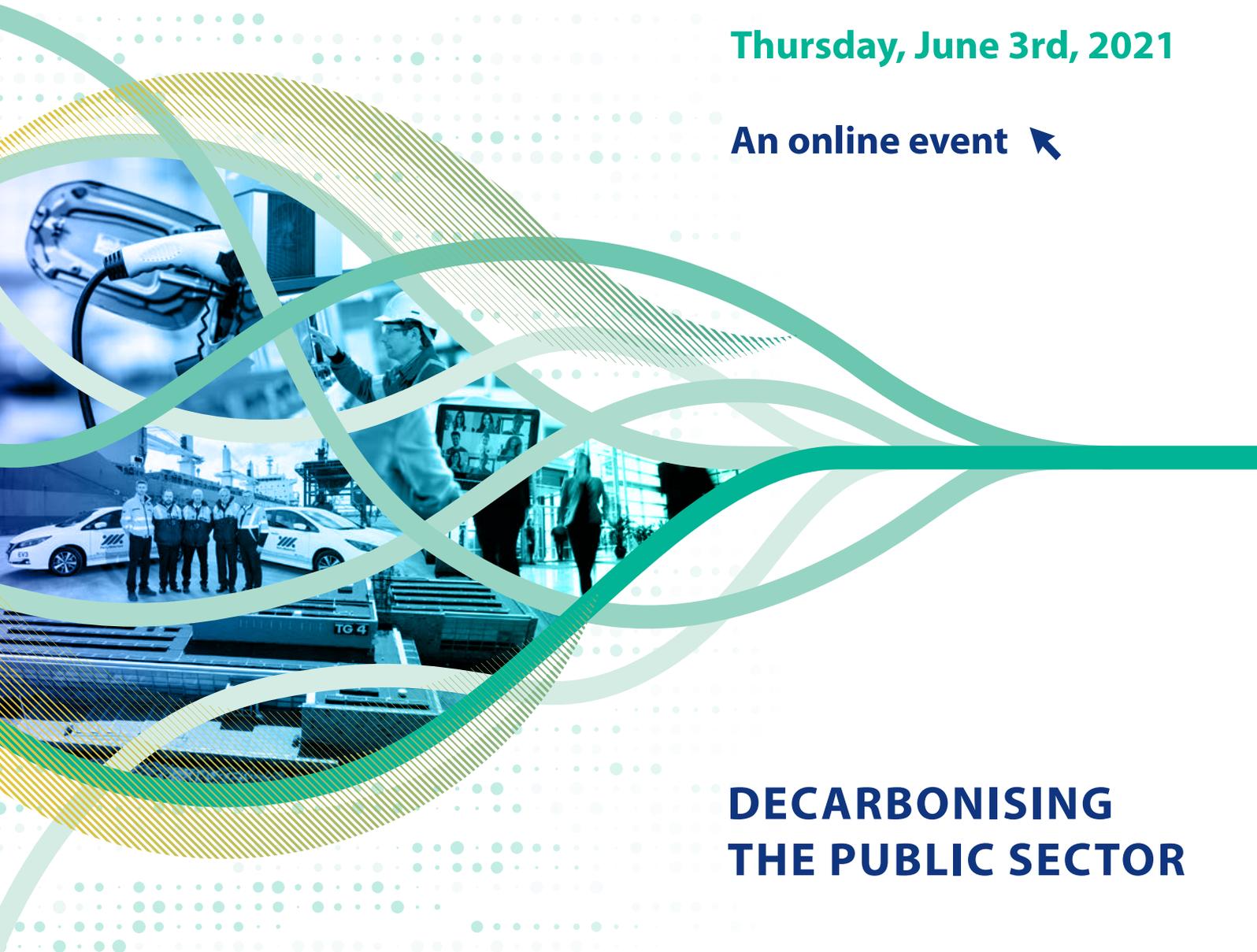


# PUBLIC SECTOR ENERGY CONFERENCE

Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

An online event 



## DECARBONISING THE PUBLIC SECTOR



Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

### Plenary Opening Session

With inspirational keynote speakers.

### Morning Sectoral Breakout Sessions

Focusing on leadership in each sector planning for decarbonisation and strategies to meet the challenging dual targets for 2030.

### Afternoon Decarbonisation Breakout Sessions

Focusing on the key considerations and technical solutions to help organisations achieve the 50% energy efficiency improvement and 50% emission reduction targets by 2030.

## AGENDA

09:15 – 10:30	Plenary Session
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 13:00	Sectoral Breakout Sessions
13:00 – 14:00	Break
14:00 – 16:00	Decarbonisation Breakouts
16:00	Conference Close

## PLENARY SESSION



### Welcome Address

Delivered by Minister Eamon Ryan, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications



### Opening Address

William Walsh, CEO, SEAI will outline the challenges facing the Irish public sector, as we embrace the new 2030 targets. This will require full decarbonisation by 2050.



### Keynote Speaker

Dr Tara Shine has spent 20 years as an international climate change negotiator and adviser to governments and world leaders on environmental policy.



### Ministerial Address

Delivered by Minister Michael McGrath, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

### Panel Discussion

The panel will be joined by senior officials from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for a Q&A involving the audience.

## SECTORAL SESSIONS

There will be eight sectoral groupings based on the existing SEAI supports structure. At registration, you will choose the sectoral group most appropriate for your organisation.

The Sectoral Groups include:



Central Government & OPW Buildings



Education – Third level



Education – ETBs



Health Sector



Local Authorities



Medium Energy Users



Smaller Office Based Energy Users



Very Large Energy Users

Senior officials in each sector will lead sessions. They will focus on key learnings and strategic planning from those leading the way toward the new dual targets and large-scale mobilisation plans for the sector.

## DECARBONISATION SESSIONS

Attendees can choose to attend one of five afternoon Decarbonisation breakout sessions. These will be more technical sessions and will focus on key supports and solutions.

Each of these workshops will be recorded and will be available to access on the 'On Air' platform for a period of one month after the Conference. In this way attendees can 'attend' and view multiple sessions in their own time. Please note however that live Q&A will only be available on the afternoon of the conference.

Further details on these afternoon sessions overleaf.

# DECARBONISATION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## 1. Decarbonising Buildings

Ireland and the EU plan to be fully decarbonised by 2050. Under the Climate Action Plan the public sector has been set a target to upgrade all public buildings to BER 'B' level. This session will explore:

- The policy behind this ambitious target
- The technological considerations to achieving a BER B
- The various approaches being considered to upgrade an individual or portfolio of buildings



## 2. Decarbonising Transport

With targets and reporting for the Clean Vehicle Directive entering into force on 2nd August 2021, there is renewed focus on alternatively fuelled vehicles and the decarbonisation of transport in the public sector.

This session will explore what the decarbonised public sector fleet of 2030 might look like and how will it be fueled.



## 3. Engaging People in Decarbonisation

Behavioural change has been a key cornerstone in organisations energy management to date. Engaging people in decarbonisation will be just as important. This session will give some behavioral insight behind the European Green Deal and advice on how to develop successful behavioral change methods. It will also explore how the public sector can promote their activities & achievements more effectively and how personal carbon budget management can act as an aid to engaging staff.



## 4. Financing Decarbonisation

The financing of ambitious, large scale and multi-faceted projects will be a key consideration for the Irish Public Sector. This session will give an overview on possible routes to funding and finance. It will look at successful examples of public bodies leading in this area and discussion on how sectors can mobilise for greater funding applications.



## 5. Strategic Planning for Decarbonisation

This session will set the context for the challenge facing Ireland and the public sector on the road to zero carbon. It will examine the various pathways to achieving decarbonisation and the benefits of different solutions. It will also include a number of case studies where public bodies are developing strategic decarbonisation plans with a focus on the decision making & planning processes involved.



## CONFERENCE AUDIENCE

The new Public Sector targets of 50% energy efficiency and 50% energy related CO2 emission reduction targets by 2030 are ambitious and challenging. Combined with the target to upgrade all public buildings to BER B, the new Clean Vehicle Directive and other climate action goals, it is clear that even greater commitment to planning, resourcing and financing projects will be required.

As the Public Sector embraces these challenges and begins strategically planning for the solutions, this event is aimed at leadership in each sector but also at everyone involved in the journey ahead.

This includes the following public sector personnel\*:

- Senior management (CEO, CFO) – those making key strategic & financial decisions
- Energy Performance Officers at Departmental level and nominated by public bodies.
- Energy managers or those responsible for energy management in public bodies.
- Key members of energy project teams within public bodies e.g. fleet managers, procurement managers, finance managers, project managers etc.
- Those responsible for annual Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) of energy performance.
- Those interested in energy management or carbon reduction opportunities within public bodies.

\* Note that this event is for public sector personnel only, or for those invited by public bodies to attend on their behalf. Only public sector personnel can attend the sectoral breakout sessions.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is now open at the following link:

<https://confpartners.eventsair.com/seai-public-sector-energy-conference-2021/registration>

Follow the instructions to create a new user account and register for the Conference.



The event is free to attend but pre-registration is essential.

At registration, attendees will be asked to indicate which sessions they wish to attend.

- All attendees are welcome & encouraged to attend the Plenary Session
- Attendees from Public Sector bodies are asked to choose the Sectoral Session most appropriate for their organisation. If you have any queries on this please email [publicsector@seai.ie](mailto:publicsector@seai.ie)
- Attendees are also asked to choose their preferred afternoon Decarbonisation Breakout Session to attend on the day of the conference. Please note you will be able to move within these afternoon sessions on the day of the conference. These sessions will also be recorded and available to access on the 'On Air' platform for a period of one month after the Conference, allowing attendees to view multiple sessions post event.

The Conference itself will be held online via 'On Air' platform. A calendar placeholder will be issued at time of registration and joining link will be sent to all participants registered in advance.

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