



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

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

Day 2	Wednesday, 28th October 2020
Part 1	<u>Online Discussion Groups</u>
11.00	<u>Session C: Levers to Drive a Just Transition</u>
	The Social and Economic Impacts of a Just Transition Approaching Climate Mitigation within a Just Transition A Just Water Transition
12.30	Close
Part 2	<u>Online Discussion Groups</u>
14.00	<u>Session D: Leavers to Drive a Just Transition</u>
	Sustainable and Resilient Regions The Role of the State to Enable a Just Transition Finance for a Just Transition
15.30	Close

Day 3 **Thursday, 29th October 2020**
Webinar 2: Live Broadcast from Dublin Castle

09.00 **Welcome by Moderator with Co-host**

Session E: Participatory Processes for a Fair and Inclusive Transition

09.10 **What role for Commissions, Councils and Social Dialogue?**

Live input from Councils and MSBs:

EESC-SDO;

EEAC Network;

IPPR , Luke Murphy

CAN Europe, Elif Gunduzyel

10.00 **Session F: What Next for Just Transition Mission, Process & Practice in the context of Covid-19?**

Introduction Director NESC Dr Larry O’Connell

10.10 **Presentation from the President Michael D. Higgins (TBC change of time)**

Interview with the President by the moderator followed by:

10.30 **Panel Discussion**

Panellists

Patrick Bresnihan, Maynooth University

Alice Charles, World Economic Forum

Raphael J Heffron, University of Dundee

11.15 **Wrap up and closing the session**