



Think2030 Conference Ireland

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Conference programme

16 September 2026 – 09.00-15.30 Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and refreshments
9:30 – 9:40	Welcome and opening remarks Welcome by Orlaigh Quinn , interim Director General, Institute of international and European Affairs (IIEA)
9:40 – 9:50	Opening remarks by Antoine Oger , Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
9:50 – 10:05	Keynote addresses Professor Jane Stout , Vice President for Biodiversity and Climate Action, and Professor of Ecology at Trinity
10:05 – 10:20	Riyong Kim , Environment and Sustainability Head of Programme of the European Environment Agency (EEA)
10:20 – 11:30	High-level policy panel: Preparedness for a Competitive and Climate Resilient EU <i>Moderated by Dr Orlaigh Quinn, Director General at IIEA</i> <i>Speakers:</i> - Yvonne Buckley, Professor of Zoology at Trinity College Dublin - Philip Nugent, Assistant Secretary leading on EU, International and Marine Affairs at Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, Government of Ireland - Eimear Cotter, Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ireland - Tomás Sercovich, CEO at Business in the Community Ireland - Vadim Kononenko, EU Interinstitutional Relations and Strategic Foresight Expert at European Environmental Agency (EEA)
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Science4Policy session 1 – “Made in EU” in a Fractured World: is the EU Trade Policy shifting?

Moderated by **Antoine Oger**, IEEP Executive Director

Speakers:

- **Frances P. Ruane**, IDA Ireland Board member, former Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) - *invited*
- **Pierre Leturcq**, Green Trade Network coordinator
- **Alan Dempsey**, Assistant Principal Officer at Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Government of Ireland - *invited*
- **Katie Carson**, Director Corporate Affairs Food & Climate Policy, TetraPak - *invited*

13:00 – 14:00

Networking lunch

14:00 – 15:00

Science4Policy session 2 - Agricultural strategic dependencies: how to reduce them to better prepare to risk and crisis and to enhance the environmental performance of the sector?

Moderated by Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI)

Speakers:

- **Angelina Frankowska**, Senior Analyst for agriculture and food systems, Sustainable Economy Institute (Instytut Zrównoważonej Gospodarki – IZG), Poland
- **Fabien Santini** – Head of Unit, AGRI.E.1 – Governance of the Agri-food Markets, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission - *invited*
- **Marion Picot** – Secretary General, European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) - *invited*
- **Bill Callanan** – Chief Inspector, Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Government of Ireland - *invited*

15:00 – 15:15

Concluding remarks

15:30

End of the conference

About Think2030

Launched by IEEP and its partners in 2018, Think2030 is an evidence-based, non-partisan platform of leading policy experts from European think tanks, civil society, the private sector and local authorities.

By focusing on producing relevant, timely and concrete policy recommendations, Think2030's key objective is to identify science-policy solutions for a more sustainable Europe.

