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Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2027

Networks Stakeholder
Engagement Evaluation (NSEE)



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Q1 = January - March

Q2 = April - June

Q3 = July - September

Q4 = October - December

1. Introduction

About this plan

In 2018, the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) introduced an incentive for EirGrid (as the Transmission System Operator), and ESB Networks (as the Distribution System Operator) in relation to stakeholder engagement. In December 2025, the CRU published the PR6 Final Determination Regulatory Framework (CRU2025197) and has maintained the requirement for the Stakeholder Engagement Incentive for the period 2026 -2030.

The objective of this incentive, as stated by the CRU, is to promote cultures within the Transmission System Operator (TSO) and Distribution System Operator (DSO) that put stakeholders (i.e. customers, generators, local communities and others) at the centre of what the network companies do. This ensures that the System Operators deliver high-quality outcomes for energy customers and the wider public.

The CRU also formed the Network Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel ('NSEE Panel'), made up of representatives from stakeholders to assess and score EirGrid and ESB Networks on the quality, good implementation and effectiveness of their stakeholder strategy. This score determines the financial incentive the companies receive, impacting directly on the incentive revenues earned.

This process requires EirGrid to demonstrate our comprehensive, up-to-date stakeholder engagement strategy and delivery, our channels and initiatives for engaging with stakeholders and demonstrable positive impacts on stakeholders, stakeholder groups or the business.

This document sets out our planned engagements for 2027 and how our stakeholders can participate. Our approach to engagement will continue to be influenced by stakeholder feedback across industry, society and statutory bodies.

The context in which we work

We actively engage with policymakers, industry and society at all levels, from local to European, in line with our strategic objectives and Government policy. However, we are also a regulated business, and our engagement takes place within a regulatory environment. Our engagement strategy provides the principles and tools to ensure that, whether we are talking to our customers or local communities, we are clear about our regulatory obligations and our objectives.

This plan focuses on our engagement within our remit as a TSO and is a requirement under PR6 with further details captured within the CRU's Price Review Six Annex D Performance Incentives document ([CRU2025200d](#)).

Foreword

I am delighted to present the EirGrid 2027 Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Strategic Channels Document which together, capture our planned engagements for the year ahead.

We have reached a pivotal point in the development of the electricity grid in Ireland and the next five years we will see an unprecedented level of investment in Ireland's energy infrastructure as well as an accelerated pace in grid delivery.

In June 2026, EirGrid launched our Group Corporate Strategy 2026-2030 which sets out our purpose of 'Powering up Ireland's electricity grid for a clean energy future' and our vision of 'A future where every home, business and community is powered by secure, clean and affordable energy'.



EirGrid has developed our strategy against a backdrop of policy objectives and licence obligations laid down by Government and our regulator, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU). These objectives are captured as part of EirGrid's Price Review 6 Business Plan which sets out what we need to achieve by 2030.

The strategy outlines the key strategic pillars and enablers that will deliver our strategy. One of the key enablers is 'Customers and Stakeholders at the Core'. This acknowledges that EirGrid will not deliver the energy transition alone and that progress depends on strong, focused collaboration with our key stakeholders including Government, regulators, customers, industry, communities, local councils, system operators, the EU, other utilities, as well as key stakeholders from across the energy ecosystem.

By building strong relationships with all of our stakeholders, we build trust, which is crucial in order to secure social acceptance, manage expectations, improve outcomes and contribute our expertise to support effective policy and planning in a complex, evolving environment.

These strong relationships can help turn complexity into possibility and ultimately into progress, enabling faster and more sustainable delivery of our strategic goals.

The strategy also acknowledges 'Our People, Our Power' noting that we will only succeed if we have the right people, in the right roles, with the right skills and mindset. Under the strategy we are strengthening our leadership, capacity and capability in key areas across the business, including Stakeholder Engagement.

In addition, we are already progressing a dedicated programme of work to further enrich our customer and stakeholder engagement, detailed as part of this plan. Our focus is to deliver on our priorities with pace, focus and determination, and our new strategy sets out the path ahead with clarity and ambition.

Stakeholder feedback has been essential for informing EirGrid's 2026-2030 strategy and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of the valuable feedback that we received during that process.

Our focus continues on working closely with all of our stakeholders so that together, we can drive real progress towards a more secure, clean and affordable energy future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Errol Close', with a stylized, cursive script.

Errol Close
Chief Corporate Services Officer at EirGrid Group

2. Our Network Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

Who we are and what we do

EirGrid's role, as Transmission System Operator (TSO) in Ireland, is to ensure electricity gets from where it is generated to where it is needed across Ireland.

We operate the high-voltage transmission system, the network that forms the backbone of the country's electricity system, and are responsible for keeping it running safely, securely and reliably at all times. This means ensuring there is enough electricity to meet demand every moment of every day, and that the system can respond to changes or unexpected events.

Alongside operating the transmission system, EirGrid also operates the all-island wholesale Single Electricity Market (SEM), in partnership with SONI in Northern Ireland.

The SEM is where electricity generators sell their power and retail sellers buy it to sell to consumers.

In October 2022, the Utility Regulator (UR) and the CRU respectively re-designated SONI and EirGrid as a Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) in Northern Ireland and Ireland respectively. The NEMOs, working together as SEMOpx, provide day-ahead auctions and intra-day coupling arrangement for trading in the Single Electricity Market.

EirGrid also plans for the future of the electricity system. As demand grows and Ireland transitions to renewable energy, we identify where new infrastructure is needed and how the grid should evolve to support homes, businesses and economic growth.

This includes major grid development and new connections for very large generation and demand customers.

A key part of our role is enabling offshore wind. Under Government policy, EirGrid is responsible for developing, owning and operating the offshore transmission system that connects wind farms at sea to the onshore grid. This will allow large volumes of clean energy to be brought onshore securely and integrated into the system.

We also safeguard Ireland's security of electricity supply by monitoring the system, identifying risks, and advising on actions where needed.

In addition, we develop and operate interconnectors that link Ireland to other countries and facilitate the connection of other interconnectors to the system, improving resilience and supporting the transition to cleaner energy.

We note ambitions for further interconnection beyond those in existence and under construction are expressed in the Government's [National Policy Statement on Electricity Interconnection 2023](#).

Our Corporate Strategy

In June 2026, EirGrid launched our Group Corporate Strategy 2026-2030¹ which sets out how we will meet increasing electricity demand while transforming the transmission system to support a cleaner energy future. The strategy ensures we can continue to deliver a resilient and reliable electricity supply, while enabling socio-economic growth and climate ambition.

At a high-level, EirGrid's corporate strategy comprises our Purpose, Vision, our Strategic Pillars, our Key Enablers and our Values.

The strategic pillars define what we will deliver. They set out the core priorities required to achieve our Vision, from keeping Ireland powered to enabling growth, transforming the system, and unlocking new opportunities in offshore.

