

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:
Next steps for the transport sector in Ireland**
Timing: Morning, Friday, 22nd March 2024
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Assessing the current landscape for transport connectivity and development in Ireland**
Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for transport decarbonisation**
Investing in sustainable methods of travel | Fostering behavioural change | Redesigning urban transport systems to prioritise public transport | Planning for a transport network fit for a net zero future
Tara O'Leary, Technical Director, Sweco
Senior representative, decarbonisation
Senior representative, ZEVs
Senior representative, planning
- 9.50 **Latest thinking on system redesign for net zero**
Aimée Aguilar Jaber, Programme Lead, Systems Thinking and Transformative Change for Net Zero and Resilience, OECD
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Improving rural and urban connectivity**
Developing rural public transport links | Considering recommendations from the Strategic Rail Review | Fostering cross-border development | Improving transport infrastructure | Tackling inter-city congestion
Brendan Finn, Project Manager, SMARTA-NET
Louise Lennon, Policy and Communications Officer, Irish Rural Link
Senior representative, Northern Ireland
Senior representative, local authority
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.40 **Reviewing Ireland's national aviation, maritime and ports policy**
The future for maritime and air travel development | Fostering technical innovation within port infrastructure | Utilising port travel to stimulate economic growth and account for future need
Marina Efthymiou, Associate Professor in Aviation Management, Dublin City University
Bernie Hamilton, Director of Corporate Affairs, Harland & Wolff
Senior representative, ports
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Key priorities for transport in Ireland going forward**
Professor Brian Caulfield, Professor of Transportation and Head of Discipline, Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, Trinity College Dublin
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland