

Shannon		LNG Terminal planned / proposed	Cork	
Yes		Project of Common Interest (PCI) - eligible for EU funding ⁱ	No	
Shannon LNG Ltd. & Hess Corporation (former owner), PWC is looking for a new owner (as advisor for Sambolo Resources) ⁱⁱ		Companies involved/investors	NextDecade Global Solutions, FLEX LNG (Oslo Børs: FLNG), NextDecade, LLC (“NextDecade”) ⁱⁱⁱ , Port of Cork	
500 million € - Shannon LNG claimed to create around 650 jobs in construction & about 100 full-time positions when operational ^{iv}		Planned Investment	unknown	
Re-gasification (send-out) capacity: ^v	up to 28.3 million standard cubic metres per day (MMscm/d) – about 10 bcm/a	Planned capacity	Re-gasification capacity:	3 mtpa (million ton LNG/a) ^{vi} – about 3.85 bcm – 4.38 bcm/a ^{vii}
LNG tankers:	Up to 266,000 m ³ cargo capacity		Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (“FSRU”)	Associated LNG import terminal infrastructure
LNG storage tanks:	Up to 4 tanks of 200,000 m ³ capacity each			
Connection Pipeline:	26 km 30 inch pipeline & AGI connection to national gas grid approved			
2006 - Mar 2008	Terminal planning permission – Am Bord Pleanála (ABP) - Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) – 40 conditions	Timeline/History	Dec 2016	NextDecade Global Solutions and FLEX LNG sign Heads of Agreement (HOA) to develop LNG regasification solutions for LNG from NextDecade’s Rio Grande LNG export project in Brownsville, TX ^{viii} .
Feb 2009	Pipeline planning permission – ABP - SID			
Nov 2010	Regulated third party access 20 yrs. exemption – CER			
Dec 2010	Foreshore lease / licences – CSSO			
Mar 2013	LNG Terminal planning alteration –ABP			
May 2013	High Efficiency CHP (Combined Heat and Power) Certificate – CER (Commission for Energy Regulation)	July 2017	NextDecade, LLC, signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Port of Cork for a new Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (“FSRU”) and associated LNG import terminal infrastructure. NextDecade is in discussions with EU energy companies to enter into long-term purchase contracts for delivery at the Port of Cork. Additionally, NextDecade wants to manage shipping from its proposed RGLNG export facility at the Port of Brownsville in South Texas to the Port of Cork. ^{ix}	

July 2013	CHP planning permission – ABP - SID	Timeline/History	Aug 2017	NextDecade Delegation Visits Port of Cork following July 2017 MOU Announcement on Cork „Inisfree LNG project (U.S. Embassy Chief of Mission Aleisha Woodward joined delegation) ^x			
Oct 2013	EU Project of Common Interest ^{xi}						
Dec 2013	High Court rejects challenge to natural gas transmission network charges (Bord Gais Eireann) – Hess ordered to contribute as much as €50m/a to support infrastructure including cost of interconnectors linking Irish gas network to supplies from the UK ^{xii}						
Nov 2015	Hess sells Shannon LNG to Sambolo Resources Ltd. ^{xiii} –despite a €67 million investment ^{xiv}				Oct 2017	NextDecade secures 76% tax break (equivalent to \$373.1 million ^{xv}) for Rio Grande LNG project „Rio Grande LNG agrees to pay \$2.7 million in payments-in-lieu-of-taxes during each year of tax abatement for all phases. Additionally, the Rio Grande LNG agrees to provide up to \$10 million to fund community projects. xvi.“	
End 2015	Gas production at Corrib offshore field starts ^{xvii} – able to provide 60% of domestic demand for 10-20 yrs ^{xviii}				Mid 2018	NextDecade hopes to receive all necessary FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) approvals ^{xxi}	
June 2016	UK votes for Brexit						
April 2017	Brexit „revives“ Shannon LNG debate ^{xix} - PWC announces that it looks for new buyer ^{xx}						
Oct 2017	2nd of 40 conditions allowed 10-year planning permission for the terminal to be built; will expire March 2018 . Shannon LNG applied to alter condition - decision by February 5th 2018				End 2019 / early 2020	NextDecade, Flex LNG & Port of Cork hope that terminal could be operational ^{xxiii}	
Oct 17, 2017	EU/PCI list: decision making bodies of regional groups (NSI West Gas Corridor for Ireland) meeting to finalize 3rd final PCI list – Strategic Energy Roadmap Network considers Shannon LNG key project ^{xxii}						
Nov/Dec 2017	EU COM compiles projects from the 4 lists (of the 4 regional groups/gas corridors) into the final PCI list				2022	LNG production at Rio Grande LNG Brownsville should start ^{xxiv}	
Feb 2018	Final PCI will be published after EU Parliament vote and Trialogue negotiations						
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