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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
- **Seamus Hoyne**, Dean of Flexible and Work Place Learning at Technological University of the Shannon, Secretary General FEDARENE

**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**  
**Paula Rey Garcia**, Deputy Head of Unit, Renewables and Energy System Integration Policy, European Commission (online speech)
- **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
- **Ireland's solar revolution**  
**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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