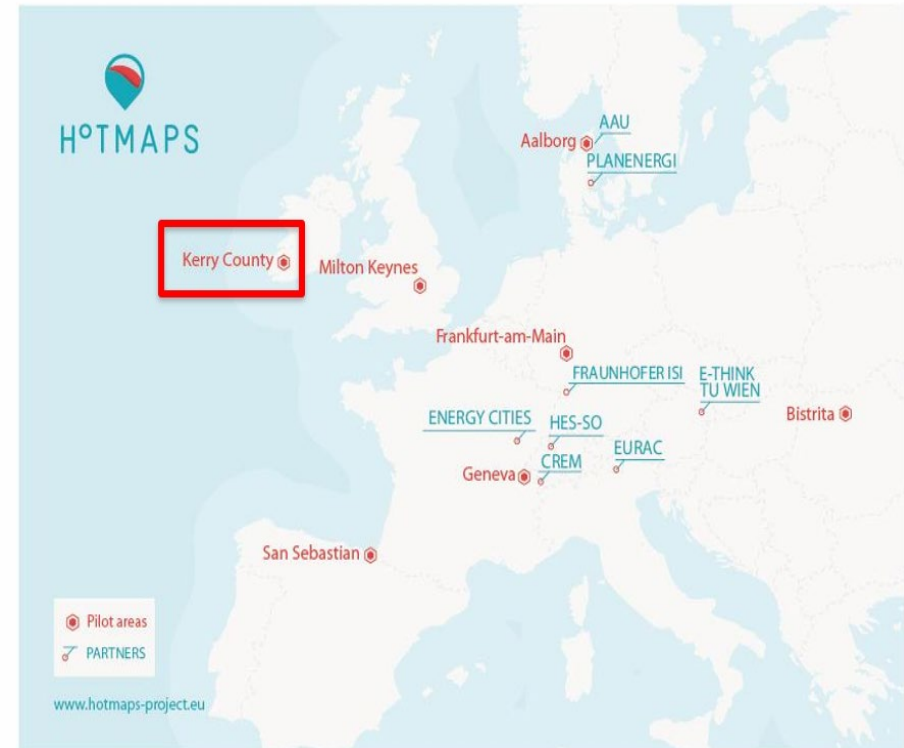
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# Introduction to County Kerry

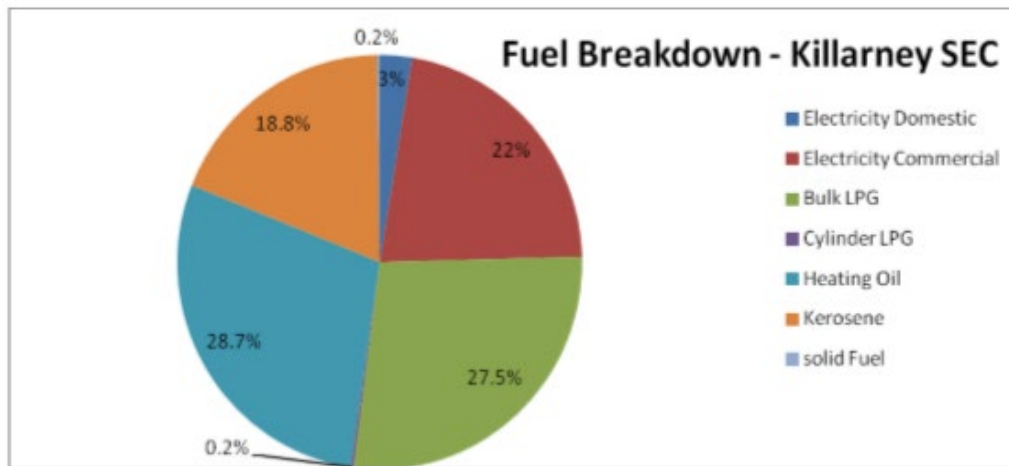
- Kerry is a rural county in the southwest of Ireland and the most westerly point of Europe. The total population of Kerry is 147,554.
- The main towns in the county are:
  - Tralee – population of 23,693
  - Killarney – population of 14,219
  - Listowel – population of 4,832
  - Dingle – population of 2,000
  - Rural areas and smaller towns – population of 102,810





# Killarney

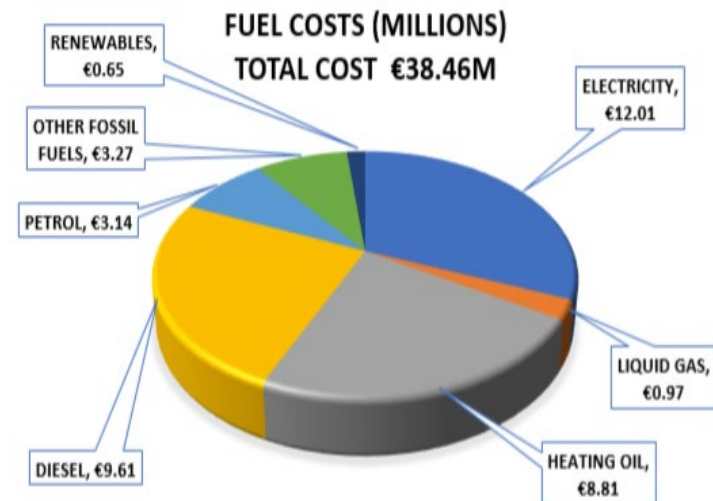
- ° Tourist Town– Population grows from 14,219 to over 30,000 during the summer
- ° With the exception of Dublin, Killarney has more hotel beds than any other town or city
- ° Significant heat demand due to the number of hotels with leisure centres, spas and gyms





# Dingle

- Tourist Town– 1 million visitors annually
- Very Active Stakeholder Group mobilised in the area – Dingle Hub
  - Currently undertaking an Anaerobic Digestion Feasibility Study
  - Promoting the transition to a low carbon economy in the Community through Energy Mentor Training





# Kerry County Council's Expectations

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- Identify the heat demand for Dingle and Killarney
  - Identify areas that are feasible for District Heating
  - Identify the share of district heating that would be required
  - Indicate the costs that would be involved
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# District Heating benefits for Kerry

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- Cleaner and healthier environment
  - Reduce the dependence on imported fuel
  - Create opportunities for locally based renewable energy sources
  - Create employment
  - Become a more Circular Economy - maintain energy spend within the county
  - Reduce fuel poverty
  - Promote Kerry as a more attractive destination for eco tourism
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 **Thank you very much for your  
attention!**

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