¹ [EirGrid Group Strategy 2026](#)

The key enablers define how we will power delivery. They provide the capabilities that allow us to succeed, through our people, digital strength, financial resilience, and close engagement with customers and stakeholders.

EirGrid Group Strategy 2026

Purpose

Powering up Ireland's electricity grid for a clean energy future

Vision

A future where every home, business and community is powered by secure, clean and affordable electricity

Strategic Pillars

- Keeping Ireland Powered
- Building the Backbone. A Grid that Enables Growth
- Transforming for Clean Energy
- Unlocking New Frontiers. Offshore and Interconnection

Key Enablers

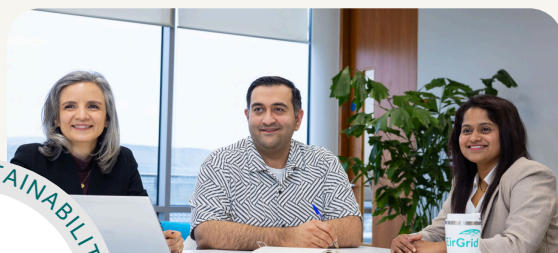
- Our People, Our Power
- Customers and Stakeholders at the Core
- Digitally Driven
- Financial Strength for Long-Term Delivery

Our Values

Our values underpin everything we do. They guide how we work, how we make decisions, and how we deliver on our ambitions.



Trusted Through our Actions



Shaping Solutions Together



Thinking Beyond



Accelerating Delivery



Why we engage

As Ireland's TSO, EirGrid has a unique role to play in transforming our power system.

A secure, modern electricity system is now fundamental not only to Ireland's climate ambitions, but to national competitiveness, industrial growth, housing delivery and long-term economic resilience.

As an organisation, we occupy a dynamic space and achieving our purpose - Powering up Ireland's electricity grid for a clean energy future - depends on close collaboration with all key stakeholders across the energy ecosystem.

At all times we must securely operate the grid of today while planning for the grid of tomorrow.

This means balancing security, affordability and sustainability, while contributing our expertise to support effective policy and planning. All of these priorities are interconnected, and each brings complexity, risks and challenges.

During this critical period for the grid, it's vital we work together with key stakeholders including Government, our Regulator, our customers, industry and communities, so that together, we can drive real progress towards a more secure, clean and affordable energy future for everyone.

Customers and stakeholders at the core

EirGrid cannot deliver the energy transition alone. As such, we've identified our close collaboration with customers and stakeholders as a key enabler within our 2026-2030 Corporate Strategy.

This enabler focuses on expert collaboration, structured engagement and trust, and a strong internal culture that prioritises the customer experience and ensures our stakeholders are appropriately informed.

Under this key enabler, our priorities are as follows:

- **Transform our approach to customer engagement and drive a customer centric culture.**
- **Build trusted, collaborative relationships with strategic stakeholders, enabling EirGrid's expertise to inform policy, regulation, and other key industry decisions.**

Stakeholder Engagement Framework

In order to implement the above, EirGrid is in the process of developing a new Stakeholder Engagement Framework.

Once implemented, the framework will be driven by a Stakeholder Coordination Forum and supported by specialist stakeholder and customer working groups, with executive sponsors and engagement from senior management reporting into the Board.

The aim of this framework is to drive structure, consistency and continuous improvement across all of EirGrid's engagement, as well as to ensure cross-functional information sharing along with robust governance, ownership and oversight.

In line with this initiative, EirGrid will also be introducing an annual stakeholder engagement survey to ensure continued feedback on our progress. This will also support the establishment of a series of business-wide metrics which we will use to inform if certain areas need further improvement. These metrics will sit alongside the NSEE Panel score which will also be monitored as part of this framework.

Our commitment

Our commitment to driving effective stakeholder engagement is outlined in our 2026-2030 Strategy in the form of the following strategic indicator:

- **Target a score of 8/10 from the Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel and establish a dedicated programme of work to further enrich our customer and stakeholder engagement.**

This is a key metric which EirGrid is aiming to meet by 2030, and we will be actively managing this via the above Stakeholder Engagement Framework.

As mentioned above, NSEE panel recommendations will also be a key input for driving improvements in our approach.

How we engage

In developing our approach to stakeholder engagement, and to ensure alignment with other system operators, EirGrid has adopted the AA1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard (AA1000SES) to structure our approach to engagement. The AA1000SES identifies a high-level framework for assessing, designing, implementing and communicating an integrated approach to stakeholder engagement.

This iterative approach also ensures that our overall stakeholder management and engagement is continually aligned with our key strategic objectives, our values as well as stakeholder needs.

EirGrid engagement principles

The following principles underpin all our activities when engaging with our customers and stakeholders. These principles are aligned with the AA1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard and are strongly linked to our corporate values (above).

► **Inclusivity** - Stakeholders should have a say in the decisions that impact them.

***Open:** By being open and transparent, we aim to build trust, manage expectations and close the feedback loop. We listen to stakeholders to understand their challenges while delivering targeted expertise through meaningful, two-way dialogue.*

***Inclusive:** Stakeholders are mapped regularly to ensure inclusivity, and our communications are made accessible to all.*

► **Materiality** - Decision makers should identify and be clear about the issues that matter.

***Collaborative:** Through our proactive and timely engagement, we are able to prioritise progress and drive solutions while delivering value to consumers.*

***Delivery-focused:** We identify the issues that matter and explain what we need from stakeholders in order to deliver. We take ownership from start to finish and move with purpose and pace.*

► **Responsiveness** - Organisations should act transparently on material issues.

***Insights-driven:** We proactively gather and process feedback on our engagement, to ensure we continue to meet stakeholder needs. By measuring the effectiveness of our engagement, we continuously aim to improve.*

***Transparent:** We are consistent, expert and accountable. We drive consistency and clarity across our communications while ensuring transparency in our decision-making.*

EirGrid Stakeholder Engagement Loop

Guided by the AA1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard, our engagement principles and our company values, EirGrid's process for stakeholder engagement is both methodical and cyclical. Our process for engagement is outlined below:

1. Identify: Identify stakeholder inter-reliance

***Purpose:** To ensure we continuously review and capture all stakeholders who are impacted by our work.*

***How we do this:** We regularly map our stakeholders to ensure inclusivity while maintaining a particular focus on the inter-dependencies between EirGrid and our stakeholders.*

2. Plan: Plan and drive programme of engagement

***Purpose:** To create workstreams that support our stakeholders and drive clear outcomes via structured engagements with the right people.*

***How we do this:** Our Stakeholder Engagement Framework will ensure a structured process to capturing, sharing and responding to stakeholder feedback. In turn, we aim to drive specialised work plans to solve specific issues raised by stakeholders.*

3. Engage: Ensure regular, meaningful, two-way dialogue

***Purpose:** We engage via a variety of engagement methods, with a focus on understanding challenges, managing expectations, improving outcomes and informing stakeholder decisions via consistent and timely communications.*

***How we do this:** Our core focus is to facilitate expert collaboration, structured engagement and trust, while building a strong internal culture that prioritises the customer experience and ensures our stakeholders are appropriately informed.*

4. Respond: Capture, process and respond to feedback

***Purpose:** To ensure stakeholder feedback is proactively gathered, captured and responded to so that we close the feedback loop.*

***How we do this:** EirGrid's Stakeholder Engagement Framework will aim to drive structure and consistency across all of our engagement, as well as to ensure cross-functional information sharing along with robust governance, ownership and oversight.*

5. Enhance: Measure, evaluate and improve

***Purpose:** To measure the effectiveness of our engagements in a consistent way across our organisation and use this data to inform and enhance our approach where possible.*

***How we do this:** We regularly gather insights from both customers and stakeholders through the medium of regular polls and surveys, so that we can better understand stakeholder needs as well as how we can further tailor our approach.*

Who are our stakeholders?

