

## Agenda

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### Day One: Conference Programme

08.30 Registration & Coffee

#### Session 1: Opening Session – Keynote Session

09.00 Chair and Opening Remarks  
**Bernie Gray, Chairperson, EirGrid**

Ministerial Address

**Mary Coughlan, Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment**

Company Update and Industry Developments

**Dermot Byrne, Chief Executive, EirGrid**

"It's all about consumers: regulation for today and tomorrow"

**Iain Osborne, Chief Executive, NIAUR**

10.30 Questions & Answers followed by morning break

#### Session 2: Key Industry Challenges

11.00 Chair  
**Dermot Byrne, Chief Executive, EirGrid**

Regulatory Perspective

**Michael Tutty, Chairman, CER**

Pan European Challenges

**Marcel Bial, Senior Advisor System Development, ENTSO-E**

Grid Infrastructure Development

**Andrew Cooke, Director, Grid Development & Commercial, EirGrid**

A New Entrant's Perspective

**Miguel González, Engineering Executive Manager, Endesa**

East West Interconnector

**John Fitzgerald, Project Director, East West Interconnector**

"If you love wind, you have to at least like transmission"

**Beth Soholt, Director, Wind on the Wires**

12.45 Questions & Answers followed by Conference Lunch

Session 3: **Panel Discussion – Investment Signals**

- 14.00** Chair  
**Noel Thompson, BBC Ulster**
- Fintan Slye**  
Director of Operations, EirGrid
- Iain Wright**  
Regulatory Manager Ireland, Airtricity
- John Fitz Gerald**  
Research Professor, ESRI
- Michael Walsh**  
Chief Executive Officer, IWEA
- Garrett Blaney**  
Strategic Development Director, Viridian
- 15.00** Afternoon break

Session 4: **Power System and Market System Review**

- 15.30** Chair  
**Robin McCormick, General Manager, SONI**
- Customer Service and Efficiency Programme
- Claire Kane, Manager, Customer Relations, EirGrid**  
Power System Review (EirGrid)
- Michael Kelly, Manager, Power System Control, EirGrid**  
Power System Review (SONI)
- Alex Baird, Manager, Grid Operations, SONI**  
Single Electricity Market Update
- Liam Ryan, Manager, Market Operations, SEMO**
- 16.30** Questions & Answers
- 16.45** Closing Remarks  
**Dermot Byrne, Chief Executive, EirGrid**
- 17.00** Post Conference Reception

## Day Two: Workshop Programme

### "2020 – A Collaborative Approach"

08.30 Registration & Coffee

#### Session 1: Delivering for 2020

09.00 Chair and Introduction  
**Fintan Slye, Director of Operations, EirGrid**

Workshop Context Introduction

**Professor Mark O'Malley, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, UCD**

TSO Facilitation of Renewables Studies

**Jon O'Sullivan, Manager, Operations Policy & Performance, EirGrid**

Managing a System with 40% Wind

**Dr Alan Rogers, Power Quality and Power System Protection, EirGrid**

Grid Infrastructure, The North-West Study

**Louis Fisher, Manager, Transmission Network Planning, EirGrid;**

**Leslie Bryans, Manager, Transmission Planning, NIE**

10.30 Questions & Answers followed by morning break

#### Session 2: 2020 and Beyond

11.00 Chair and Introduction  
**Dick Lewis, Manager, Grid Operations Planning, SONI**

Generation Portfolio Study

**Philip O'Donnell, Manager, Generation Analysis, EirGrid**

Developing an Integrated Smart Network in Ireland

**Jerry O Sullivan, Head of Sustainability and Network Systems, ESB Networks**

Energy Needs Ireland Research, Why we believe 40% is the right thing to do.

**Professor Mark O'Malley, UCD, Muireann Lynch & Gareth Allen**

Ocean Energy - An Evolving Industry

**John McCarthy, Chief Executive, Ocean Energy**

CAES in Power Systems with high Wind Penetration

**Keith McGrane, Head of Offshore Energy, Marine and Electricity Storage, Gaelectric**

13.00 Questions & Answers followed by Workshop Lunch