

## Bioenergy – Inspiring the Industry with Opportunity and Vision

### Morning Plenary Session

- 9.15am: Open & Welcome  
- Des O’Toole: IrBEA President
- 9.25am: Bord na Móna  
- Tom Egan: Head of Powergen & Bioenergy
- 9.35am: National Advisory Council on Climate Change  
- John Fitzgerald

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### Session 1 - The Vision for Bioenergy – Transition from 2020 to 2030

- 9.50am: IrBEA  
- Seán Finan - CEO - IrBEA  
- Noel Gavigan - Project Executive - IrBEA  
*IrBEA’s work and vision for the bioenergy sector*
- 10.05am: Bord na Móna  
- John MacNamara - Head of Regulatory Affairs
- 10.20am: Ethanol Europe  
- James Cogan - Industry & Policy Analyst  
*Fuel obligations and role of biogas and bioliquids sectors for climate action in transport*
- 10.35am: SFI MaREI Research Centre and UCC  
- Professor Brian Ó Gallachóir - Director  
*How can we ensure growth in the bioenergy sector and become a significant part of renewable mix in Ireland*
- 10.50am: Hawkins Wright  
- John Bingham - Senior Advisor  
*World and european model for growth and trends for the bioenergy sector*

### **11.05am – Q&A and Refreshment Break**

### Session 2 – Irelands climate emergency – Bioenergy doing the heavy lifting

- Chaired By: Seán Finan - CEO of IrBEA  
11.45am – 1.00pm
- Panelists include:
- Thomas Duffy: Macra na Feirme –President  
*Agriculture dealing with climate emergency*
- John Flahavan: Flahavans Porridge  
*Decarbonisation of Industry heat – Satisfying the bioenergy customer*
  - Laura Burke: EPA – Director General  
*Policy context for bioenergy*
  - Nick Cotter: Cotter Brothers Woodfuel – Co Director  
*Building a biomass fuel business and mobilising private forestry in rural Ireland*
  - Billy Costello: Green Generation  
*The untapped potential of biogas in Ireland*
  - Barry Cowen T.D: Member of the Dáil Eireann for Laois/Offaly Constituency  
*Ensuring the midlands remains an Important energy provider as it moves from Peat to Biomass*
  - Donal Hayes: Tipperary Cheese – Managing Director  
*Offsetting fossil fuel with biogas in industry*
  - Donna Gartland: Irish District Heating - CEO  
*District Heating - The opportunity in Ireland*

### **1.00pm – Q&A and Lunch Break**

### Session 3 – Offsetting fossil fuel with bioenergy in industry

- 2.00pm: SEAI  
- Ray Langton - SSRH Program Manager  
*Feedback to date on SSRH*
- 2.20pm: Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme  
- Eugene Hendrick - Forest Policy & Analysis  
*WFQA Campaign to reduce air emissions from wood fuel*
- 2.40pm: Turboden  
- Alberto Ghidoni - Manager  
*Opportunities for CHP in Ireland*
- 3.00pm: Pinsent Masons  
- Garrett Monaghan – Partner  
*Developing and financing projects in the bioenergy sector*
- 3.20pm: Bioenergy Infrastructure Group  
- Helena Barrett – Head of Synergy  
*Investment Manager in the renewable energy team*
- 3.40pm: McCauley Wood Fuels Ltd  
- Kenny McCauley - Operations  
*Community: Building local loops of demand and supply in the wood heat market*

Panel Discussion – Q&A

**Closing Conference – Des O’Toole IrBEA President**

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