



EEAC 28th Annual Conference

Delivering a Just Transition for All: Principles, Policies and Practice

Online Conference Hosted in Dublin, Ireland

Day 1: Tuesday, 27th October 2020 (GMT)

Day 2: Wednesday 28th October 2020 (GMT)

Day 3: Thursday, 29th October 2020 (GMT)

Introduction

The Conference

Ireland and the European Union are committed to the transformation to a sustainable, inclusive, thriving net zero economy and society. The 28th Annual Conference of the European Network of Advisory Council on Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (EEAC Network) will focus on how principles of justice, fairness, equality and equity of a just transition can act as a lever and guide to shape policies and practices to deliver the transformation. NESC's recent work on just transition and employment vulnerability and the forthcoming Just Transition Review Group will be valuable inputs to the day.

What will be discussed?

The conference will provide a forum for Irish and European colleagues to share perspectives, experiences and practices and develop a common understanding and concrete strategies for making progress. The conference will shed light on how other countries are managing the transition process, with special attention paid to managing the impacts of climate policy that might disproportionately impact specific groups in society. This is required because transitions represent enormous challenges and the ambition of the 2030 Agenda states that no one should be left behind.

Who will be coming?

This online gathering will bring together European and Irish Advisory Councils, their stakeholders, international experts, policy makers and practitioners to reflect on what a just transition means and how it is shaping policy and practice.

Online Programme (exact GMT timings subject to change)

Day 1	Tuesday, 27th October 2020 <u>Webinar 1: Live Broadcast</u>
14.00 (GMT)	<u>Session A: Just Transition Principles and Mission</u> What is a fair, inclusive and equitable green transition and why do we need it?
	Welcome: Dr Cara Augustenborg, Moderator
14.15 (GMT)	Dr Larry O’Connell (NESC) NESC’s Just Transition Work
14.25 (GMT)	Minister Eamon Ryan TBC
14.40 (GMT)	Mr Frans Timmermans Vice-President European Commission TBC European Green Deal
14.50 (GMT)	Ms Sharan Burrow (ITUC) Just Transition
15.00 (GMT)	Q&A
15.10 (GMT)	Short commissioned video /creative input (Irish Youth)
15.15 (GMT)	<u>Session B: Learning from JT Practices and Institutions</u> Panel Discussion with Moderator
	Dr Robert Pollock, Platform for Coal [and Carbon Intensive] Regions in Transition Secretariat title tbc
	Dr Fergus Green (Utrecht University) Just Transition lessons from Australia
	Ms Charlotte Hartley, Scottish Just Transition Commission title tbc
15.45 (GMT)	Q&A / Open Discussion
16.00 (GMT)	Close

Day 2	Wednesday, 28th October 2020
Part 1	<u>Online Spotlight Session</u>
09.00 (GMT)	<u>Session C: Levers to Drive a Just Transition</u>
	The Social and Economic Impacts of a Just Transition NESC
	Advising on a Just Transition Irish Climate Change Advisory Council
	A Just Water Transition SAR Minaraad, Flanders in conjunction with CADS, Catalonia
10.30 (GMT)	Break
Part 2	<u>Online Spotlight Session</u>
11.00 (GMT)	<u>Session D: Leavers to Drive a Just Transition</u>
	Sustainable and Resilient Regions TBC
	The Role of the State to Enable a Just Transition Rli, Netherlands
	Finance for a Just Transition FRDO-CFDD, Belgium & RNE, Germany
12.30 (GMT)	Close

Day 3	Thursday, 29th October 2020 <u>Webinar 2: Live Broadcast from Dublin Castle</u>
09.00 (GMT)	Welcome and recap of previous days: Dr Cara Augustenborg and Dr Larry O’Connell <u>Session E: Participatory Processes for a Fair and Inclusive Transition</u> What role for Commissions, Councils and Social Dialogue?
09.10 (GMT)	Live input from Councils and Multi-stakeholder Bodies EESC-SDO; TBC EEAC Network; Mr Arnau Queralt-Bassa, Chairman IPPR , Mr Luke Murphy, Head of the Environmental Justice Commission CAN Europe, Ms Elif Gündüzyeli, Senior Coal Policy Coordinator
10.00 (GMT)	<u>Session F: What Next for Just Transition Mission, Process & Practice in the context of Covid-19?</u>
	Introduction: Director NESC Dr Larry O’Connell
10.10 (GMT)	Presentation from the President Michael D. Higgins Interview with the President
10.30 (GMT)	Panel Discussion Dr Patrick Bresnihan, Maynooth University Ms Alice Charles, World Economic Forum Prof Raphael J Heffron, University of Dundee Dr Edouard Morena, University of London Ms Sandrine Dixon-Declève, The Club of Rome
11.15 (GMT)	Wrap up and closing the session