

EirGrid launched the Grid West project in **May 2012**, following the Initiation stage. Since then we have completed five rounds of public consultation, and engaged with members of the public and stakeholders through various fora.

The work on this project to date is broken into three distinct stages:

- Initiation (Feb 11 – Dec 11)
- Stage 1 (June 12- Mar 13)
- Stage 2 (May 13 – Jul 15)

- In **March 2013**, EirGrid published the Stage 1 Report. This marked the end of the initial information gathering stage of the project.

- In **October 2013**, based on further work and feedback received, EirGrid announced details of an emerging preferred overhead route corridor option for the Grid West project running from north Mayo to Flagford, Co. Roscommon.

- In **January 2014**, EirGrid announced a commitment to undertake a comprehensive analysis of an underground option for the Grid West project. Feedback on both route options were combined to form a single report called the IEP Report, which includes a comprehensive analysis of underground and overhead options for the project, including assessment of potential environmental impacts, technical efficacy and cost factors.

- The IEP Report was submitted to the Government appointed Independent Expert Panel in **February 2015** and approved by the panel in **April 2015**. The IEP Report was published in **July 2015**.

The following figures are based on project spend by calendar year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Feb-11	Capital Approval	--
Jun-11	Project Initiation, Setup and Procurement	€700,827
Dec-11	Appointment of Consultant	€229,619
Jun-12	Public Consultation- Grid West Study Area	€317,939
Aug-12	Public Consultation - Grid West Study Area Constraints	€480,565
Mar-13	Public Consultation - Grid West Stage 1 Report	€980,135
May-13	Consideration of all feedback from Stage 1	€621,250
June -13	Castlebar-Tonroe transfer costs	€703,889
Oct-13	Public Consultation - Grid West Emerging Preferred Route Corridor for OHL	€938,066
Jan-14	IEP announcement	€965,837
Jul-14	Public Consultation - Grid West Emerging Preferred Route Corridor for OHL	€870,775
Apr-15	IEP Report submitted and approved by IEP	€2,607,944
Jul-15	Publication of the IEP Report	€111,712
	<b>Total Project Costs to Date</b>	<b>€9,528,558</b>