



# EEAC 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Councils on Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (EEAC Network) will focus on how the 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 on 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)

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> <b><u>Webinar 1: Live Broadcast</u></b>
<b>14.00 (GMT)</b>	<b><u>Session A: Just Transition - Principles and Mission</u></b> <b>What is a fair, inclusive and equitable green transition and why do we need it?</b>
	<b>Welcome: Dr Cara Augustenborg, Moderator</b>
<b>14.15 (GMT)</b>	<b>Dr Larry O’Connell (NESC)</b> NESC’s Just Transition Work
<b>14.25 (GMT)</b>	<b>Mr Eamon Ryan T.D., Minister for Climate Action, Communication Networks and Transport TBC</b>
<b>14.40 (GMT)</b>	<b>Mr Frans Timmermans, Vice-President, European Commission TBC</b> European Green Deal
<b>14.50 (GMT)</b>	<b>Ms Sharan Burrow (ITUC)</b> Just Transition
<b>15.00 (GMT)</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>15.10 (GMT)</b>	<b>Short commissioned video /creative input (Irish Youth)</b>
<b>15.15 (GMT)</b>	<b><u>Session B: Learning from JT Practices and Institutions</u></b> <b>Panel Discussion with Moderator</b>
	<b>Dr Robert Pollock, Platform for Coal [and Carbon Intensive] Regions in Transition Secretariat</b> Title TBC
	<b>Dr Fergus Green (Utrecht University)</b> Just Transition Lessons from Australia
	<b>Ms Charlotte Hartley, Scottish Just Transition Commission</b> Title TBC
<b>15.45 (GMT)</b>	<b>Q&amp;A / Open Discussion</b>
<b>16.00 (GMT)</b>	<b>Close</b>

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

**Finance for a Just Transition**  
FRDO-CFDD, Belgium & RNE, Germany

12.30 (GMT) Close

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

09.00 (GMT) Welcome and recap of previous days: Dr Cara Augustenborg and Dr Larry O'Connell

**Session E: Participatory Processes for a Fair and Inclusive Transition**  
**What role for Commissions, Councils and Social Dialogue?**

09.10 (GMT) **Live input from Councils and Multi-stakeholder Bodies**  
**EESC-SDO**; Peter Schmidt, President of the SDO  
**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) **Session F: What Next for Just Transition Mission, Process & Practice in the context of Covid-19?**

10.10 (GMT) **Introduction: Dr Larry O'Connell, Director of NESC**  
**Address by the President of Ireland, Mr Michael D. Higgins**

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 Dixson-Declève, The Club of Rome

11.15 (GMT) **Wrap up and closing session**