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Network

The European Environment Information and Observation Network (**EIONET**) is a partnership network of the European Environment Agency (EEA), 8 European Topic Centres and around 2,000 experts from 38 countries.

EIONET plays a key role in supporting environment and climate actions under European policies (the European Green Deal and in the implementation of the 8th Environmental Action Programme in particular), as well as Europe's global commitments.

Projects include:

- ◤ sharing near-real time air quality measurements from across Europe

- ◤ documenting greehouse gas emissions trends and projections

- ◤ providing satellite data on land cover

- ◤ Horizon scanning

- ◤ delivering integrated assessments on the state of Europe's environment and climate

Ireland's national EIONET network comprises 100+ experts from more than 20 national organisations. Irish experts actively participate in EIONET workshops, webinars, co-creation projects and at expert meetings by sharing examples of good practice, country viewpoints and knowledge.

European Environment Agency member and cooperating countries, 22 June 2022

- Member countries
- Cooperating countries

This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

ICELAND
NORWAY
SWEDEN
FINLAND
ESTONIA
LATVIA
LITHUANIA
DENMARK
IRELAND
POLAND
NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM
GERMANY
LUXEMBOURG
CZECHIA
SLOVAKIA
LIECHTENSTEIN
FRANCE
SWITZERLAND
AUSTRIA
HUNGARY
ROMANIA
SLOVENIA
CROATIA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
SERBIA
BULGARIA
MONTENEGRO
KOSOVO*
NORTH MACEDONIA
ITALY
ALBANIA
GREECE
TÜRKIYE
PORTUGAL
SPAIN
CYPRUS
MALTA

"Environmental challenges and their solutions extend beyond regional and national boundaries. This is true of air and water quality or climate-related challenges, for example. The EIONET network of the EEA brings together hundreds of actors including environment agencies and ministries, public administrations and research organisations, connecting country level expertise to the European level. Its role in widely sharing knowledge on the environment contributes to European Union policies and assists European citizens to understand the vital part the environment plays in our everyday lives."

Laura Burke
Director General of
Ireland's Environmental Protection Agency
and
Chair of the EEA Management Board

EIONET Ireland Network			
EIONET Groups		**Lead for Ireland**	**Other Ireland members**
Thematic Groups		**Lead for Ireland**	
1 Biodiversity and ecosystems 1: Integration of knowledge for policy	Gemma Weir	NPWS	CSO, DAFM, DHLGH, EPA, NPWS, IPI, MI
1.1 Biodiversity monitoring	Aoife Delaney	NPWS	
1.2 Water	tbc	EPA	
1.3 Marine/Oceans	tbc	EPA/MI	
1.4 Forest ecosystems	John Redmond	DAFM	
2 Biodiversity and ecosystems 2: Cumulative pressures and solutions	Gemma Weir	NPWS	CSO, DHLGH, EPA, OPR
3 Climate change mitigation and energy systems	Stephen Treacy	EPA	DAFM, DOT, EPA, IPI, OPR, SEAI
4 Climate change impacts vulnerability and adaptation	Conor Quinlan	EPA	CARO, DAFM, DECC, DOT, EPA, OPR, IPI
5 Human health and the environment	Brendan Wall	EPA	EPA, HSA, HSE, DOT, DECC, TII
5.1 Air pollution	Pat Kenny	EPA	
5.2 Noise	Tony Dolan	EPA	
5.3 Chemicals	Martin Doyle	EPA	
6 Circular economy and resource use	Fiona McCoole	EPA	EPA, GSI
6.1 Circular economy monitoring	Fiona McCoole	EPA	
6.2 Waste prevention and management	tbc	EPA	
6.3 Sustainable production and consumption	Fiona McCoole	EPA	
6.4 Material flows & resource use/efficiency	Fiona McCoole	EPA	
7 Foresight	Suzanne Wylde	EPA	DHLGH, EPA, HSA, OPR, UCC
8 State of environment	Brian Donlon	EPA	EPA, OPR, NESC
9 Food systems	John P. Clarke	DAFM	DAFM, EPA, TCD
10 Land systems	Gavin Smith	EPA	EPA, OPR, Teagasc
10.1 Soil	Karen Daly	Teagasc	
10.2 Land system accounting	Gavin Smith	EPA	
10.3 Support to Copernicus	Gavin Smith	EPA	
11 Mobility systems	Fintan McGrath	DOT	DOT, EPA, NTA, OPR, IPI, SEAI
12 Data technologies and digitalisation	Fiona O'Rourke	EPA	EPA
13 Communications	Ian Brunswick	EPA	DOT, EPA, OPR

List of abbreviations used in Table: **CARO** - Climate Action Regional Office (Atlantic Seaboard South CARO c/o Cork County Council); **CSO** - Central Statistics Office; **DAFM** - Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine; **DECC** - Department of Environment, Climate & Communications; **DHLGH** - Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (Water Division); **DOT** - Department of Transport; **EPA** - Environmental Protection Agency; **GSI** – Geological Survey of Ireland; **HSA** - Health and Safety Authority; **HSE** - Health Service Executive; **IPI** - Irish Planning Institute; **MI** - Marine Institute; **NESC** – National Economic & Social Council; **NPWS** - National Parks & Wildlife Service (part of DHLGH); **NTA** - National Transport Authority; **OPR** - Office of the Planning Regulator; **SEAI** - Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; **TCD** - Trinity College Dublin; **TII** - Transport Infrastructure Ireland; **UCC** - University College Cork
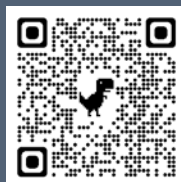
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Further information:

EPA has legal responsibility for coordinating Ireland's participation in the EIONET.

The EPA is designated the National Data Flow Coordinator and oversees the submission of high-quality environmental data to EIONET.