



WORKSHOP

“The Clean Energy Package and the Irish National Energy and Climate Plan – Special Outlook on the Offshore Wind Sector”

Houses of the Oireachtas – Parliament of Ireland
AV Room, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Tuesday, 24 September 2019, 12:00-14:30

11:30-12:00: Registration

12:00-12:45: Panel 1: Regulatory and legislative oversight – the Irish national energy and climate plan: Level of ambition and the implications for the offshore wind sector

An overview of the role of European and National legislation in the development process, possible market structures to support investment and potential power supplies in the short, medium and long term.

Chair: **Eamon Ryan**, TD

- **Sharon Finegan**, Head of the Climate Change Unit, the Department of the Taoiseach
- **Brendan Devlin**, DG Energy, European Commission
- **John Melvin**, Director from the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities
- **Eamon Confrey**, Principal Officer from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

12:45 -13:30: Panel 2: Technology and business developments

A review of recent market and technological developments and of activity in Irish waters and other countries. Assessing potential developments in different offshore areas around Ireland and the potential cost and benefits for the local and national economy.

- **David Conolly**, CEO Irish Wind Energy Association
- **Marie Donnelly**, Former Director General, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Eddie O'Connor**, CEO Mainstream Renewable Power
- **Declan Meally**, Head of Ocean Energy Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

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13:30-14:15: Panel 3: Planning Issues

The panel will discuss the grid connection, environmental and technical issues that are likely to arise in the planning process and the best way of engaging the public and relevant stakeholders in the planning process.

Chair: **Eamon Ryan**, TD

- **Robbie Aherne**, Head of New Connections Eirgrid (TSO)
- **Kate Ruddock**, Friends of the Earth Ireland
- **Onnagh Duggan**, Birdwatch Ireland
- **Brendan Devlin**, European Commission North Seas Offshore grid initiative

14:15-14:30: Wrap up and main findings

Open discussion with participants

Closing remarks

- **Eamon Ryan**, TD