



Ibec energy event - "Irish energy costs: how do we stack up, and what can we do about them?"

10.00-13.00, Thursday 12 June 2014
Portlaoise Heritage Hotel

Agenda

9.30 Registration

Tea, coffee and pastries will be served

Opening Session

10.00 Welcome and Introduction

Tadg Farrell, Boliden Tara Mines and Chair of Ibec Large Energy Users Working Group

Session 1: How do we stack up?

The first session will examine how we compare against other countries within the European Union, and how market developments in coal, gas and electricity will impact large energy users.

Chair: Derek Scully, Energia

10.10 Electricity & gas prices in Ireland

Martin Howley, SEAI's Energy Policy Statistical Support Unit

Global trends in commodity prices

John Heffernan, Bord Gáis Energy

11.00 Tea and coffee

Session 2: What can my company do?

With a changing market structure on the horizon, this session will address the role of the energy user in staying competitive, both now and in the future. It will look at the financial reward for providing flexibility in the electricity market, introduce the proposed design for a new electricity market and consider what's in it for the consumer.

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11.10 Demand side participation and the power system

Martin McCarthy, EirGrid

A case study in reducing costs while maintaining sustainable levels of production

Ed Collins, GlaxoSmithKline

A re-designed electricity market – what does this mean for the energy user?

Laura Brien, Commission for Energy Regulation

Panel discussion: What should the government do? Can Ibec encourage this?

Government policies on energy security, environmental sustainability and resource efficiency all have the potential to affect the price that businesses pay for their electricity and gas. Increasingly, we see other European countries putting industrial policy measures in place to maintain or improving the international competitiveness of energy-intensive firms. During this concluding session, panellists will discuss whether corresponding measures are now needed from the Irish government, and if so, how Ibec might help to bring these about.

Chair: Fergal O'Brien, Ibec

12.15 Neil Walker, Ibec

Adrian Devitt, Forfás

Raymond Bowe, IDA Ireland

13.00 Session close