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The European Environment Information and Observation Network (**EIONET**) is a partnership network of the European Environment Agency (EEA), 8 European Topic Centres and around 3,000 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 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

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EIONET GROUPS AS AT MARCH 2026			Lead for Ireland		Other Ireland members
Thematic Groups			Lead for Ireland		
1	Nature restoration and protected areas		Shane Regan	NPWS	CSO, DAFM, DHLGH, EPA, NPWS, OPR, IPI, MI, EMI
	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	
2	Climate change mitigation and energy systems		Tomás Murray	EPA	DAFM, DOT, EPA, IPI, OPR, SEAI
3	Climate change impacts vulnerability and adaptation		Kieran Craven	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	Niamh Connolly	EPA	
	4.2	Noise	Tony Dolan	EPA	
	4.3	Chemicals	Brendan Wall	EPA	
5	Circular economy and resource use		Fiona McCoole	EPA	EPA, CSO, GSI, LGMA, EMI
	5.1	Circular economy monitoring	Aideen Holden	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	TBC	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	Karen Daly	Teagasc	
	9.2	Land system accounting	Fiona O'Rourke	EPA	
	9.3	Support to Copernicus	Kevin Lydon	EPA	
10	Mobility systems		Turlough O'Brien	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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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.

