

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:
Next steps for offshore renewable energy in Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Friday 8th March 2024

*****Taking place online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Róisín Garvey, Green Party Spokesperson, Rural Development and Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for offshore wind energy development**
Contribution to decarbonisation targets | Maximising the place of offshore wind in the energy mix | Developing international partnerships
Conor McCabe, Principal Officer, International and Offshore Energy, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Assessing barriers to progress in offshore renewable energy development**
The future of the planning system | Investment and funding | Addressing infrastructure development and energy storage concerns | Ensuring a focus on marine protection
Conor Blennerhassett, Partner, Projects and Infrastructure, Matheson
Dr Donal Griffin, Campaign Coordinator, Fair Seas
Bobby Smith, Head, Energy Storage Ireland
Kevin Lynch, Chief Executive Officer, Source Galileo
Senior representative, ports
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Róisín Garvey, Green Party Spokesperson, Rural Development and Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Bruton TD, Member, Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and Fine Gael Spokesperson for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- 11.00 **Stimulating inward investment and unlocking offshore potential in the Irish Sea**
Senior representative, offshore wind developer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Enabling sectoral growth and maximising economic opportunity**
Green skills development | Enabling innovation in offshore floating wind technology | Priorities for developing an Industrial Strategy for Offshore Wind which encourages investment
Mark Ruane, Network Manager, Green Tech Skillnet
Daniel Fearnley, Director of Business Development Energy & Renewables, Harland and Wolff
Senior representative, renewable energy developer
Senior representative, grid
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Priorities for future growth in offshore wind - developing an effective maritime consent regime**
Laura Brien, Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Richard Bruton TD, Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and Fine Gael Spokesperson for the Environment, Climate and Communications
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland