

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:
Next steps for the regulation of AI in Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 23rd April 2024

*****Taking place online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Louise O'Reilly TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Workers' Rights, Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- 9.05 **Priorities for a joined-up approach to AI - outlining the EU approach**
Lucilla Sioli, Director for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Industry, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Stakeholder priorities for legislation, regulation and implementation in Ireland**
Options for a fair and robust regulatory programme | Assessing the criteria for designating high-risk AI | Providing clarity and addressing concerns around competition and growth | Achieving a smooth transition into existing Irish law
Brian McElligott, Partner and Head of Artificial Intelligence, Mason Hayes & Curran
Professor Dave Lewis, Deputy Director, ADAPT Centre
Dr Martin Clancy, Founder, AI:OK
Senior representative, consumers
- 10.00 **Priorities for the development of ethical and trusted AI**
Professor Gregory O'Hare, Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Head, School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Louise O'Reilly TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Workers' Rights, Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Malcolm Byrne, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- 11.05 **Achieving benefits through AI for Ireland's economy, businesses, research and society as a whole**
Senior commentator
- 11.20 **Putting in place the frameworks and enablers for growth, and the safe and ethical use of AI**
Building trust and addressing industry and workforce concerns | Developing a code of practice for the professional, ethical use of generative AI solutions | Training and mentoring, including for SMEs | Support, clarity and regulatory sandboxes for high-risk AI compliance | Support for innovation and easing the process of bringing new AI products to market
Karine Perset, AI Unit Lead, Division for Digital Economy Policy, OECD
Dr Adrian Byrne, Trustworthy AI Lead, CeADAR
Dr Stephen Donoghue, Case Manager, Knowledge Transfer, Environment, NovaUCD
Karl Flannery, Chief Executive Officer, Storm Technology
Mary Connaughton, Director, CIPD Ireland
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Priorities for the development of a responsible and competitive AI ecosystem in Ireland**
Dr Barry O'Sullivan, Full Professor, School of Computer Science and IT, University College Cork; Member, AI Advisory Council; and former Vice Chair, High-Level Expert Group on AI, European Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senator Malcolm Byrne, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Ireland