

Irish renewable energy summit

13th February 2013, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin

It is clear that the transition towards a low-carbon electricity system in Ireland is well underway. Significant progress is being made towards meeting the 40 per cent renewables target by 2020, with renewable generation supplying 17 per cent of electricity on an all-island basis in 2011 (a figure that in 2005 was just five per cent). This progress was acknowledged in the International Energy Agency (IEA) review of Irish energy policy, completed in 2012.

The Government's Renewable Energy Strategy published earlier this year identifies major opportunities associated with the export of renewables in recognition of the fact that Ireland's wind and ocean resources can deliver significantly greater volumes of energy than our domestic economy can absorb. In particular, there is a major opportunity to export renewables to Great Britain, which faces a significant energy gap between its current renewable levels of 8 per cent and its target of 30 per cent. It is estimated that by 2020 Ireland could be exporting ?2.5 billion of wind energy per annum.

This annual conference examines the major issues facing Ireland's renewable energy sector by way of an expert panel of local and visiting speakers (view the full speaker line-up). Key themes include -

- economic benefits of renewables
- the new Renewable Energy Strategy 2012-2020
- opportunities in association with exporting renewables
- regulatory and policy framework for renewables
- review of Ireland's energy policies
- developments in renewable technologies.

Speakers include -

Fergus O'Dowd, TD, Minister of State, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

Brian Motherway, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Marie Donnelly, DG Energy, European Commission

Adam Bruce, Chairman, UK Offshore Wind Programme Board

Paolo Frankl, Head of Renewable Energy, International Energy Agency

Roger Hargreaves, Office for Renewable Energy Deployment, Department of Energy &

Climate Change

Andy Kinsella, Chief Executive Officer, Offshore, Mainstream Renewable Power

Denis Cagney, Director, Commission for Energy Regulation

Who should attend?

- Energy sector executives
- Large energy users
- Government departments & agencies
- Energy agencies
- Policy-makers
- Environmental managers/consultants
- Regulators Legal and financial advisors
- Economists Technical consultants
- Renewable energy developers

Benefits of attending

- Hear latest government policy for the renewable energy sector
- Gain an international perspective: European Commission & IEA speakers
- Explore the economic opportunities from exporting renewables
- Consider cost reduction for offshore wind
- Discuss issues around social acceptance of renewable energy projects

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