

Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar
Next steps for Research and Innovation in Ireland

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th March 2022

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



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Aisling Dolan, Member, Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- 9.05 **The National Research and Innovation Strategy 2021-2027 - priorities for delivery**
Peter Clifford, Head of Strategy, Science Foundation Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key issues for the innovation system - funding and business support, infrastructure and connectivity, clustering and enhancing knowledge exchange, and contributing to economic recovery and sustainable growth**
Leonard Hobbs, Director of Research & Innovation, Trinity College Dublin
Professor Fergal O'Brien, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research & Innovation, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
Neasa McNabola, Senior Manager, R&D Incentives Group, PwC
Dr Andrew Walker, Head of Research, Local Government Information Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Break
- 10.30 **EU research and innovation cooperation - immediate priorities and vision for the future**
Signe Ratso, Deputy Director General, Research and Innovation, European Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Aisling Dolan, Member, Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Marc Ó Cathasaigh TD, Member, Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- 11.15 **Developing the research workforce - the talent pipeline, horizontal mobility, upskilling and CPD opportunities, and addressing regional skills needs**
Dr Chantelle Kiernan, Senior Scientific Advisor, IDA Ireland
Peter Brown, Director, Irish Research Council
Dr David O'Connell, Director of Research Support & Policy, University College Cork
Triona McCormack, Director of Research, University College Dublin
Dr Liam Brown, Vice President Research, Development & Innovation, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Next steps for global innovation partnerships - priorities for national and international collaboration**
David Murphy, Director of Technology Transfer and Innovation, National University of Ireland, Galway
Professor Bryan Scotney, Principal Investigator of the BT Ireland Innovation Centre Project; and Professor of Informatics, Ulster University
Dr Deirdre Kilbane, Director of Research, Walton Institute for Information and Communication Systems Science
Philip Mudge, Head, Research Technology and Innovation Unit, Department of Defence
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Marc Ó Cathasaigh TD, Member, Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
Patrick Owen, Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland