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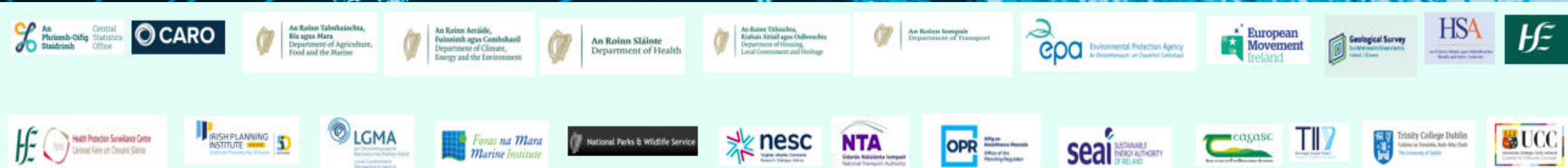


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# EIONET

## 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

EIONET Ireland Network				
EIONET GROUPS AS AT August 2025 (new members*)		Lead for Ireland		Other Ireland members
Thematic Groups		Lead for Ireland		
1	Nature restoration and protected areas	Gemma Weir	NPWS	CSO, DAFM, DHLGH, EPA, NPWS, OPR, IPI, MI, EMI*
	1.1 Biodiversity monitoring 1.2 Water 1.3 Marine/Oceans 1.4 Forest ecosystems	Aoife Delaney Hugh Feeley Robert Wilkes John Redmond	NPWS EPA EPA DAFM	
2	Climate change mitigation and energy systems	Stephen Treacy	EPA	DAFM, DOT, EPA, IPI, OPR, SEAI
3	Climate change impacts vulnerability and adaptation	Conor Quinlan	EPA	CARO, DAFM, DCEE, DHLGH, DOH, DOT, EPA, OPR, IPI
4	Human health and the environment	Aisling O'Connor	EPA	EPA, HSE, DOT, DCEE, TII, HPSC
	4.1 Air pollution 4.2 Noise 4.3 Chemicals	Niamh Connolly Tony Dolan Brendan Wall	EPA EPA EPA	
5	Circular economy and resource use	Fiona McCoole	EPA	EPA, CSO, GSI, LGMA, EMI*
	5.1 Circular economy monitoring 5.2 Waste prevention and management 5.3 Sustainable production and consumption 5.4 Material flows & resource use/efficiency	Aideen Holden Odile Le Bolloch Fiona McCoole TBC	EPA EPA EPA TBC	
6	Foresight	Deirdre French	EPA	DHLGH, EPA, HSA, OPR, UCC
7	State of environment	Brian Donlon	EPA	EPA, OPR, NESC
8	Food systems	John P. Clarke	DAFM	DAFM, EPA, TCD
9	Land systems	Kevin Lydon	EPA	EPA, CSO, OPR, Teagasc, DAFM
	9.1 Soil 9.2 Land system accounting 9.3 Support to Copernicus	Karen Daly Fiona O'Rourke Kevin Lydon	Teagasc EPA EPA	
10	Mobility systems	Fintan McGrath	DOT	DOT, EPA, NTA, OPR, IPI, SEAI, TCD
11	Data technologies and digitalisation	Claire Byrne	EPA	EPA
12	Communications	Niamh Hatchell	EPA	DOT, EPA, EMI*

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; **DCEE** - Department of Climate, Energy & Environment; **DHLGH** - Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (Water Division); **DOH** - Department of Health; **DOT** - Department of Transport; **EMI** - European Movement Ireland; **EPA** - Environmental Protection Agency; **GSI** – Geological Survey of Ireland; **HSA** - Health and Safety Authority; **HSE** - Health Service Executive; **HPSC** - Health Protection Surveillance Centre; **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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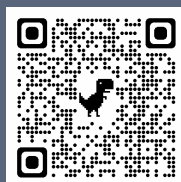


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## Further information:

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.

