



# Climate Action Plan 2021

The Role of Tax and Business



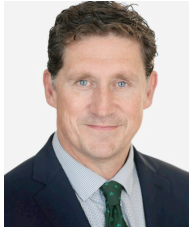
## Climate Action Plan 2021: the Role of Tax and Business

10:30 – 12:30 | Wednesday 1 December 2021

Time	Topic	Speakers
10:30 – 10:33	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Karen Frawley <i>President, Irish Tax Institute</i>
10:33 – 10:43	<b>Keynote address</b>	Eamon Ryan <i>Minister for Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport</i>
10:43 – 10:50	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	Minister Ryan and Shane Coleman, <i>Chair</i>
10:50 – 11:10	<b>Panel 1: Climate Action Plan – how business and our tax system can help us achieve Ireland’s climate objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ireland’s Climate Action Plan – is it achievable and will it get us to net-zero by 2050?</li> <li>• Are carbon taxes fair and are they working?</li> <li>• Who pays for the transition to carbon neutrality?</li> <li>• Are the revenues from carbon being used effectively to maximise the benefit of the tax?</li> <li>• Can our economy decarbonise and grow?</li> <li>• What impact can Ireland have on climate change?</li> </ul>	<b>Panel:</b> Rodolfo Lacy <i>Director, Environment Directorate, OECD</i>  Muireann Lynch <i>Senior Research Officer, ESRI</i>
11:10 – 11:20	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	Rodolfo Lacy, Muireann Lynch and Shane Coleman, <i>Chair</i>
11:20 – 11:35	<b>Stretch Break</b>	
11:35 – 12:05	<b>Panel 2: Decarbonisation – the economic challenges and opportunities, SMEs ESG reporting and goals, and new era of innovation in the transition to carbon neutrality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business sustainability and the value of longer-term thinking</li> <li>• How can business help achieve our climate targets?</li> <li>• What is the Fit for 55 package and how does Ireland’s Climate Action Plan 2021 fit in?</li> <li>• What are the economic and business opportunities in decarbonisation?</li> <li>• How to overcome social, economic, political barriers to climate action?</li> <li>• How can decarbonisation drive innovation in business?</li> <li>• One company’s experience of pursuing ambitious decarbonisation goals</li> <li>• What are the costs associated with meeting ESG goals?</li> </ul>	<b>Moderator:</b> Shane Coleman  <b>Panel:</b> Deirdre Hogan <i>Partner, Indirect Tax, EY Ireland</i>  Quentin Dupriez <i>Policy Analyst, Climate Action, European Commission</i>  Sinéad Hickey <i>Head of Sustainability, SISK</i>
12:05 – 12:25	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	Deirdre Hogan, Quentin Dupriez, Sinéad Hickey and Shane Coleman, <i>Chair</i>

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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## **Eamon Ryan TD**

**Minister for Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport**

Eamon Ryan is the Minister for Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport. He represents Dublin Bay South constituency.

He was born in Dublin and studied commerce in UCD. He went on to found a cycling tourism

company, Irish Cycling Safaris, in the late 1980s and in 1996 won the Ernst & Young Tourism Enterprise Award.

He began his political career as a Dublin City Councillor. He was first elected to the Dáil in 2002 and served as a Government Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from 2007 - 2011. He became the leader of the Green Party in 2011 and led his party into coalition with Fianna Fail and Fine Gael after the 2020 election. He was then appointed to his current ministry.



## **Quentin Dupriez**

**Policy Analyst, Climate Action, European Commission**

Quentin Dupriez is a policy analyst in the Strategy and Economic Assessment unit of the Directorate-General for Climate Action at the European Commission. His work focuses on the macro-economic aspects of climate policy, investment and State aid.

Prior to joining DG CLIMA, he worked at the Irish desk in the Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs for four years and for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for eight years. He holds a PhD in economics from the London School of Economics and a M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University.



## **Sinéad Hickey**

**Head of Sustainability, SISK**

Sinéad is the Head of Sustainability for Ireland and Europe at John Sisk & Son.

For over 14 years, Sinéad has worked in a range of areas including sustainability strategy development and operationalisation, ESG assessments, sustainability reporting and

social impact programme development. She previously held a global sustainability position at US multinational Abbott.

A graduate of the University of Limerick (BA) and University College Cork (MBS) and a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (ICRS), Sinéad is currently the Chairperson of Chambers Ireland Sustainable Business Council and an ICRS Ireland Hub Steering Board Member.



## **Deirdre Hogan**

**Partner, Indirect Tax, EY Ireland**

Deirdre Hogan is a Partner in the Indirect Tax practice of EY Ireland. She joined the firm in 2006 and specialises in helping companies manage their Irish and global indirect tax obligations.

She is a Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) with over 15 years' experience in Irish and international indirect tax. Deirdre spent almost 7 years in the US working with multinational companies helping them set up and manage their indirect tax functions and meet their planning and compliance requirements globally. She has worked with a wide variety of clients at EY, and gained experience of technology and communications, life sciences, manufacturing/retail/distribution, and aerospace.



## **Rodolfo Lacy**

**Director, Environment Directorate, OECD**

Rodolfo Lacy is Director of the Environment Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Dr. Lacy has extensive as an environmental policy maker and before taking up his current

role, he served for 6 years as Deputy Minister of Environmental Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico. He has also been a chief negotiator at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences and Co-chair of the Global Methane Initiative.

As Director of the renowned Mario Molina Centre in his native Mexico, he has led policy research on renewable energy, emission inventory, climate change, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

Dr Lacy holds a PhD in Science and Environmental Engineering from the Metropolitan Autonomous University in Mexico and a Master's in Environmental Planning from MIT.



## **Muireann Lynch**

**Senior Research Officer, ESRI**

Muireann Lynch is a Senior Research Officer in the Economic Analysis division of the Economic and Social Research Institute.

She holds a degree in Mathematics and Economics from Trinity College Dublin and a PhD from the School of Electronic and Electrical Engineering in UCD.

Muireann's research interests include electricity market regulation, power system economics, carbon taxation and sustainable energy adaptation.

Her research is funded by the Energy Policy Research Centre, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland.