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# IRELAND'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLIMATE FINANCE WEEK

## INVESTING IN A NET ZERO FUTURE

## Tuesday 12th October

# IRELAND'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ESG DAY

**REGISTER FOR THIS DAY**


Ireland's 4th annual ESG Day organised by the Sustainable Investing Working Group, Sustainable Finance Ireland kicks off with a UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) Irish members only Signatory breakfast briefing. Other events across the day will provide updates on the latest in EU ESG policy development, explore if Ireland's corporate governance framework is up to scratch in an ESG world, Ireland's aviation aircraft leasing ESG activities and finally an important focus on the 'S' in ESG, including the different types of instruments been used to finance social activities. ESG Day is proudly sponsored by ILIM (Irish Life Investment Managers) and supported by Skillnet Ireland.

**9:00 - 9:45**

### IRISH UN PRI SIGNATORY BREAKFAST

PRI Irish signatory breakfast: hosted in collaboration with Skillsnet and Sustainable Finance Ireland, this invitation only breakfast will centre around growing themes of relevance in the ESG market. PRI's Rebecca Chapman will give an overview on investor trends in considering and engaging with plastics. With increasing production and use, poor end-of-life management and the many environmental and economic risks, plastics are a growing issue of concern for investors. Leveraging on the work of the PRI's Plastics Investor Working Group, Rebecca will outline next steps for investors.

The session will then turn to the increasing areas of growth and expectations falling on ESG and investment professionals and how employees can start to prepare. The PRI Academy's Anthony Roberts and Marine Lefebvre will give a sneak peek of the newest courses due to be launched on the 15th of October.

**10:00 - 11:00**

### SHAPING AND IMPLEMENTING EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE REGULATION, a senior policy maker and regulator roundtable

Panel discussion focussing on SFDR a year on and phase 2 implementation, taxonomy implementation, rounding off with some forward-looking commentary on what to expect under the renewed strategy.

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### CATALYSING GREEN INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Building on the success of the inaugural conference held in Tullamore in October 2019, this event explores how local authorities can, through their economic remit, support, encourage and nurture new and existing business and enterprise as they transition to a net-zero economy through innovation, digitalisation and the adoption of more sustainable practices. Don't miss the Catalysing Green Investment and Sustainable Finance presentation. To register for this event or for more information [please click here](#). A City and County Management Association (CCMA) conference event entitled Climate Action and Economic Opportunities – *Local Authorities supporting Enterprise*.

**11:30 - 12:30**

### ESG, THE OPPORTUNITY AND IMPACT FOR AIRCRAFT LEASING

As we enter post covid, ESG will be taking centre stage in the aviation world again. There is a growing political, industrial and regulatory appetite to improve environmental performance within the aviation sector. The industry has set extremely challenging targets to meet net zero carbon goals, including a 50% reduction in emissions by 2050.

It is no surprise that investors will increasingly favour aviation businesses with high ESG ratings – signalling more resilience and creating long-term business bets. In our discussion, we will look at ESG incentives in financing and investment to present an opportunity for the aviation industry to shake off its reputation for greenwashing and positively impact environmental sustainability over the long term while generating shareholder returns.


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### WOMEN - THE BIGGEST DRIVER OF ESG?

The popularity of ESG investing is escalating year on year, moving from a niche to dominant strategy. What are the main factors driving this increase in popularity and are female investors at the wheel or just on the journey with everyone else?

Join us for this engaging panel event with expert input discussing what impact females have on the growing trend towards ESG Investing and investigating if they really are a key driver Next Gen Committee.

**14:15 - 15:15**

### IN AN ESG WORLD, IS THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FIT FOR PURPOSE?

This panel discussion will explore the current state of play of the corporate governance framework, addressing its potency in 2021. Join panellists as they discuss the material role ESG factors play in safeguarding a company's long-term success, creating wide stakeholder value and satisfaction, and maintaining strong reputation and accountability standards.

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**15:45 - 16:45**

### ACTING ON THE 'S' IN ESG - LATEST MARKET UPDATE INCLUDING THE INSTRUMENTS USED TO FINANCE AND MEASURE IMPACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought social issues to the forefront of the ESG agenda, yet with integration of social performance data is still lagging it's environmental and governance peers. This session will explore upcoming trends in terms of social taxonomies and regulation in Europe and the UK, as well as concrete examples of how investors are using S indicators in their investment decision making, and what types of data to be looking out for. Join us to hear from legal experts, investors rating agencies and data providers alike on how to really start acting on the S.

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