

Promoting and Financing Energy Efficiency in Ireland and the United Kingdom

28 September 2017

Clontarf Castle, Dublin

The European Commission, in partnership with the UN Environment Finance Initiative, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment is organising a regional Conference on Promoting and Financing Energy Efficiency in Ireland and the United Kingdom, which will take place in Dublin on Thursday, 28 September 2017, from 9.00 to 16.30.

To register to attend the event, please complete the registration form [here](#), or visit the [webpage](#) for the event.

The event will be an opportunity to:

- Present and discuss EU Energy Efficiency Policy and EU support to finance energy efficiency investments.
- Engage policymakers and stakeholders in an informed discussion on ways to upscale energy efficiency investments.
- Present the opportunities for unlocking the potential for energy efficiency across the region.
- Share best practice on how to reach out to and engage SMEs in thinking about energy efficiency investments
- Identify ways to overcome barriers to investment and possible next steps on future cooperation.
- Learn from successful European examples on energy efficiency investments.

For further background information on the project and to see the agenda and presentations from previous and upcoming events, visit the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums [webpage](#).



This event is organised in the frame of the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums contract, funded under the EU Horizon 2020 programme.

AGENDA

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee/tea

9:00 Welcome and introduction from SEAI

Jim Gannon, CEO

Plenary session 1: European and national policy contexts

European policy overview

EU Clean Energy for all Europeans policy package and its Smart Finance for Smart Buildings initiative

Paul Hodson, DG Energy

Mobilising the financial sector on energy efficiency

Eric Usher, UN Environment Finance Initiative

National overviews for Ireland and UK

Strategy for energy efficiency investments in Ireland

Kevin Brady – Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and SEAI Board Member

Strategy for energy efficiency investments in the UK

Ioannis Orfanos, BEIS

Questions and answers

Unlocking the Energy Efficiency Opportunity

Unlocking the energy efficiency opportunity in Ireland

Jim Scheer, SEAI

Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group

Peter Sweatman, EEFIG

Support available from the European Investment Bank

EIB Representative

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Plenary session 2: Making the energy efficiency market investable

Moderator: Ioannis Orfanos, BEIS, UK

Standardisation for Energy Efficiency Investment - The Underwriting Guide and the Investor Ready Energy Efficiency Standard

Steve Fawkes, EnergyPro & ICP-Europe

Investing in energy efficiency: a UK and Irish perspective

Sam Foster - Element Energy

Sustainable Energy Asset Evaluation and Optimisation Framework (SEAF)

Jessica Stromback, Joule Assets Europe AB

Panel Discussion – Is financing for energy efficiency becoming mainstream?

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Parallel sessions

A. Financing energy renovations in buildings

Moderator: Rebecca Minch, DCCAE

Financing Energy Efficiency –a financiers perspective with case study from Ireland

Paul Kearney, Susi partners

Regional one-stop-shop centre for the renovation of buildings – experiences from the Reno Watt project in Belgium

Erika Honnay, GRE Liege

Commercial Value from Energy Efficiency Retrofitting

Tim Mockett, Impax AM

Supporting energy efficiency investments in commercial real estate – Acquisitions Sustainability Toolkit and REEAB

Sarah Ratcliffe, Better Buildings Partnership (tbc)

Discussion and recommendations

B. Financing energy efficiency in SMEs

Moderator: Majella Kelleher, SEAI

Financing Options

John Madigan, Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland

SME outreach in Scotland

Resource Efficient Scotland

Support and Training for Excellent Energy Efficiency Performance, the STEEEP project

Nicoletta Favaretto, EuroChambres

Carbon Trust SME Network and Green Business Fund

Carbon Trust

Discussion and recommendations

15:45 Closing plenary session

Short report from the parallel sessions by moderators

Panel discussion and closing by the organisers

16:30 Networking Cocktail