



# National Retrofitting Conference 2024

Thursday 28 November 2024  
Dunboyne Castle Hotel  
Co. Meath



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## Conference overview

Energy Ireland National Retrofitting Conference 2024, in partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and sponsored by SSE Airtricity, is taking place on Thursday 28th November 2024. The Government has developed an area-based and one-stop-shop approach to retrofitting in order to upgrade at least 500,000 homes to a B2 energy rating by 2030. SEAI is the designated National Retrofitting Delivery Body charged with delivering this ambitious programme. Energy Ireland, in partnership with SEAI, has organised this year's National Retrofitting Conference and this will be the fourth get-together of all the key stakeholders involved in the delivery of the programme. This year's conference will also look at the deep energy retrofitting of public sector and commercial buildings.

The objective of the conference is to discuss progress to date and to share any learning from the implementation of the programme. It is also relevant to those organisations that may be interested in getting involved.

## Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Increase your knowledge of Ireland's Retrofitting programme
- ✓ Hear directly from those responsible for implementing the programme
- ✓ Gain expert insights from local and visiting speakers
- ✓ Learn about innovative projects being implemented
- ✓ Network with other professionals
- ✓ Promote your business to a targeted audience

### The conference will cover the following themes:

- ✓ Update on the National Retrofitting programme;
- ✓ One-stop-shop approach best practice;
- ✓ Challenges and opportunities in adopting heat pumps;
- ✓ Closing the skills gaps in retrofitting;
- ✓ Deep retrofitting in the social housing sector;
- ✓ Public sector buildings retrofitting programme;
- ✓ Developing the retrofitting supply chain in Ireland;
- ✓ Deep energy retrofitting of commercial buildings;
- ✓ Engaging the construction sector in the retrofitting programme.



08.30 Registration and morning coffee

09.00 Chair's welcome and introduction  
Ciaran Byrne, Director of National Retrofit, [Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland](#)

### 09.05 CONFERENCE PLENARY: RETROFITTING IRELAND'S HOMES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

#### **Ministerial address: Ireland's National Retrofitting Programme**

Eamon Ryan, TD

[Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications](#) (invited)

#### **The National Retrofitting Programme: Progress to date and future outlook**

Helen Williams, Programme Manager of National Retrofit Scheme and One Stop Shops

[Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland](#)

#### **Reflections on decarbonising our housing stock**

Stuart Hobbs, Director of Energy Services, [SSE Airtricity](#)

#### **The key role of heat pumps in Europe's low carbon heat future**

Paul Kenny, Director General, [European Heat Pump Association \(EHPA\)](#)

#### **ENACT: Enabling commercial retrofit (SMEs)**

Sinéad Hughes, Director of Innovation and Programme Manager on ENACT, [Irish Green Buildings Council \(IGBC\)](#)

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

10.45 COFFEE/NETWORKING BREAK

### 11.15 MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF DELIVERING THE NATIONAL RETROFITTING PROGRAMME

#### **Is Ireland on track to meet its National Retrofit targets? Insights from the Irish Building Stock Observatory**

Ciara Ahern, Senior Lecturer, [TU Dublin](#)

#### **Local authority energy retrofit and heat pump projects**

Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing, [Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council](#)

#### **Accelerating the energy efficiency renovation of residential buildings: a behavioural approach**

Evelina Gunnarsson, Associate Manager and Behavioural Economist, [Ramboll Sweden](#)

#### **Residential energy retrofits: how disruption impacts homeowner decisions**

Professor John Curtis, Head, Economic Analysis Division, [Economic and Social Research Institute \(ESRI\)](#)

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

13.00 NETWORKING LUNCH

### 14.00 MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF DELIVERING THE NATIONAL RETROFITTING PROGRAMME

#### **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive update**

Georgina Molloy, Programme Manager EPBD Concerted Action, [Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland](#)

#### **Innovative financing for energy retrofitting homes**

Shane McCullough, Head of Products, Strategy and Marketing, [Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland](#)

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

### 15.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: THE NATIONAL RETROFITTING PROGRAMME FUTURE OUTLOOK



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16.00 CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY AND CONFERENCE CLOSE

