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## 4 NEWS UPDATE

## 16 EUROPEAN NEWS

## 20 WORLD GREEN BUILDING WEEK

The Irish Green Building Council will roll out a series of events, workshops and discussions tailored to the Irish construction landscape during this year's 'World Green Building Week' campaign which takes place from 9-15 September.

## 22 DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Dublin Climate Action Week (#DCAW24) – 9-15 September – will feature over 45 public events throughout the city and county, ranging from nature walks and workshops to advice for businesses and individuals on grants and reducing energy bills, to climate festivals and youth conferences.

## 26 CORK FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

Construction is scheduled to start on a new flood defence scheme in Cork's city centre, in collaboration with the Office of Public Works, to provide both residents and businesses with a greater level of protection from the regular flooding they have endured for many years.

## 28 INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The recent integration of Senior Public Service to the range of specialist services provided by the Institute of Public Administration has seen the Institute enhance and expand development opportunities to a wider senior leadership cohort across the public service.

## 31 NWRA INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) is

urging the Government to fast-track the delivery of 13 major infrastructure projects in Ireland's northern and western region after a new study found that the region is now on par with the least well-off areas of Europe in terms of infrastructure.

## 44 HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT

An overall review of Ireland's housing system in addition to a proposed referendum on housing are just two of a raft of recommendations contained in the Report of the Housing Commission. A radical shift is now underway, with many of the recommendations at varying stages of implementation under the Government's 'Housing for All' plan.

## 53 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The Government's 'Build 2024 - Construction Sector Performance and Capacity' report provides a comprehensive insight into various aspects of the construction and built environment sector including costs, planning, skills, productivity and sustainability.

## 59 HEALTHY AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING

The Healthy Age-Friendly Homes (HAFH) programme is now expanding to all 31 local authorities, following a two-year pilot project across nine sites. The joint health and local government initiative will assist up to 10,500 older adults each year to continue living independently, through timely interventions.

## 69 CLÚID HOUSING

Over the past 30 years, Clúid has grown to become Ireland's leading Approved Housing Body (AHB), delivering excellence in the areas of housing policy, design, project management, delivery, tenancy management and sustainability.



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## 70 TUATH HOUSING

The challenge to decarbonise existing housing stock is a key priority in Tuath's Strategic Plan, according to Nick Sheward, Tuath's Director of Property Services, by using a comprehensive energy upgrade programme in reducing its carbon footprint, boosting the economy while improving the quality of life for residents.

## 71 HOUSING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Ireland's Approved Housing Bodies provided 5,924 new social and cost rental homes during 2023 – accounting for 47% of total social housing and 30% of total cost rental delivery - according to the Housing Association Activity Report 2023, recently published by the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH).

## 72 CROÍ CÓNAITHE (CITIES) SCHEME

New developments in Dublin and Cork are due to hit the market in 2025 under the Croí Cónaithe (Cities) Scheme, in partnership with the Housing Agency, with all expressions of interest to be submitted no later than 26 September.

## 76 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council's recently launched €16m purpose-built Innovation Quarter includes the completion of a major €8m new public realm scheme linked with South Dublin County Hall, the Cultural Quarter and Tallaght Town Centre as well as the planned Tallaght Mobility Hub.

## 83 EU REGIONAL INNOVATION

Ireland's Eastern and Midland, Southern, and Northern and Western Regional Assemblies have been designated 'Regional Innovation Valleys' by the European Commission, to recognise their potential as hubs of innovation and economic growth within a network of 149 similarly designated regions across Europe.

## 84 EU RESILIENCE PROJECT

Dublin City Council has joined the Interreg Twin-4-Resilience Project as a pilot partner. The three-year project, which aims to explore the use of Local Digital Twins for a wide variety of applications in urban areas, will be run in collaboration with 14 partners from six EU countries, eight of which will be run as pilot projects.



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