Effective stakeholder engagement is essential to enable EirGrid to transform the power system for future generations.

Our stakeholders are varied and include, at a high-level, the following groups:

European, Government and Policy Engagement

EirGrid engages in active and ongoing consultation with Government and regulatory authorities on key policies and strategic issues as required by legislation. This is done through formal correspondence, bilateral engagement and participation in working groups, taskforces and meetings.

Actively supporting policy development at international, national, regional and local levels is a key part of our role and EirGrid continues to seek opportunities to share relevant insights while ensuring policy makers are equipped with the appropriate insights and advice to support the policy making process. These engagements also ensure that EirGrid is aligned with Government policy.

Effective stakeholder engagement is critical for enabling EirGrid's continued alignment at a Government and regulatory level, as well as at a European level, to support continued progress towards our shared climate ambitions.

Regulatory Engagement

EirGrid is regulated by Ireland's independent energy and water regulator, The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU).

The CRU's role is centred around ensuring safe, secure and sustainable energy (and water) supplies for all customers. As a regulated entity, EirGrid must follow policy and direction as set out by the CRU, which itself works within the Government policy context.

EirGrid, as the TSO, has an important role in developing, managing and operating the electricity grid in Ireland. We recognise the national challenges faced in delivering on ambitious renewable energy targets and sectoral carbon emission reductions and are committed to securing the transition to a clean energy future that will be delivered in line with Government policy and with the support of the CRU.

Customer and industry engagement

Engagement with customers and other industry stakeholders is important for us to shape how we meet the evolving needs of our customers, and how we plan, develop and operate the transmission system.

As a result, we work closely with both our customers as well as industry stakeholders across the energy ecosystem, to ensure we maintain an effective, joined-up approach.

Our customers include those directly connected to the transmission system. Some customers generate electricity from conventional or renewable sources while others are demand customers directly connected to the transmission system. Others provide the services necessary for operating the transmission system, such as demand side and storage units. Interconnector customers provide energy and system services to other electricity systems. We also engage with electricity suppliers and stakeholders regarding the operation and enhancement of the transmission system.

EirGrid aims to deliver quality services to customers and other industry stakeholders within our regulatory constraints. We respond to a wide range of needs across the wholesale energy sector in Ireland. We recognise that many of our customers are key to achieving 80% of Ireland's electricity needs from renewable sources and a low carbon electricity system through:

- Electricity generation
- Electricity storage

- Electricity suppliers
- Interconnection
- Additional technologies
- The supply of necessary services to operate the system securely, especially at times with high penetration of generation from renewable sources.

EirGrid also engages with offshore windfarm developers, supply chain organisations, engineering firms, specialist consultancies, Government agencies and the Seafood-ORE Working Group to develop and deliver a new offshore electricity grid.

Public Engagement

Engaging with the public and other stakeholders is essential for our work. It is only with public and stakeholder support that we can achieve our climate action targets and secure a sustainable supply of electricity for future generations.

Our Public Engagement Strategy outlines how we develop relationships on-the-ground. This means engaging at the earliest possible stage and seeking feedback on projects to ensure that local communities are able to influence the decision that we take, where possible.

Before we develop or upgrade the grid, we engage with landowners, community representatives, interest groups, local stakeholders to better understand both their needs and the local area, while also sharing information in a timely and inclusive manner.

This includes:

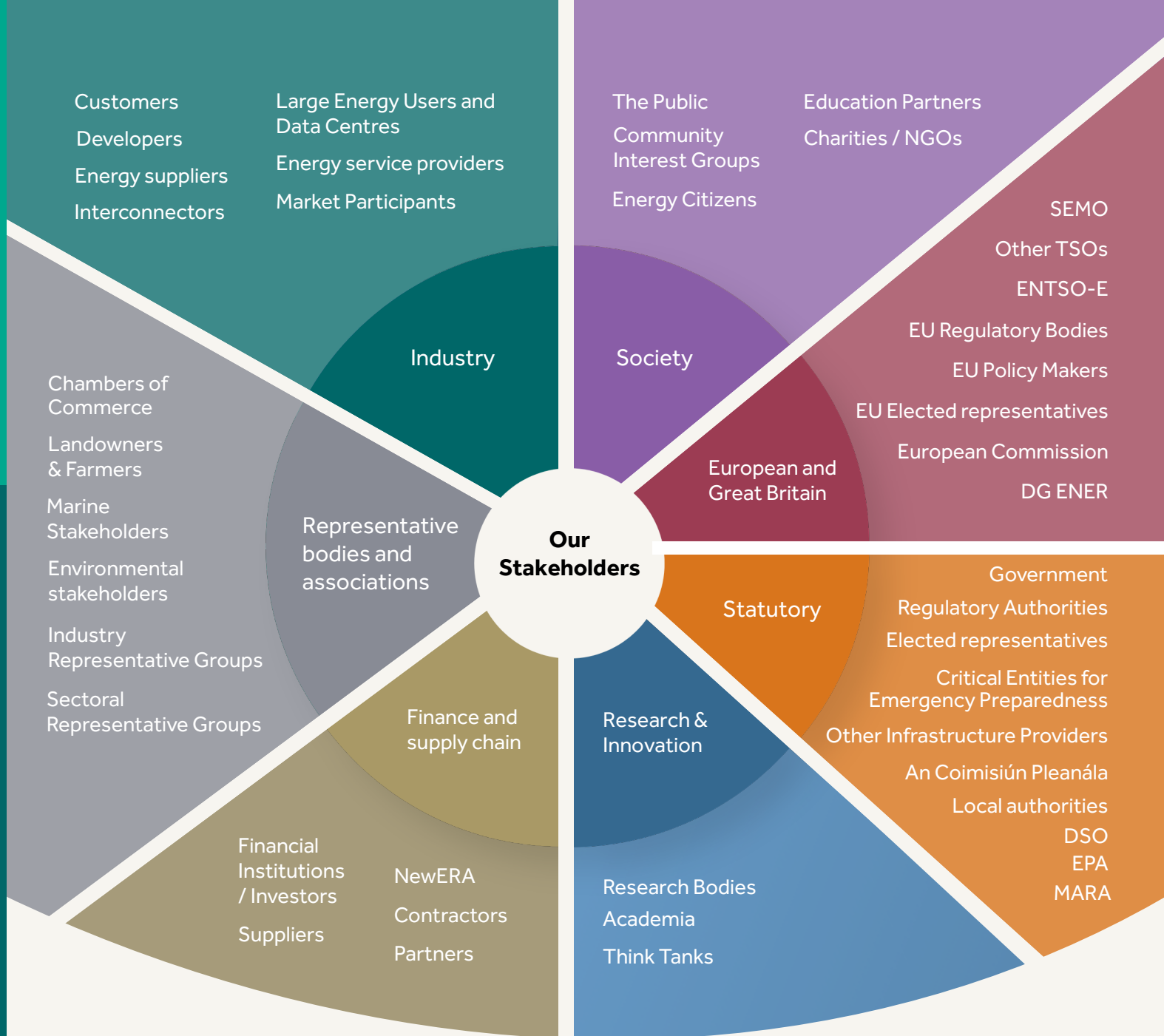
- Landowners
- Local communities
- Businesses and groups
- Local authorities and elected representatives.

