

Unlocking hydrogen potential in Ireland and the EU

Dublin to host a policy dialogue on 16 June 2026 on the future of hydrogen in Ireland and the EU with the presence of Minister Timmy Dooley

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Ahead of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) beginning on 1 July 2026, a high-level discussion in Dublin will bring together Irish and European stakeholders from government, research and industry to explore the future of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in Ireland and the EU.

With the participation of Minister Timmy Dooley, discussions will focus on the key role of research and innovation in maintaining Europe's competitiveness in the global hydrogen economy and on how Ireland can further develop its hydrogen potential.

The dialogue takes place at a pivotal moment, as Europe accelerates efforts to strengthen energy security, industrial competitiveness, and the deployment of clean energy technologies. While Europe's leadership in hydrogen research and innovation remains strategically essential, efforts are still fragmented across programmes, sectors, and national initiatives. Strengthening alignment between Member States' research priorities, industrial strategies, and infrastructure planning will be among the challenges to be addressed during Ireland's EU Presidency.

Ireland's offshore wind resources are among the best globally, with the potential to become a net exporter of green hydrogen. [Ireland's National Hydrogen Strategy \(July 2023\)](#) targets 2 GW of offshore wind for renewable hydrogen by 2030. Challenges around infrastructure, investment certainty, and market deployment nevertheless remain.

[Ireland](#) will hold the Presidency of the Council of the EU from 1 July to 31 December 2026. The dialogue aligns with its priorities on strengthening European competitiveness, advancing energy security and the clean energy transition, and enhancing coordination in research and innovation.

The discussion is organised by [Hydrogen Europe Research \(HER\)](#), a leading European organisation fostering research and innovation in the hydrogen and fuel cell sector with more than 170 member organisations in 30 countries.

Speakers include

- **Minister Timmy Dooley**, Ireland's Minister of State at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment.
- **Luigi Crema**, President of Hydrogen Europe Research.
- **Gearóid FitzGerald**, National Hydrogen Program Director. Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE).
- **Brian Mullins**, Hydrogen Program Director. Gas Networks Ireland.
- **Richard Murphy**, Hydrogen Ireland (H2irl).
- **Stephen O'Driscoll**, Research Ireland

Media opportunities: The event is by invitation only. Media representatives may request interviews with speakers, background briefings, and post-event information. An embargoed press release highlighting key discussion points will be made available to interested journalists ahead of the event.

Event details: 16 June 2026, 18:00, University College Dublin – Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland.

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