

Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce



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Programme for Government Commitment

“As Ireland moves towards carbon neutrality, we do not believe that it makes sense to develop LNG gas import terminals importing fracked gas. Accordingly, we shall withdraw the Shannon LNG terminal from the EU Projects of Common Interest list in 2021.”

“We will ensure that local development plans are developed to stimulate economic activity for those areas that were expecting economic development arising from new fossil fuel infrastructure. As part of this, we will consider the potential of the Shannon Estuary in terms of regional economic development across transport and logistics, manufacturing, renewable energy and tourism, and develop a strategy to achieve this potential, with support from the Exchequer.”

Terms of Reference

1. Assess the strategic strengths and comparative advantages of the Shannon Estuary from an investment and enterprise development perspective, in a national and international context;
2. Scope potential areas of opportunity for the Shannon Estuary and specify policy and investment requirements to exploit those areas of potential;
3. Assess the current connectivity of the region and make recommendations as to how this could be enhanced;
4. Specify the actions required from national and local government, as well as from other stakeholders, to exploit those areas of potential; and
5. Produce a Report and associated Action Plan with specific steps in areas of potential.

Scope of Work

Offshore Energy

Focus on Atlantic Offshore Wind:

1. Regulatory Regime
2. Supply Chain
3. Route to Market
4. Economic Benefit

Onshore Energy

1. Bioenergy
2. Industry
3. Waste heat

Transport & Logistics

1. Sustainable Transport Fuels
2. Integrated Transport System
3. Connectivity & Broadband
4. Logistics Hub

Tourism

1. Sustainable Tourism
2. New Tourism Initiatives

Composition – Core Taskforce

1. **Barry O'Sullivan (Chairperson)** – formerly of J&J and current IDA Board Member
2. **Mary Considine** – CEO Shannon Group
3. **Siobhan Dolan Clancy** – Managing Director – SDC Business Consulting Ltd
4. **Alternating Representative from Local Authorities**
5. **Seán Hegarty** – ESB Generation and Trading
6. **Seamus Hoyne** – Dean of Flexible and Work Place Learning - Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
7. **Pat Keating** – CEO Shannon Foynes Port Company
8. **Professor Eamonn Murphy** – University of Limerick & Chair of Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan
9. **Dr. Brendan O'Donnell** - Vice President Research & Vice President Academic Affairs & Registrar - Munster Technological University
10. **Dee Ryan** – CEO of Limerick Chamber
11. **Professor Luuk van der Wielen** – Director Bernal Institute, University of Limerick

Composition – Subgroups

Each Subgroup is comprised of 4 to 5 Core Taskforce Members plus representatives from:

Offshore Energy

- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Department of Transport
- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
- Enterprise Ireland
- IDA Ireland

Onshore Energy

- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Transport & Logistics

- Department of Transport
- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
- Limerick City and County Council
- Clare County Council
- Kerry County Council
- Tipperary County Council

Tourism

- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media
- Fáilte Ireland
- Limerick City and County Council
- Clare County Council
- Kerry County Council
- Tipperary County Council

Stakeholder Engagement

1. Public Consultation

Received approx. 40 written submissions across two calls

2. Key Sectoral Stakeholders and Experts

Invitation to present to the Taskforce core, and Subgroups

3. Public Representatives

Tánaiste / Ministers

Oireachtas members

MEPs

County Councils