As we continue working towards Government targets, we will need to continue to develop new grid infrastructure – more than in the last ten years. It's important that we gain the support of individual landowners, their neighbours, and their wider communities in the areas where we are delivering strategic infrastructure. Early engagement is vital to ensure that people's concerns are listened to. We endeavour in all cases to work closely with stakeholders to ensure, where it is possible, that we optimise the most deliverable projects through engagement with local communities.

Our stakeholders

The stakeholder wheel below captures the core groups of stakeholders that EirGrid interacts with.

Every year, we perform a stakeholder mapping exercise to ensure we capture any emergent stakeholders, while ensuring we understand stakeholders' key priorities so that can determine how best to tailor engagement to meet stakeholder needs.



ENTSO-E = European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity
 SEMO = Single Electricity Market Operator
 NGO = Non-Governmental Organisation
 TSO = Transmission System Operator

DG ENER = Directorate General - Energy
 DSO = Distribution System Operator
 EPA = Environmental Protection Agency
 MARA = The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Improving our stakeholder engagement

EirGrid TSO's performance in relation to the Price Review6 (PR6) Stakeholder Engagement Incentive is assessed annually by the NSEE Panel.

In our approach to this stakeholder engagement plan, we continue to develop and enhance our stakeholder engagement strategy and activities and have taken into consideration the NSEE Panel's feedback and recommendations regarding the 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan and 2025 Look Back Report (as documented in the 2025 NSEE Panel Close Out Report², published on 23 September 2026). We have provided our responses to these recommendations below:

EirGrid's Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (Recommendations 1-6 & 8-9)

"EirGrid should now focus on embedding consistent engagement practices across the organisation and provide stronger evidence that stakeholder engagement influences decisions, improves delivery outcomes and creates measurable value for stakeholders, customers and the wider electricity system."

EirGrid welcomes the NSEE Panel's feedback and related recommendations.

In June 2026, EirGrid launched our Group Corporate Strategy 2026-2030³ which sets out how we will meet increasing electricity demand while transforming the transmission system to support a cleaner energy future. We recognise the vital importance of placing customers and stakeholders at the heart of what we do, which is why we have prioritised stakeholder engagement as a key enabler within our strategy.

This enabler focuses on expert collaboration, structured engagement and trust, and a strong internal culture that prioritises the customer experience and ensures our stakeholders are appropriately informed. Under this key enabler, our priorities are as follows:

- **Transform our approach to customer engagement and drive a customer centric culture.**
- **Build trusted, collaborative relationships with strategic stakeholders, enabling EirGrid's expertise to inform policy, regulation, and other key industry decisions.**

In line with our EirGrid's Group Strategy 2026-2030, we are already progressing a dedicated programme of work to transform our approach to stakeholder engagement while addressing the panel's recommendations.

NSEE Panel Recommendations:

4) Establish a single organisation-wide engagement framework

5) Improve consistency across business areas

8) Strengthen governance and leadership accountability

In line with the panel's recommendations, EirGrid is in the process of finalising a new Stakeholder Engagement Framework across our organisation.

The aim of this framework is to drive consistency and alignment across all of EirGrid's engagement, as well as to ensure cross-functional information sharing along with robust governance, ownership and oversight.

This framework will be driven by a dedicated Stakeholder Function and supported by a new, cross-functional Stakeholder Coordination Forum, who will together, enable the following:

- Visibility of EirGrid's engagement activities across the organisation.
- Shared identification of risks and overlaps.
- Defined workstreams and the coordination of engagement activities.
- Tracking of activity and issues.
- A consistent approach to the EirGrid engagement experience.
- Clear ownership and accountability.

NSEE Panel Recommendations:

1) Implement a feedback loop

2) Move from activity-based reporting to outcome-based reporting

6) Develop stronger outcome-focused KPIs

EirGrid is in the process of developing and implementing a series of regular stakeholder and customer surveys to gather key insights while enabling the following:

- Proactive, regular and monitored cross-functional sharing of stakeholder insights, challenges and feedback.
- Assigned ownership of identified actions at a functional level.
- Tracking of stakeholder engagement activities as well as issues through to resolution.
- Escalation of recurring issues with oversight from senior management.

² Microsoft Word - Electricity Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel (NSEEP) Panel Close-out Report 2025

³ EirGrid Group Strategy 2026

NSEE Panel Recommendation:

3) Strengthen transparency around decision-making

Meaningful engagement is built on openness and transparency. By ensuring regular, two-way dialogue, EirGrid aims to build trust with our stakeholders, manage expectations and provide clarity across our priorities, challenges and decision-making.

NSEE Panel Recommendation:

9) Strengthen organisation learning and continuous improvement

A core function of the Stakeholder Coordination Forum will be to ensure engagement leads to outcomes. As part of our enhanced approach to stakeholder engagement, we are in the process of baselining a robust set of stakeholder-informed KPIs which will capture stakeholder insights, sentiment and feedback (via a variety of methods), inform our engagement activities and facilitate a reporting structure allowing EirGrid to track themes, issues and outcomes with direct oversight from EirGrid senior management.

The NSEE Panel's recommendations will also be valuable in informing EirGrid's engagement activities while driving key programmes of work which will also be tracked and reported on.

In line with this, our commitment to driving effective stakeholder engagement is outlined in our 2026-2030 Strategy in the form of the following strategic indicator:

- **Target a score of 8/10 from the Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel and establish a dedicated programme of work to further enrich our customer and stakeholder engagement.**

This is a key metric which EirGrid is aiming to meet by 2030, and we will be actively managing this via the new Forum.

In addition to the above, EirGrid is also in the process of rolling out a new Customer Excellence Programme to support our work in translating EirGrid's strategic ambition of placing customers and stakeholders at the core into consistent day-to-day behaviours, capabilities and ways of working. The programme aims to strengthen customer and stakeholder orientation while also addressing the organisational conditions that enable excellent engagement: ownership, accountability, cross-functional collaboration, communication and leadership.

