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WORKSHOP

The European Green Deal and the National Energy and Climate Plan in Ireland

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SESSION 1

Opening session: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - 9.00 – 9.45 (45 min)

Setting the ambition for renewables and energy efficiency for Ireland

The session will present the current situation for renewable energies in Ireland, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the Irish renewable energy and energy efficiency system of the future.

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

9.00 – 9.05: Opening words

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9.05 – 9.10: Welcoming words

Brian Leddin, Member of the Irish Parliament

Input speeches

- **9.10 – 9.20: The role of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency for a sustainable recovery and economy in Ireland**
Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport
- **9.20 – 9.30: The impact of the EU's Clean Energy Package & the European Green Deal on the Irish energy transition**
Hans van Steen, Advisor, Research and Innovation and Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission
- **9.30 – 9.40: The role of European legislation for Irish renewable energy and energy efficiency policies**
Ciaran Cuffe, Member of the European Parliament and EUFORES President

9.40 – 9.45: Questions from Members of the Irish Parliament



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SESSION 2

Energy Efficiency – 9.45 – 10.30 (45 min)

EU energy efficiency policy implementation in Ireland

This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Ireland and good practices for boosting investments. Held as part of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective policies.

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **9.45 – 9.55: The Irish energy efficiency trends and policies by sector**
Robert Deegan, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, DECC
- **9.55 – 10.05: The role of energy efficiency in the Irish energy transition & the Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme**
Joe Durkan, Programme Manager, Energy Efficiency Obligation, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland
- **10.05 – 10.15: Advancing energy retrofitting in Irish homes through Home Energy Grants and SuperHomes one-stop-shop**
Stephen O'Connor, CEO, Electric Ireland Superhomes

10.15 – 10.30: Questions from Members of the Irish Parliament

10.30 – 10:45: Break

SESSION 3

Energy Efficiency – 10.45 – 11.45 (60 min)

Open discussion: enabling factors and barriers for implementing energy efficiency in Ireland

The Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project tries to create a better understanding of the national debate and motivation on efficiency policies and good practices. This session focuses on the influential narratives in Ireland. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will form part of the discussion.

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

10.45 – 11.00: Energy Efficiency Watch 4 survey results and the impact of narratives on effective policy implementation

Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

11.00 – 11.30: Expert Panel

Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- **Jennifer Whitmore**, Member of the Irish Parliament
- **Pat Barry**, CEO, Irish Green Building Council, IGBC
- **Siona Daly**, CEO, Tipperary Energy Agency
- **Oisín Coghlan**, CEO, Friends of the Earth Ireland

11.30 – 11.45: Questions from Members of the Irish Parliament

SESSION 4

Renewable Energy – 11.45 – 12.30 (45 min)

Towards a new and sustainable Irish energy system

This session will discuss the trends of the new energy system and energy markets in Ireland. Innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors will be presented to show how different actors are implementing solutions overcoming the challenges faced by the traditional energy system and thereby shaping the future Irish energy system.

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **11.45 – 11.55: How Ireland plans to reach zero-net emissions by 2050**
Marie Donnelly, Chair, Climate Change Advisory Council
- **11.55 – 12.05: The contribution of ocean energy to meet Ireland’s RES targets**
Patricia Comiskey, SEAI Offshore Energy Programme Manager
- **12.05 – 12.15: An increased offshore development in Ireland by the end of the decade**
Noel Cunniffe, CEO, Irish Wind Energy Association, IWEA

12.15 – 12.30: Question from Members of the Irish Parliament

12.30 – 12.45: Break

SESSION 5

Renewable Energy – 12.45 – 13.30 (45 min)

Open discussion: shape and fund the renewable energy transition in Ireland

This session intends to discuss the financial opportunities for the energy transition and renewable energies in Ireland, as well as the different existing initiatives to develop renewable energy projects at the local, regional, or national level, and through public, private, or collaborative funding.

Chair and Moderator: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

12.45 – 12.55: Input speech

Brian Leddin, Member of the Irish Parliament

12.55 – 13.15: Expert Panel

- **Colin Hunt**, CEO, Allied Irish Banks, AIB
- **Simon De Pietro**, CEO, DP Energy
- **Liam Ryan**, Chief Innovation and Planning Officer, EirGrid Group
- **Sadhbh O'Neill**, Policy Coordinator, Stop Climate Chaos Coalition
- **Martin Finucane**, Principal Officer, Strategic Energy Policy, Decarbonization Policy Division, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, DCCAE

13.15 – 13.25: Questions from Members of the Irish Parliament

13.25 – 13.30: Closing remarks

Ciaran Cuffe, MEP and President of EUFORES

Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES



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