



## Ours to Protect on Sunshine 106.8 – February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024

This week Kirsty Murphy Hughes, Group Sustainability Manager at daa talks about the new environmental sustainability initiatives being rolled out at Dublin & Cork airports in support of the daa's commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

1. Aviation contributes around 3% of global emissions (compared to other sectors e.g. Fashion 10% and rising, Land Use Change and Agriculture 24%)
2. On Wednesday February 7 2024 the daa, operator of Dublin & Cork airports unveiled details of 20 sustainability initiatives being rolled out at both airports.
3. These initiatives will help accelerate both airports' climate and sustainability related goals, including their commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest.
4. The goals include making both Dublin and Cork airports among the most environmentally friendly of any peer airport in Europe.
5. The 20 initiatives announced by daa include:
  - Making Dublin Airport diesel free, with all owned vehicles previously powered by diesel switching to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO).
  - The light vehicle fleets at both Dublin and Cork airports being 100% electric by the end of 2024.
  - The submission of a planning application for a 1.8 million-kilowatt solar farm at Cork Airport.
  - Improving air quality at bus stations at both Dublin and Cork airports with innovative photobioreactor technology.
  - The fast-tracking of a shared bikes project for Dublin Airport.
  - The completion of work on over 20 additional electric vehicle parking spaces at Dublin Airport.
  - Cork Airport to upgrade its apron lighting to energy-efficient LED technology.
  - New interventions to increase rainwater harvesting, water reuse and the earlier detection of water leaks.
  - Improvements in lighting and Ground Support Equipment (GSE), are also on the airport operator's roadmap.
6. The daa is also committed to ensuring sustainable growth to meet Ireland's current and future international interconnectivity demands
7. The daa is also participating in the government's "Decarbonisation - Reduce Your Use" campaign, which will play a significant role in engaging all colleagues as part of initiatives being undertaken this year
8. Full details of daa's sustainability activities can be found on the daa website: [www.daa.ie/esg](http://www.daa.ie/esg)

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