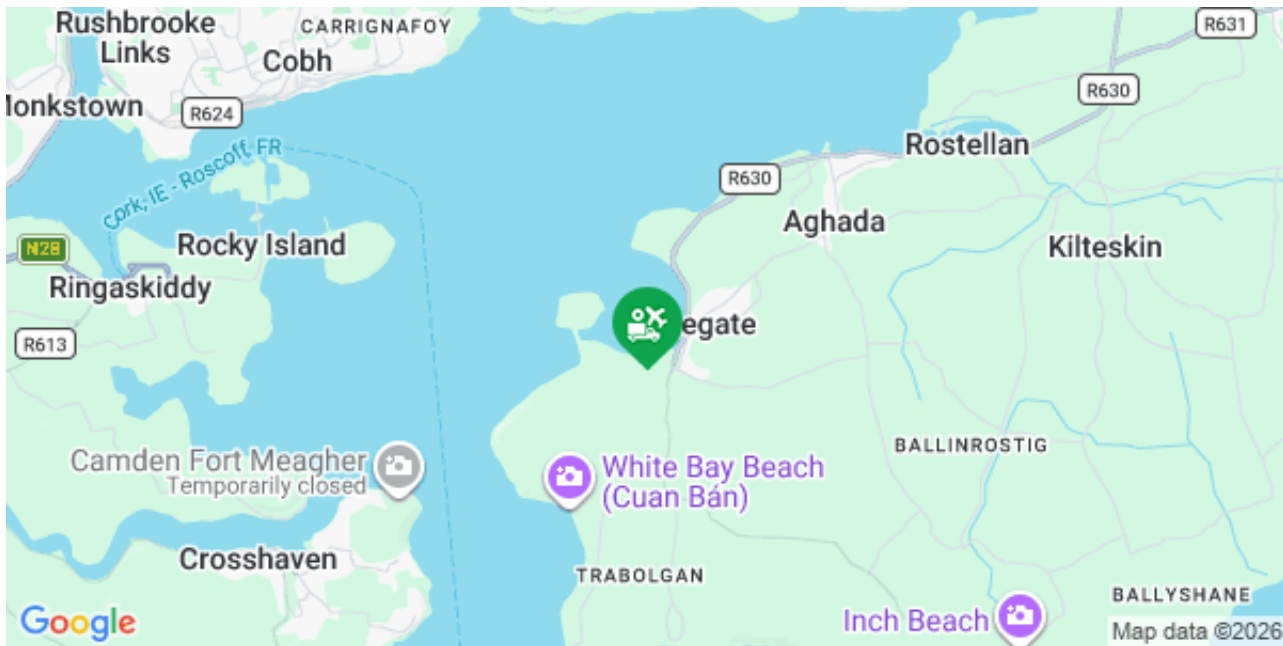




Supply Chain Disruptions



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Ireland Alert(UPDATE): Protesters announce end of nationwide fuel price protests, police removed blockades targeting key oil infrastructure as of April 13; underlying grievances sustain risk of renewed protests in medium term

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Current Situation

- On April 13, protesters under the banner “The People of Ireland Against Fuel Prices Protest” said they would end the nationwide protests that had been ongoing since April 7.
- Earlier, on April 12, Irish police removed tractors and trucks that had been blocking roads and key fuel infrastructure. This included clearing access to Whitegate refinery in Cork, removing a blockade at Galway Port, and reopening roads in Dublin.
- The protests were driven by a more than 20 percent rise in diesel prices following the outbreak of the Iran war. Protesters had blocked major fuel sites, including the Whitegate refinery, as well as terminals in Foynes (Limerick) and Galway. Road blockages across the country led to widespread travel disruption and the closure of about one-third of fuel stations nationwide.
- In response, the government announced a 500 million EUR support package on April 12. This includes a 10-cent-per-litre reduction in petrol and diesel prices, a delay to a planned carbon tax

increase, and new fuel subsidies for the farming and fishing sectors.

Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. With authorities clearing blockades targeting major oil refineries and storage sites, large-scale transport and fuel supply disruptions are expected to ease in the coming hours. That said, residual shortages at some fuel stations may continue in the short term as supply chains stabilize.
2. Despite the decision to stand down the protests, reports that 56 percent of surveyed voters support the protesters, along with continued dissatisfaction over the government's initial response, suggest that underlying grievances, particularly around fuel costs and the broader cost of living, are likely to persist.
3. **FORECAST:** As such, while the likelihood of a revival of similar large-scale protests in the short term remains low, due to protest fatigue, recent government concessions, and police enforcement that cleared key blockades, the situation remains sensitive over the medium term. Any renewed price shocks or perceived gaps in government measures could trigger further protests, particularly among farmers, hauliers, and other fuel-dependent sectors that have already demonstrated the capacity to mobilize and disrupt critical infrastructure.

Recommendations

1. Those operating, residing, or travelling in Ireland on April 13 and in the coming days are advised to keep abreast of updates related to protest developments and fuel supply conditions.
2. While disruptions are expected to ease following the clearance of blockades and the stand-down of protests, organisations are advised to maintain short-term contingency measures, including fuel reserves and flexible logistics planning, to mitigate residual supply disruptions as distribution networks stabilise.
3. Keep monitoring protest channels, sectoral groups, notably farmers and hauliers, and fuel price developments for early indicators of renewed mobilisation.