NSEE Panel Recommendation:

7) Improve connections and stakeholder accessibility

EirGrid welcomes the Panel's feedback and recognises the importance of providing a positive and accessible connections experience for all stakeholders.

In recent years, EirGrid has implemented a range of measures to strengthen stakeholder engagement across the connections process. These include dedicated customer-facing resources, enhanced customer engagement at key milestones, regular industry workshops and webinars, expanded guidance materials, and increased transparency through the publication of connection policies, processes and timelines. We have also placed greater emphasis on consistency of customer interactions through defined ownership of applications and structured engagement processes designed to ensure stakeholders receive timely and accurate information.

Recognising the need for continued improvement, EirGrid is in the process of developing a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the customer experience, in line with the panel's recommendations. These include:

Communication and response times: These are key areas of focus for EirGrid as we work to enhance our approach to engagement. Firstly, we are in the process of increasing our customer-facing capability and expertise to ensure we have the right resources in place to support effective communication while providing regular updates. We are also supporting these teams with additional training focused on customer engagement, communications, stakeholder management, query handling, and connections process expertise, ensuring customer-facing staff are equipped to provide clear, consistent and accurate information while supporting faster and more effective query resolution.

EirGrid is also in the process of implementing a new digital solution with enhanced monitoring and reporting which will support the tracking of milestone dates and ensure more effective and timely interactions with customers.

In addition to the above, we are enhancing our quality assurance and performance monitoring. This will include the continued use and enhancement of our annual customer surveys, post-engagement 'Pulse' check-in surveys, customer clinic feedback surveys and the tracking of customer satisfaction metrics. Feedback obtained through these channels is reviewed regularly and where possible, used to inform continuous improvement initiatives, identify areas requiring attention, and tailor our engagement approach to better meet stakeholder needs.

Throughout this process, transparency is key which is why EirGrid always endeavours to follow up with customers in order to close the feedback loop. As we continue to develop the Stakeholder Engagement Framework, this process will continue to be strengthened.

Consistency of contact points and transparency of timelines: As we continue to strengthen the connections process, we recognise the need for increased clarity regarding the key customer-facing contacts for each stage. To address this, EirGrid is working to improve our process documentation and customer-facing guidance materials, including published process documentation, customer guides, FAQs, application guidance and supporting online information resources, to ensure customers have full clarity regarding who they should contact at each stage of the connections process.

In line with the above, a more robust and clearly refined process will support greater transparency of timelines, which will be communicated through regular customer engagements and application-specific updates.

Accessibility of technical expertise: Work is currently underway to strengthen engagement between customers and EirGrid experts, to improve knowledge-sharing opportunities while making information more accessible.

As part of this work, EirGrid is expanding opportunities for customers to engage directly with subject matter experts through enhanced customer clinics, early engagement meetings, connection method options meetings, technical workshops, webinars and dedicated customer engagements. We are also reviewing opportunities to make technical information more accessible through improved guidance materials, knowledge-sharing initiatives and increased specialist participation in customer interactions where appropriate.

This initiative is being actively driven and supported at a senior leadership and executive level, demonstrating a strong organisational commitment to addressing this feedback and enhancing collaboration across EirGrid.

Collectively, the above measures will provide a more responsive, consistent and customer-focused connections experience while ensuring stakeholders are better supported throughout their engagement with EirGrid.

Stakeholder Feedback

In line with the consultation of this 2027 Stakeholder Engagement Plan, we welcome stakeholder feedback on all of the above points so that EirGrid can continue to improve our approach as well as ensure we meet stakeholder needs as best possible.

As part of the NSEE process, EirGrid will update the NSEE Panel on all of the above points in 2027.

Our strategic channels for engagement

EirGrid's planned stakeholder engagement activities are captured in each iteration of our Stakeholder Engagement Plan, which we produce in line with the NSEE incentive.

This year, in response to NSEE Panel feedback to support the brevity of the main 2027 Stakeholder Engagement Plan, we have taken a new approach and separated the strategic channels that we engage via (normally embedded within each chapter) and placed these in a separate document, [which can be found here.](#)

As an integral part of EirGrid's Stakeholder Engagement Plan, both this Stakeholder Engagement Plan and the Strategic Channels document should be read and considered in tandem as part of the NSEE incentive.

The structure of this document

We have structured this document in line with the EirGrid 2026-2030 Group Corporate Strategy. As a result, all of the chapters have been grouped under their relevant strategic pillar (outlined below).

Each chapter includes an overview of the area along with our planned engagements and their related planned outcomes.

Government, European and policy engagement

Keeping Ireland Powered

- Operating the grid
- Future markets and market participant engagement
- Long-term auctions engagement
- Security of supply
- Fault Ride Through (FRT)
- Renewable Dispatch Down
- Electricity Connection Policy (ECP)
- Transmission Outage Programme

Building the backbone: A Grid that enables Growth

- Customers and connections
- Our partnership with the TAO
- Our partnership with the DSO
- Grid upgrade projects and public engagement
- Consenting and environment

Transforming for clean energy

- Energy research
- Future networks
- Sustainability

Unlocking New Frontiers: Offshore and Interconnection

- Offshore
- *(Interconnection updates within this document include TSO related activity and Celtic Interconnector engagements, captured in the Government, European and policy and the Grid upgrade projects and public engagement chapters.)*

3. Our 2027 Network Stakeholder Engagement Plans

Government, European and policy engagement



1 Government, European and Policy

Overview

EirGrid engages actively with Government and CRU on key policies and strategic issues as required by legislation. This is done through consultation, formal correspondence, bilateral engagement and participation in taskforces, working groups, and meetings.

Actively supporting policy development at international, European, national, regional and local levels is a key part of our role and EirGrid continues to seek opportunities to share relevant insights and expertise while ensuring policy makers are equipped with the appropriate insights and advice to support the policy making process. These engagements also ensure that EirGrid is aligned with Government and European policy.

EirGrid also actively engages with UK counterparts and across continental Europe with bodies such as the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) and the Offshore TSO Collaboration (OTC) as well as the North Seas Energy Cooperation (NSEC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).

In addition to the above, we are also heavily engaged with other Transmission System Operators (TSOs) across Europe and globally, not only for interconnection purposes but also for sharing insights, learning from experience and fostering innovation.

EirGrid also engages with An Coimisinéir Teanga as we continue to promote the Irish language and fulfil our statutory and legal duties within this area.

