

Air Science Policy Forum

April 15th 2013, Farmleigh House, Dublin, Ireland.

Overview

In recognition of 2013, *The Year of Air*, and the launch of the major review of EU Air Policy later this year, Ireland, as part of its EU2013 Presidency programme is hosting a one day Air-Science Policy forum.

The Air Science Policy (ASP) forum will be a day of presentations, demonstration and discussion, spread across four specific modules, and delivered by a panel of eminent cross-disciplinary speakers. The four modules will in turn address the current and future ambitions for cleaner air, the driving motivations and scientific understanding informing those ambitions, the associated trends in emissions, and pressures on public health and the environment, and finally, the policy and implementation considerations to successfully deliver clean air for all EU citizens.

The ASP forum has been designed with a target audience of special advisers and policy makers in mind, in order to more directly support *ex post* action from participants. One of the principal objectives of the meeting will be to provide for a well-informed and insightful policy debate at the Informal Environment Ministers' Council, which will take place the following week in Dublin on the 22nd of April. The aim is to raise awareness amongst policy makers and advisers (and ultimately EU environment and *other* ministers) of the continuing need to further develop and strengthen policies to improve air quality, based upon the most up to date scientific understanding of the issues.

Despite successful interventions to address air pollution in previous decades, the delivery of clean air to protect human health and the environment remains a persistent challenge for EU policy makers that is highly relevant to a broader range of national and international policy agendas. These agendas include climate change and greenhouse gas emission control, transport, energy and agriculture policy, as well as general economic policy and the opportunities presented by the goal of a green economy and an increasingly sustainable Europe. The meeting will offer a series of clear and non-technical presentations to guide the audience through the issues and the options, and will further allow for extended interaction and networking amongst all participants.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and the Irish Environmental Protection Agency.

When: Monday April 15th, 2013, 9.30hrs – 17.30hrs

Where: Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park, Dublin, Ireland

Webpage: <http://www.epa.ie/news/events/name,50873,en.html>

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Draft Agenda

A draft agenda can be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.epa.ie/news/events/name,50873,en.html>

Forum Location

The Forum will be held in Farmleigh House which is located approximately 4 miles from Dublin city centre on 78 acres of grounds in The Phoenix Park. It is the premier State accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the Irish nation for high level Government meetings. Access to this venue is restricted during the Irish Presidency of the EU Council, therefore special arrangements are in place for delegates to the Forum. For more information on Farmleigh, please visit this webpage <http://www.farmleigh.ie/>.

Delegate Registration

This event is by invitation only.

Registration

If you would like to register to attend, or have any queries about the event, please email Clara Clark - clara@claraclark.ie. A substitute can be nominated at any time but please notify Clara of cancellations and name changes.

Security clearance and badge collection

Farmleigh House is under security restrictions during the EU Presidency.

- All delegates must have a special event badge in order to enter Farmleigh House.
- Delegates must present their passports in order to collect their badges.
- Badges will be distributed from Jurys Inn Hotel Christchurch, Christchurch Place, Dublin 8 on Sunday 14th April from 17:00 - 1900 hrs and Monday 15th April from 07:45 – 08:45hrs.

If a delegate cannot collect their badge on Sunday evening or Monday morning at Jurys, they should contact Clara in order to make special arrangements.

Getting to Farmleigh House

Delegates will be transported to Farmleigh on buses which will depart Jurys Inn Hotel at 08:45hrs on 15th April. For this reason, we recommend that delegates stay in Jurys Inn Hotel Christchurch (see next section regarding Accommodation). Please direct any queries you may have on this process to Clara Clark - clara@claraclark.ie.

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Accommodation

Rooms at Jury's Inn Christchurch have been block booked for the event. You can book accommodation at a special agreed delegate rate (€89 B&B) using [The Irish Hotels Federation landing page for this event](#).

Delegates will be responsible for booking their own rooms and all costs incurred. If you wish to avail of this offer you will need to book **before Monday, 1st April**, after which the availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed.

Delegates are of course free to stay where they wish but please note the important information above regarding badge collection and transport to Farmleigh.

Transport from Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre and Back

Delegates must arrange their own transport between the airport and Dublin City Centre and please see the options below relating to this.

After the event, a bus will be available to bring delegates from Farmleigh back to Dublin City Centre. Delegates will need to organise their own transport back to Dublin Airport.

Getting from the Airport

There are two options to get from the Airport into Dublin City Centre, **by bus and by taxi**. For your information, Jurys Inn Hotel Christchurch does not provide a pick-up service.

Bus options:

- 1) The **Airlink 747** will drop people at Jurys Inn Hotel Christchurch or at other designated stops in the city centre. The cost is €6 single or €10 return journey. Tickets can be bought from the vending machines located at the bus departure points on the arrivals road or on the bus itself. The journey time is approximately 30 minutes. The weblink for more information is: <http://www.dublinbus.ie/Your-Journey1/Timetables/Airport-Services/>.
- 2) **Aircoach:** This bus service drops you off in the city centre. The closest stop to our Workshop location is Trinity College/Grafton Street. With this service you can book online and tickets are emailed to you. Cost is €7 single and €12 return. For more information please go to: <http://www.aircoach.ie/>. If you choose this option and are staying at Jurys then you will have to walk from the Trinity College stop, which should take no more than 10 minutes.

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Aircoach is offering a 20% discount to delegates during the Presidency. Please enter this discount code when booking tickets: **EUPres6m**. You can email them aswell if you have queries: aisling.keeley@aircoach.ie.

- 3) The No. 16 bus will also bring you from the airport into the city centre very cheaply and drops people off at O'Connell Street, one of the main thoroughfares in the capital.

Taxi : A taxi costs between €20 and €30 depending on traffic, number of people in the car etc. and will take between 30-45 minutes.

Information about Dublin

Delegates can find further information about visiting Dublin on the following webpages:

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/Places-To-Go/Dublin>

<http://www.visitdublin.com/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ireland/dublin>

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