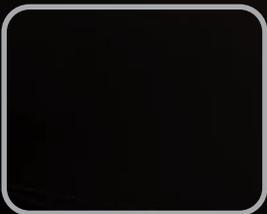


Infrastructure Ireland®

Delivering on Ireland's investment priorities

Wednesday 29th May 2019 • Radisson Blu, Golden Lane, Dublin



Infrastructure Ireland® 2019

eolas magazine is organising the 2019 Infrastructure Ireland® conference which will look at how we can deliver the next generation of infrastructure. The National Development Plan 2018-2027, fully integrated with the National Planning Framework, will drive Ireland's long term economic, environmental and social progress across all parts of the country over the next decade.

Project Ireland 2040

It has now been over a year since Project Ireland 2040 was launched, which detailed how more than €116 billion will be spent over the next ten years and beyond. In its first year, progress has been mixed. For semi-state organisations such as ESB and the National Transport Authority (NTA) it has started very well – ESB is ahead of forecast in its five year plan and the NTA already had a transport plan in place for the greater Dublin area and one for Galway which could be rolled into the NDP.

Certainly challenges remain in terms of infrastructure projects and cost overruns. The National Broadband Plan and its potential cost alongside the National Children's Hospital is putting strain on central government in terms of affordability. Further progress and clarity on timing for some of the larger projects is also needed. And as ever, ongoing pressures from demographics, planning, climate change, Brexit and a potential skills shortage will have to be overcome.

Where there is challenge there is also opportunity. The pipeline of projects is encouraging for the wider construction sector. Collaboration is essential – a regular and open dialogue between government and industry on how to successfully deliver on the commitments in Project Ireland 2040. There is also the potential for digital technology to disrupt the construction sector and ensuring that the transition to a low carbon economy is centre of every project will create economic, environmental and social benefits for years to come.



Key issues examined

- ✓ Priorities for investment: **Progress report**
- ✓ Supporting the **delivery** of major infrastructure projects
- ✓ Innovative **collaborations** between the public and private sector
- ✓ **Financing and funding** the National Development Plan
- ✓ What is the solution to the **housing crisis**?
- ✓ Ensuring we have a **skilled labour force** to deliver on investment
- ✓ Delivering **better healthcare** through better infrastructure
- ✓ What do **end users** need and how should it be delivered?
- ✓ Embracing **disruptive technologies** and data driven insights
- ✓ Investing in **energy infrastructure** as we transition to a low carbon future
- ✓ Future outlook and key legal issues for the **PPP market**
- ✓ The role of the **private sector** in delivering investment priorities
- ✓ Linking **planning and investment**: A long term approach
- ✓ Future outlook and delivering the **next generation** of infrastructure

Who should attend?

This conference will provide an excellent opportunity to bring together the key stakeholders who are delivering Project Ireland 2040. The event is aimed at all those with an interest in the development of Ireland's future infrastructure both in the public sector and those in the private sector working in advisory or service delivery roles.

Sponsorship opportunities

There are a limited number of opportunities for interested organisations to become involved with the conference as sponsors. This is an excellent way for organisations to raise their profile with a key audience of senior decision-makers from across Ireland's public, private and voluntary sectors. For more information on packages available and speaking opportunities at the event call **Lynda Millar** on **01 661 3755**.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

0830 Registration and morning coffee

0900 Chairman's welcome and introduction
David Kelly, Group Head of Customer Operations and Public Affairs, **Ervia**

Priorities

Delivering on Ireland's investment priorities

Robert Watt, Secretary General, **Department of Public Expenditure and Reform**

PPPs

Future outlook for the PPP market in Ireland

Gerard Cahillane, Deputy Director, Head of Finance and Operations
National Development Finance Agency

Visiting speaker

A National Infrastructure Assessment to shape future investment

James Richardson, Chief Economist, **National Infrastructure Commission, UK**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion



PANEL DISCUSSION: *The role of the private sector in delivering Project Ireland 2040*

Hazel Jones, Planning and Development Director, **Bartra Capital Property Group**

Pat Lucey, Managing Director, Civils Ireland, **Sisk** *(invited)*

Caroline Spillane, Director General, **Engineers Ireland**

Neil Walker, Head of Infrastructure, **Ibec**



1100 Morning coffee / networking break

1120

PANEL DISCUSSION: *Financing and funding the National Development Plan*

Donal Murphy, Head of Infrastructure and Credit Investments, **Ireland Strategic Investment Fund**

Cormac Murphy, Head of Office, **European Investment Bank**

Kieran Fitzgerald, Director, **AIB Corporate Banking**

John O'Connor, Chief Executive, **Housing Agency**

Utilities

Progress in delivering the next generation of infrastructure in Ireland

Cathal Marley, Chief Executive (Interim), **Ervia**

Transport

Enhancing regional accessibility: Investing in road and rail infrastructure

Michael Nolan, Chief Executive, **Transport Infrastructure Ireland**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

1300 Networking lunch

14.00

Planning

The role of planning in delivering Project Ireland 2040

Rachel Kenny, Director of Planning, **An Bord Pleanála**

Digital

Digital technology to disrupt the construction industry

Joseph Mady, Managing Director
Digital Construction Technologies Group

Housing

Home: Why public housing is the answer

Eoin O'Broin, TD, **Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government**

Low carbon

Investing in energy infrastructure for a low carbon future

Paddy Hayes, Managing Director, **ESB Networks**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

15.30 Chairman's summary and conference close