Effective stakeholder engagement is critical for enabling EirGrid's continued alignment at a Government and regulatory level, as well as at a European level, to support continued progress towards our shared climate ambitions. These include obtaining 80% of our electricity from renewable sources in line with Government targets and achieving net-zero emissions no later than 2050. In practice, developing and operating a net-zero emissions system will entail significant stakeholder engagement with Government departments, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) and academia to determine the generation, storage and supply of renewable energy sources such as green hydrogen.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Obtain 80% of our electricity from renewable sources in line with Government targets and reach net-zero emissions no later than 2050	Climate ambitions: EirGrid will engage with the Government and CRU on a range of matters, including the delivery of the PR6 work programme, the Climate Action Plan, offshore transmission strategy, further interconnection, security of supply and the EU-led electricity market redesign. Much of this engagement will be through the range of Taskforces that we participate in as referenced in the Strategic Channels document. Broadening our engagement: We will also continue to identify opportunities to	Climate ambitions: Key objectives include alignment as we work together on the delivery of our shared climate ambitions as well as to ensure consistent messaging to the public and all stakeholders. Broadening our engagement: These engagements will help

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
	engage with broader stakeholder audiences across industry and society on developments we foresee as required to support climate and energy goals. EirGrid will continue to proactively engage as members of ENTSO-E, Renewable Grid Initiative, Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature and CIGRE to help deliver on our targets as soon as possible. IEA engagement: Building on active engagements and presentation to international expert audiences in the IEA, our engagement will continue in the coming year.	ensure we are aligned with international best practice on key technical areas. They will also help to ensure greater understanding at EU and global level of the achievements across the Irish electricity system on integrating high levels of renewable energy. IEA engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with the IEA to help support the successful integration of renewables while continuing to ensure power system security.
Deliver the PR6 programme of work to support social and economic growth	Deliver the PR6 programme of work: Continued engagement with Government departments and other key stakeholders will be critical to support us to deliver on our role in upgrading the high voltage electricity network.	Deliver the PR6 programme of work: Ongoing engagement with Government departments and other key stakeholders will support the delivery of our onshore and offshore plan network.
Support policy development	Support policy development: We will continue to proactively seek opportunities to support policy development across Government and the EU and offer our insights and expertise. One particular area of focus will be the Power white paper that DCEE will develop over the course of 2027.	Support policy development: EirGrid actively supports policy development at international, European, national, regional and local levels, and continues to seek opportunities to share relevant insights while ensuring policy makers are equipped with the appropriate insights and advice to support the policy making process. These engagements are key for sharing insights, increasing alignment and helping to solve shared challenges.
Continued engagement with	Engagement with other TSOs: EirGrid continues to engage actively with other	Engagement with other TSOs:

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
	This will also support EirGrid's objective of reaching 95% SNSP on the power system, through information sharing and lessons learned.	
Ensure compliance with the Official Languages Act	Official Languages Act: In 2027, EirGrid will maintain regular engagement with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and An Coimisinéir Teanga.	Official Languages Act: EirGrid's Official Languages Officer ensures EirGrid continues to forefront the Irish language (as Ireland's first official language), and that we fulfil our duties within this area.
EU Pact for Engagement	EU Pact for Engagement: In 2026, EirGrid was appointed Co-Chair of the EU Pact for Engagement with DG ENER. , This European initiative brings together leading electricity transmission grid operators, distribution system operators, regulators and Renewable Grids Initiative (RGI) to advance public participation in infrastructure projects. In 2027, as Chair, EirGrid will continue to help lead collaboration among European transmission system operators and stakeholders, supporting the sharing of best practice and advancing approaches that build trust, transparency and public participation in infrastructure development. This work will help ensure that community engagement remains a central pillar of Europe's energy transition.	EU Pact for Engagement: The EU Pact for Engagement was established to promote early, transparent and meaningful stakeholder engagement in electricity grid development. It supports Europe's efforts to deliver the infrastructure required to connect renewable energy, strengthen energy security and meet climate targets, while ensuring communities have opportunities to contribute to decisions that affect them. The appointment recognises EirGrid's leadership in placing citizens and communities at the heart of decision-making as Europe accelerates the delivery of the electricity grids needed for the energy transition.
Political engagement	Continued political engagement: EirGrid will continue to engage with elected representatives at both Council and Oireachtas level. As our various activities under PR6 and set out in our new corporate strategy, we will increase our engagement to ensure political representatives have the information on how EirGrid is developing the grid, particularly at local and regional level.	Continued political engagement: Proactive engagement will provide politicians with a greater understanding of, and information on, EirGrid's role and plans.

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Government department seminar series	DCEE and DETE engagement: EirGrid will continue to convene knowledge-sharing sessions with DCEE and DETE, creating opportunities for discussion and the exchange of insights on electricity markets, system operations, network planning, interconnection and grid delivery.	DCEE and DETE engagement: This engagement will strengthen mutual understanding, support informed policy development and deepen strategic relationships across the energy sector.

For more information on our European, Government and policy stakeholder engagement, email strategy@eirgrid.com



Keeping Ireland Powered

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2 Operating the grid

Overview

EirGrid is responsible for developing and managing the transmission system in Ireland and managing the flow of electricity from generators to end users. To ensure that transmission system operations are safe, secure and reliable, we engage on a day-to-day basis and collaborate regularly with our customers, industry representative bodies and other key stakeholders.

In addition to the above, we are also planning for the future. Through our future operations engagements, we engage with industry stakeholders to create open dialogue, ensure ongoing alignment, share insights and also ensure stakeholder feedback informs our future planning.

Stakeholder engagement is also vital as the grid integrates increased variable renewable sources and new technologies, supporting our work in further integrating renewables onto the grid.

Implementation

Current grid operations

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Scheduling and Dispatch	Scheduling and Dispatch: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with stakeholders in relation to scheduling and dispatch via the provision of clear documentation including: • The Balancing Market Principles Statement. • Our consultation on the key dates for the annual audit. • The publication of the annual audit report. • Up to date operational constraints information.	Scheduling and Dispatch: These engagements will enable EirGrid to gather customer feedback and also provide transparency with regard to our decision making.
Dispatch Down Reporting	Dispatch Down Reporting: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to analyse curtailment and constraint of renewable sources of electricity and to publish monthly and annual reports.	Dispatch Down Reporting: Through our analysis and PR6 reporting, EirGrid will keep the CRU, customers and the broader industry, informed with regards to dispatch down levels while contextualising reported figures regionally and nationally.
Grid Code Review Panel	Grid Code Review Panel: EirGrid will continue dialogue with stakeholders on the	Grid Code Review Panel: EirGrid's engagements on the Grid Code

	evolution of the Grid Code and associated documents through meetings, as well as via the publication of associated materials and proposed modifications, as well as revised versions of the Grid Code.	are key to gathering stakeholder insights as well as keeping them updated.
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Future operations

