



NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP

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The EU Green Deal as driver for economic prosperity and the energy transition in Ireland

Parliament of Ireland, Houses of the Oireachtas
Leinster House, Kildare St, Dublin 2
Wednesday 22 May 2024, 10:00 – 14:30 – Dublin time
Media Room

9.30 – 10.00: Registration and welcome coffee & biscuits (in the coffee dock)

10:00 – 11:00 SESSION 1

The big picture: The EU Green Deal as driver for economic prosperity and the energy transition in Ireland

Chair: Brian Leddin, Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action, Member of the Irish Parliament

- **Welcome by EUFORES**
Ciaran Cuffe, MEP, President of EUFORES
- **A wake-up call**
Flossie Donnelly, Climate Activist
- **Deploying renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in Ireland: The plans of the government**
Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport
- **Europe's vision for a strong economy and a clean future: The elements of the EU Green Deal**
Yolanda Garcia Mezquita, Head of Unit, Relations with the Member States and the Energy Community, DG Energy, European Commission (online speech)
- **European Prosperity and Security at the Crossroads – our way forward**
Pat Cox, Former President European Parliament

Open discussion with participants

11.00 – 12.30 SESSION 2
The Role of Energy Efficiency in Ireland

Chair: Ciaran Cuffe, MEP, President of EUFORES

- **The Irish energy efficiency trends and policies**
Robert Deegan, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, DECC
- **The new European Energy Efficiency Directive**
Heidelinde Adensam, Policy Officer, Energy Efficiency Policy and Financing, European Commission (online speech)
- **The new European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive**
Stefan Moser, Head of Unit, Buildings and Products, European Commission (online speech)
- **The European Buildings Performance Directive – Boost for the Irish Living Environment**
Pat Barry, CEO, Irish Green Building Council, IGBC
- **Energy efficiency: A chance to modernize cities and regions**
Seamus Hoyne, Dean of Flexible and Work Place Learning at Technological University of the Shannon, Secretary General FEDARENE
- **Narratives as key to boost European and national policy implementation**
Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

Expert Panel on Narratives supporting the EU Green Deal

Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- **Brian Leddin**, Member of the Irish Parliament
- **Ciaran Cuffe**, MEP, President of EUFORES
- **Robert Deegan**, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, DECC
- **Pat Barry**, CEO, Irish Green Building Council, IGBC
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Open discussion with participants

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee Break with snacks (in the coffee dock)

13.00 – 14.20 SESSION 3
The Role of Renewable Energy in Ireland

Chair: Brian Leddin, Chair the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action
Member of the Irish Parliament

- **The new Renewable Energy Directive and Ireland's leading role for the European Energy Transition**
Lukasz Kolinski, Head of Unit, Renewables and Energy System Integration Policy, European Commission*
- **Bottlenecks of the Irish Energy Transition**
Sadhbh O'Neill, Policy Coordinator, Stop Climate Chaos Coalition
- **Delivering Energy Independence for Ireland - Our onshore and offshore wind energy opportunity**
Noel Cunniffe, CEO, Wind Energy Ireland, WEI
- **Photovoltaics in Ireland**
Conall Bolger, CEO, Irish Solar Energy Association, ISEA
- **SAOIRSE Wave Energy – An example of the contribution of ocean energy to meet Ireland's RES targets**
Patricia Comiskey, Project Director for Policy and Innovation, ESB
- **Fit for the future: How grids will deliver on the energy transition**
Liam Ryan, Chief Innovation and Planning Officer, EirGrid Group

Open discussion with participants

14:20 Closing remarks

Ciaran Cuffe, MEP and President of EUFORES

Brian Leddin, Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action,
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14:30 End of Event



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