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**EIONET**  
Ireland  
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 2,500 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 greenhouse 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.





“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 AS AT FEBRUARY 2024 (new members*)		Lead for Ireland		Other Ireland members
Thematic Groups		Lead for Ireland		
<b>1</b>	Nature restoration and protected areas	Gemma Weir	NPWS	CSO, DAFM, DHLGH, EPA, NPWS, OPR, IPI, MI
	1.1 Biodiversity monitoring	Aoife Delaney	NPWS	
	1.2 Water	Hugh Feeley	EPA	
	1.3 Marine/Oceans	Robert Wilkes	EPA	
	1.4 Forest ecosystems	John Redmond	DAFM	
<b>2</b>	Climate change mitigation and energy systems	Stephen Treacy	EPA	DAFM, DOT, EPA, IPI, OPR, SEAI
<b>3</b>	Climate change impacts vulnerability and adaptation	Conor Quinlan	EPA	CARO, DAFM, DECC, DOH*, DOT, EPA, OPR, IPI
<b>4</b>	Human health and the environment	Brendan Wall	EPA	EPA, HSA, HSE, DOT, DECC, TII
	4.1 Air pollution	Pat Kenny	EPA	
	4.2 Noise	Tony Dolan	EPA	
	4.3 Chemicals	Brendan Wall	EPA	
<b>5</b>	Circular economy and resource use	Fiona McCoole	EPA	EPA, CSO*, GSI, LGMA*
	5.1 Circular economy monitoring	Deirdre French	EPA	
	5.2 Waste prevention and management	Odile Le Bolloch	EPA	
	5.3 Sustainable production and consumption	Fiona McCoole	EPA	
	5.4 Material flows & resource use/efficiency	Lána Salmon	CSO	
<b>6</b>	Foresight	Suzanne Wylde	EPA	DHLGH, EPA, HSA, OPR, UCC
<b>7</b>	State of environment	Brian Donlon	EPA	EPA, OPR, NESC
<b>8</b>	Food systems	John P. Clarke	DAFM	DAFM, EPA, TCD
<b>9</b>	Land systems	Fiona O'Rourke	EPA	EPA, OPR, Teagasc, DAFM
	9.1 Soil	Karen Daly	Teagasc	
	9.2 Land system accounting	Fiona O'Rourke	EPA	
	9.3 Support to Copernicus	Fiona O'Rourke	EPA	
<b>10</b>	Mobility systems	Fintan McGrath	DOT	DOT, EPA, NTA, OPR, IPI, SEAI, TCD*
<b>11</b>	Data technologies and digitalisation	Claire Byrne	EPA	EPA
<b>12</b>	Communications	Ian Brunswick	EPA	DOT, EPA

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); **DOH\*** - Department of Health; **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; **LGMA\*** - Local Government Management Agency; **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



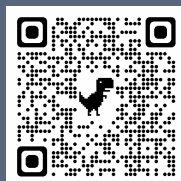
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## Further information:

EPA has legal responsibility for coordinating Ireland's participation in the EIONET.  
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The EPA is designated as the National Data Flow Coordinator and oversees the submission of high-quality environmental data to EIONET.