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Grid Code Evolution to 2030	Grid Code Evolution to 2030: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to hold virtual and in-person workshops as required with the Large Energy User Taskforce.	Grid Code Evolution to 2030: Through our engagements, EirGrid will discuss and implement Grid Code modifications for fault ride through requirements. Through these engagements, we are supporting EirGrid's mission to deliver 80% of electricity from renewable sources in line with Government targets.
Trialling of new technology providing system services	Qualification Trial Process: A Call for Information under the Qualification Trial Process (QTP) is published each year to gather industry feedback on new technologies and potential future trials. EirGrid and SONI will publish the QTP 2027 Call for Information in Q2/Q3 2027. The Proven Technology List will also be updated in Q2 2027.	Qualification Trial Process: Through these engagements, EirGrid and SONI will provide visibility to stakeholders on the QTP 2027 Call for Information, support progression of the designated QTP 2025/2026 trials, and keep industry informed through the updated Proven Technology List.
Delivery of Low Carbon Inertia Services Phase 2	Delivery of Low Carbon Inertia Services Phase 2: In 2026 EirGrid commenced the procurement process for the delivery of Low Carbon Inertia Services Phase 2. In 2027, EirGrid will engage with tenderers to carry out grid connection assessments and will work with successful tenderers to process connection offers.	Delivery of Low Carbon Inertia Services Phase 2: The delivery of Low Carbon Inertia Services Phase 2 is required to securely operate the power system at higher System Non-Synchronous Penetration (SNSP) / renewable generation levels, supporting our climate ambitions while delivering significant cost savings to consumers.

	We will only engage with tenderers within the framework of the formal procurement process.	
Drive the procurement of Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)	Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES): In 2027, EirGrid will continue to progress the establishment of a procurement process for LDES services. Following on from the publication of the EirGrid LDES Procurement Approach Recommendations Paper submitted to CRU, and the consultation on the proposed Contractual Arrangements expected in 2026, it is anticipated that a Regulatory Authority decision will be provided on the contractual recommendations in 2027, which will allow EirGrid to progress the initiation of the procurement process. EirGrid will continue to provide regular updates to industry via the Future Markets workshops and will aim to hold a dedicated webinar on the proposed contractual arrangements during the consultation period. The procurement process will be initiated (anticipated to commence in 2027) once the final regulatory decision is provided. During the procurement process relevant industry information sessions will also be provided.	Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES): Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to ensure industry stakeholders are kept up to date regarding the procurement approach recommended by EirGrid as well as have an opportunity to provide detailed feedback as part of the consultation on the contractual arrangements. It is vital that industry and relevant stakeholders have a clear understanding of the procurement approach, the contractual commitments required and the associated timelines associated with the procurement.

For more information about our grid operations stakeholder engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Grid Operations' in the subject).

3 Future markets engagement and market participant engagement

Overview

EirGrid is responsible for developing and managing the electricity grid in Ireland and managing the flow of electricity from generators to end users. The electricity market is where generators and suppliers trade electricity. A lot of work happens behind the scenes to balance supply and demand. Market trading helps to ensure we have a safe and reliable electricity supply.

To ensure that power and market system operation and development is safe, secure and reliable, we engage on a day-to-day basis and collaborate regularly with our customers, industry representative bodies and other key stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement is vital as the grid adopts, and adapts to, increased variable renewable sources coming on stream. Equally, the market needs to quickly adjust to support the investment needed to deliver unprecedented changes to the grid in the lead up to 2030 and beyond.

In 2027, Future Markets engagement will also focus on supporting market participant readiness across a significant pipeline of market change. This includes ensuring stakeholders understand key delivery milestones, regulatory decision points, implementation dependencies, technical readiness requirements and any actions required within their own organisations. EirGrid will use Future Markets workshops, technical liaison groups, newsletters, bilateral engagement and consultation responses to provide clear, timely and coordinated updates.

A key objective will be to move beyond information-sharing and ensure engagement actively supports delivery outcomes. Feedback received through industry forums, technical sessions and participant queries will be captured, assessed and, where appropriate, reflected in programme planning, implementation support, training, guidance materials and future engagement topics. This will help reduce implementation risk, improve participant preparedness and support a smoother transition to new market arrangements.

Implementation

Programme engagement

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Work towards delivering Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)	Future Arrangements for System Services: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with industry stakeholders during the implementation and rollout of FASS. This will involve programme updates and topic 'deep dives' via the monthly Future Markets Industry Workshops, as well as the facilitation of dedicated fora including the Technical Liaison Groups and the System	Future Arrangements for System Services: Through these engagements, EirGrid, in collaboration with SONI, aims to ensure industry stakeholders are informed of the delivery schedule of the FASS Programme, as well as supported through the implementation phase, and enabled to confidently participate in the new arrangements. EirGrid will continue to utilise feedback received from industry to ensure that their

	Service Code Working Groups. EirGrid will support industry through ongoing query management and market participant training. Regarding engagements with the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) in 2027, EirGrid in collaboration with SONI will participate in RA consultations on the System Services Code and Generator, Supplier & Interconnector Licensing Modifications. EirGrid will engage in scheduled weekly calls with the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) and on specific FASS deliverables as required.	needs are being addressed through the implementation. Productive engagement with the RAs will continue to be maintained. EirGrid in collaboration with SONI will also share insights with the RAs as required via bilateral engagements or via our responses to RA consultations.
Drive the procurement of Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)	Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES): In 2027, EirGrid will continue to progress the establishment of a procurement process for LDES services. Following on from the publication of the EirGrid LDES Procurement Approach Recommendations Paper, and the consultation on the proposed Contractual Arrangements in 2026, it is anticipated that a Regulatory Authority decision will be provided on the contractual recommendations in 2027, which will allow EirGrid to progress the initiation of the procurement process. EirGrid will continue to provide regular updates to industry via the Future Markets workshops and will aim to hold a dedicated webinar on the proposed contractual arrangements during the consultation period. The procurement process will be initiated (anticipated to commence in 2027) once the final regulatory decision is provided. During the	Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES): Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to ensure industry stakeholders are kept up to date regarding the procurement approach recommended by EirGrid while also having the opportunity to provide detailed feedback as part of the consultation on the contractual arrangements. EirGrid aims to ensure industry and relevant stakeholders also have a clear understanding of the procurement approach, the contractual commitments required and the associated timelines associated with the procurement. The procurement process is anticipated to commence in 2027.

	procurement process, relevant industry information sessions will be provided.	
Monthly Future Markets Industry Workshops	Future Markets Industry Workshops: EirGrid will continue to hold regular Future Markets Industry Workshops. The engagement programme will consist of a combination of in-person workshops, online forums, topic-specific deep-dive sessions, and regular programme updates, ensuring stakeholders receive timely information and have meaningful opportunities to provide feedback. Key areas of engagement will include: - Strategic Future Markets workshops focused on major market and policy updates. - In-person events designed to facilitate discussion, collaboration and networking across the sector. - Online sessions to maximise accessibility and broaden stakeholder participation. - Deep-dive workshops on priority topics such as system services, capacity market developments, market reform initiatives, European market developments, and other emerging issues. - Programme status updates providing visibility of key milestones, upcoming decisions, delivery progress and implementation readiness activities across Future Markets programmes. - Interactive sessions to gather stakeholder feedback, test proposals and support	Future Markets Industry Workshops: Through these engagements, we aim to strengthen relationships with industry participants and support transparent, clear and consistent communication. The engagement programme will support transparency, strengthen stakeholder understanding of upcoming changes, and provide valuable opportunities for collaboration as EirGrid (and SONI) continue to progress market and system developments required to support the transition to a secure, reliable and decarbonised electricity system. These workshops support engagement regarding functional, technical and market arrangement changes, while providing updates on programme delivery and stakeholder activities.

