

Tackling energy poverty for a just transition: mobility

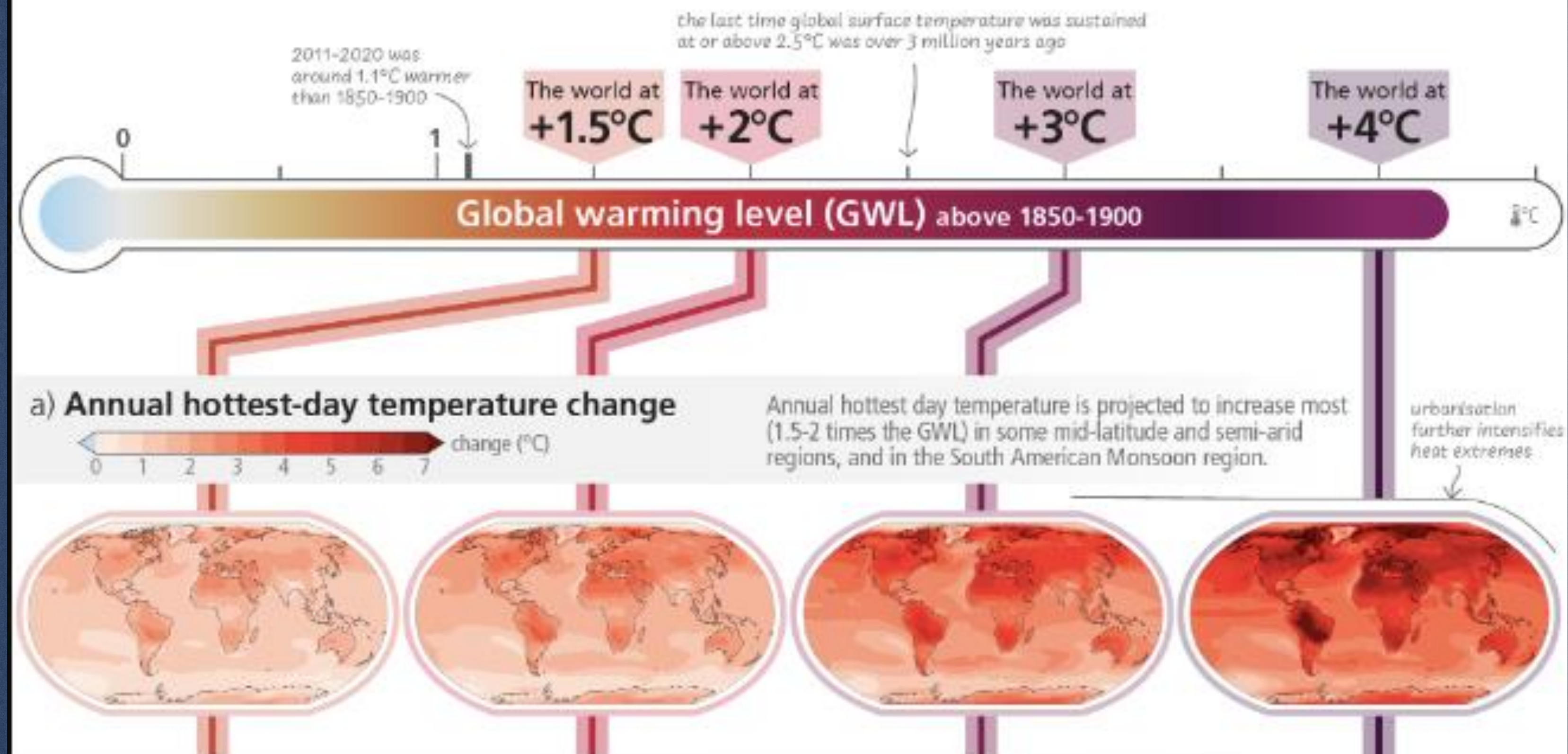


3rd EESC CONFERENCE ON ENERGY POVERTY

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With every increment of global warming, regional changes in mean climate and extremes become more widespread and pronounced



IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report, 2023

A European Green Deal

Striving to be the first climate-neutral continent

1 NO POVERTY



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



REPowerEU

Affordable, secure and sustainable energy for Europe

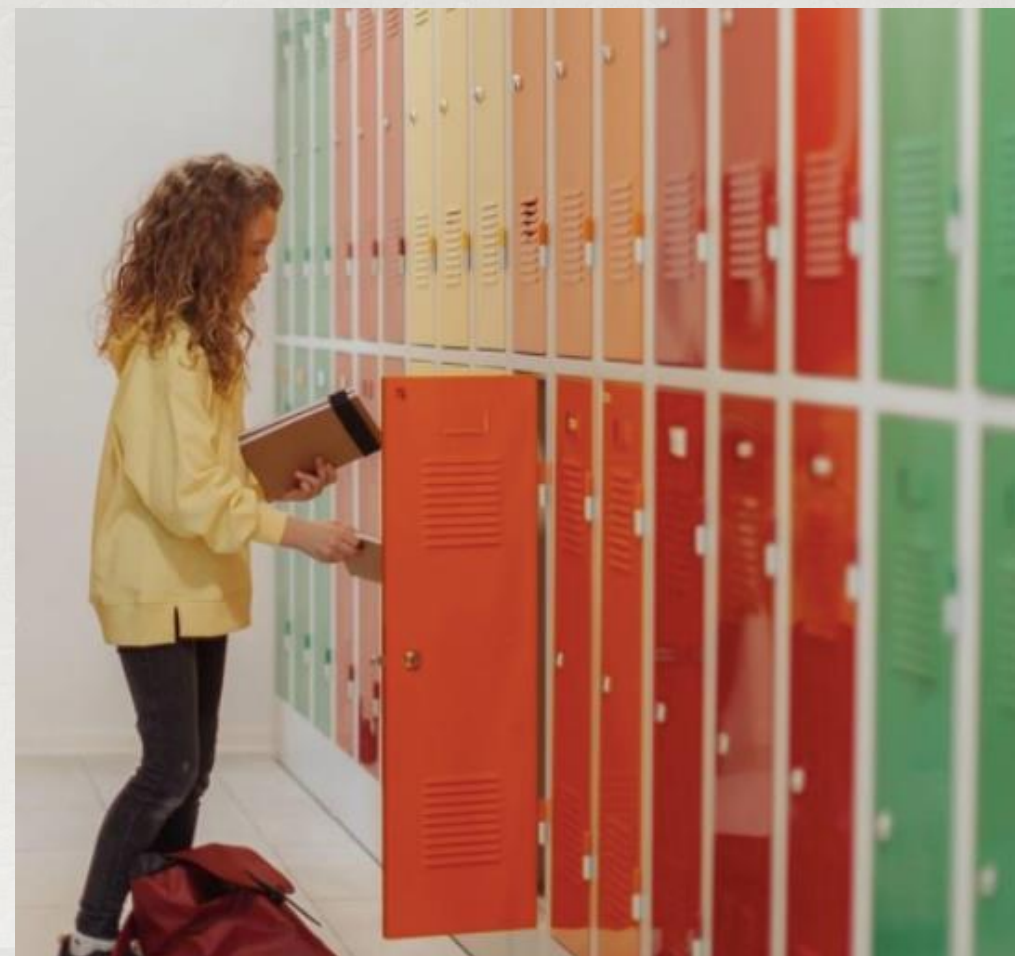
Emissions



vs.



Mobility poverty is not just about affordability



Therefore, bearing in mind gender, age, ability,
family status and culture, climate friendly
mobility is influenced by a combination of:

affordability
accessibility
reliability



Affordability - cost relative to disposable income

Who is most vulnerable?

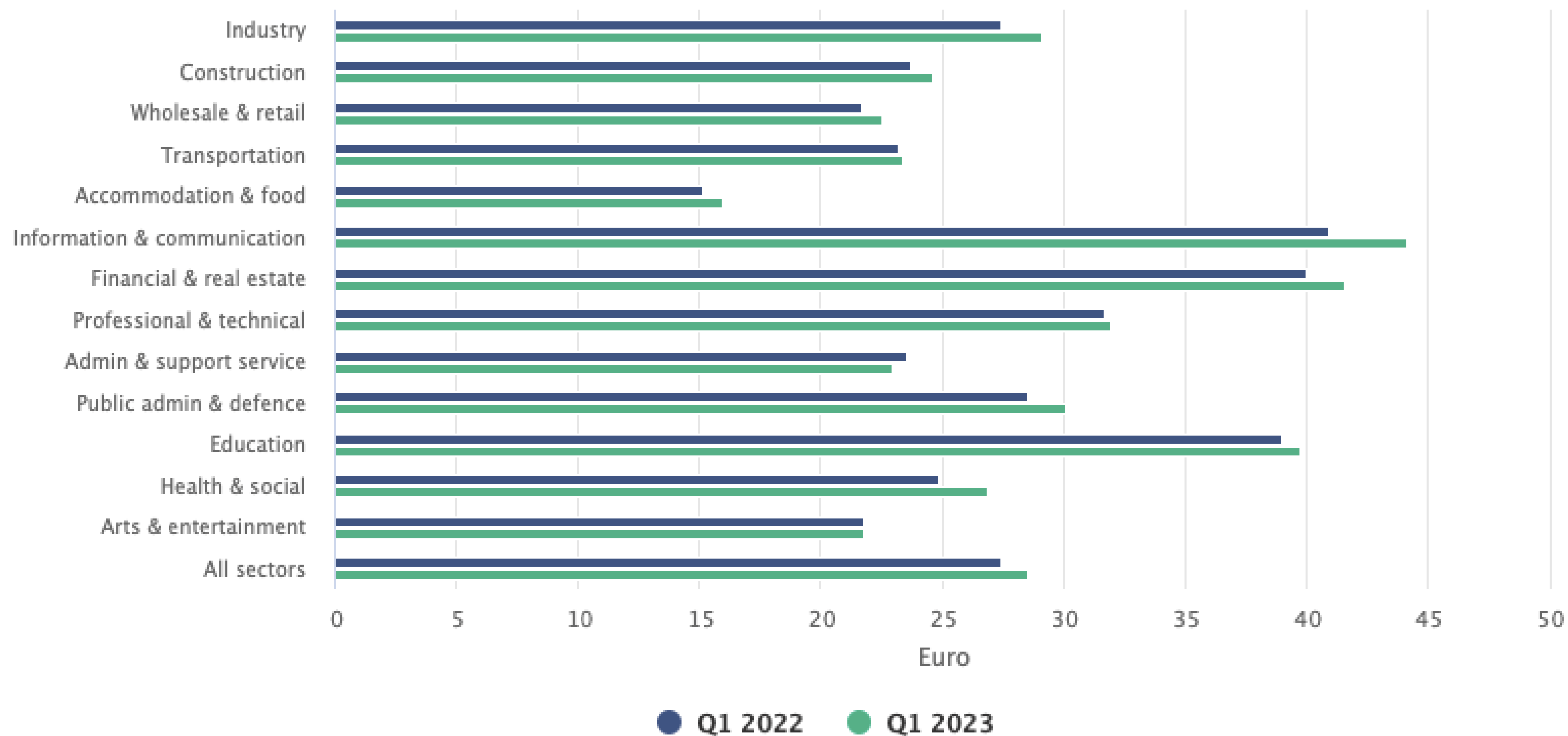
- ✿ *low income workers*
- ✿ *welfare dependant individuals & families*

How?

- ✿ *determines choice of mobility*



Average earnings - Ireland



Source: CSO Ireland
Highcharts.com

- *national minimum wage €11.30 p/hr*
- *Q1 2023 average weekly earnings €932.48*
- *Dublin Bus driver: €859.62 (5-day week inclusive of shift and Sunday premium)*

Affordability: public transport ticket costs & schemes



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What the Free Travel Scheme is

The Free Travel Scheme is available to:

- everyone who is 66 or over and legally living permanently in the State
- certain people who are under 66 and legally living permanently in the State. [If you are under 66, you must meet certain conditions to qualify](#)

The Free Travel Scheme allows you to travel, free of charge, on all public transport owned by the State. This includes bus, rail, Local Link and the Luas, with some exceptions.

Annual Dublin City Bus & Luas €1400.00

Fares effective from 9th March, 2022

Annual Dublin City Bus & Luas tickets are valid on all Dublin City Bus scheduled services including Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin City Services, Dublin Bus Xpresso and Dublin Bus Nitelink (excluding Dublin Bus Tours, Dublin Bus Special Events and Dublin Bus Private Contract services) and on all Luas services.

Tax savings example

Ticket Type	Cost	Tax rate	PRSI Rate*	Universal Social Charge ⁸	Savings
Annual Dublin City Bus & Luas	€1400.00	40%	4%	4.5%	€679.00
Annual Dublin City Bus & Luas	€1400.00	20%	4%	4.5%	€399.00

* PRSI and USC rates will vary depending on your Contribution Class.

Accessibility considerations

Public transport

- ✧ *Working hours*
- ✧ *Safety*
- ✧ *Age friendly*
- ✧ *Disability friendly*
- ✧ *Gender / Family friendly*
- ✧ *Location friendly*
- ✧ *Easily navigable & connectable*



Accessibility considerations

Active travel

- ✧ *Segregated lanes/infrastructure*
- ✧ *Urban permeability*
- ✧ *Respectful sharing behaviours*
- ✧ *Safe cycle parking*
- ✧ *Safe zones*
- ✧ *Rest/seating areas*



Reliability



- ✿ *On-time all the time*
- ✿ *Effective user communications*
- ✿ *Clean/comfortable*

“When you’re picking up a child what I would feel most is anxiety, you need to get there on time.”

Observations: design of systems and policy

- ✿ *Work with a diversity of users to understand needs*
- ✿ *Simplify & integrate the system*
- ✿ *Fair & equitable/positive discrimination*



Thank You!