	industry readiness for future market and system changes. - Cross-programme engagement highlighting interdependencies and the combined impact of multiple market reform initiatives.	
Future Markets Technical Liaison Group (TLG)	Future Markets TLG: The Future Markets Technical Liaison Group (set up in 2026) will continue in 2027. The TLG will be delivered primarily through online forums with the potential for in-person events taking place if participants desire. The TLG will serve as a central forum for collaboration on technical matters, including but not limited to: - Technical Specifications. - Data Publication Guides. - IT Connectivity Verification. - Sandbox Testing. In 2027, the focus of the TLGs will primarily be on FASS.	Future Markets TLG: The planned outcomes of the TLG include: Communicate: To share relevant technical information related to each programme with market participants. A key objective is to ensure that participants can implement the required changes in a timely capacity, within their own organisations, to enable them to successfully interface with the respective processes and systems. Engage: To provide a mechanism for participants to offer input and provide feedback on technical matters related to the respective processes and systems. Coordinate: To facilitate the effective coordination of industry-wide activities, such as technical readiness and IT market connectivity testing.
Issue regular updates via EirGrid's Future Markets Newsletter	Future Markets Newsletter: Throughout 2027, EirGrid will continue to publish the <u>Future Markets Newsletter</u> on a regular basis. The newsletter will be published on the EirGrid website and promoted through our communication channels to ensure stakeholders remain informed of key developments.	Future Markets Newsletter: Complementing the Future Markets Industry Workshops, the newsletter keeps stakeholders informed of progress across key programmes, projects and workstreams, while providing broader insight into Future Markets activities and EirGrid's ongoing engagement with the evolving electricity market. The Future Markets Newsletter is an important communication channel for providing updates on developments across Energy Market Policy, the Scheduling and Dispatch Programme (SDP), Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS), Balancing Market

		Reform (BMR) and other Future Markets initiatives.
Strengthen relationships with EU and GB counterparts and contribute to relevant EU and GB future markets policy developments	EU & GB Engagement: EirGrid will continue to participate in the ENTSO-E Market Committee to influence the development of European electricity market policies, network codes and market integration arrangements. Key outcomes include: (i) Influence the development of EU market rules, policies and legislative proposals. And (ii) ensure SEM and Irish system considerations are reflected in European frameworks.	EU and GB Engagement: Participation and engagement in the ENTSO-E Market Committee will help ensure that SEM and Irish interests are represented in key EU discussions, provides early visibility of regulatory change, and supports outcomes that enable secure, efficient and competitive electricity markets and the delivery of Ireland's energy transition objectives. These engagements aim to allow EirGrid to contribute to relevant policy developments at an EU level through participation in relevant working groups, as well as ensuring that EirGrid voice is heard in the European external context.
Schedule and Dispatch Programme (SDP) engagement	Schedule and Dispatch Programme: As the Schedule and Dispatch Programme approaches completion, engagement activity during 2027 will be limited and focused on monitoring developments relating to the remaining programme scope, including Non-Priority Dispatch of Renewables (NPDR) requirements. EirGrid will engage with the Regulatory Authorities (RAs), Trading and Settlement Code (TSC) governance forums and the Joint Grid Code Review Panel (JGCRP) as required. Through these engagements, EirGrid will maintain awareness of regulatory and industry developments relating to NPDR and support any associated TSC or Grid Code modification activity, where required. Stakeholder communications will be provided where there are	Schedule and Dispatch Programme: Through these engagements, EirGrid aims to track items that require input from the regulatory authorities and progress TSC modifications as well as Grid Code modifications to approval. By providing SDP status updates, EirGrid aims to further enhance our relationship with industry by keeping them abreast of all updates and progress.

	material developments, regulatory decisions or implementation requirements impacting industry participants.	
Continue to prepare to reintegrate the Single Energy Market with the European Energy Markets as part of EirGrid's Strategic Market Programme (SMP)	Strategic Market Programme (SMP) engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will maintain active engagement with the following key stakeholders: Regulatory Authorities: Monthly updates will be provided throughout 2027 via online and in-person meetings, ad-hoc workshops to ensure alignment. Market Participants: Stakeholders will receive regular updates via Future Markets workshops and newsletters, including high-level progress reports, go-live milestones, and market developments. Industry stakeholders: EirGrid will provide regular updates to industry stakeholders via the Shaping Our Electricity Future Advisory Council meetings (new name TBC). European Stakeholders: In 2027, EirGrid will also continue active engagement with European stakeholders including multilateral meetings with the impacted NEMOs and TSOs and Market Coupling associations to ensure alignment with EU-level developments.	Strategic Market Programme (SMP) engagements: The Strategic Markets Programme (SMP) has been established to deliver on Pillar 2 of Shaping Our Electricity Future (SOEF) strategy and seeks to transform Ireland's energy markets (all-island) to connect more renewables and support regulatory required development. Through our regular engagement with the regulatory authorities, we aim to align on policy and compliance as well as expectations, timelines and milestones. Regular engagement with market participants will help EirGrid to ensure a collaborative, transparent and audience-specific process for critical stakeholders including generators, suppliers, large energy users, Demand Side Units and aggregators. These engagements will also help to ensure stakeholders are informed about how SMP milestones and decisions will affect their operations for e.g. Multi-NEMO arrangements, Balancing Market Reform, MARI etc. By engaging with industry representatives, EirGrid aims to gather insights and address concerns on market design, system operation, and trading arrangements. We regularly participate in relevant taskforces and working groups to ensure collaboration. By engaging on a European scale, we aim to ensure alignment with broader European market developments via working groups, EU-level events, site visits, and specific projects such as the Local Implementation Programme. EU legislative developments, such as Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (CACM) 2.0, Forward Capacity Allocation (FCA) 2.0,

		Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBGL) 2.0, and other regulations, play an important role in SEM-EU market integration. European engagement facilitates EirGrid's compliance with EU electricity market rules and contributes to an ongoing evolution of the European framework.
Demand Side Implementation Plan (DSIP) engagement	Demand Side Implementation Plan (DSIP) engagement: As part of the Demand Side Implementation Plan, EirGrid will hold specific industry engagements to communicate the initiatives included in the Multi-Year Plan and the phased implementation approach. As design and implementation progress, further engagements will be required on individual initiatives, particularly around DSU performance and potential approaches to improvement in this area. Many initiatives span across multiple workstreams, so where relevant those communications, for example, around system changes or capacity market changes will continue through the relevant workstreams. Additionally, EirGrid will continue to participate in expected future RA consultations such as changes to bidding code of practice and treatment of negative demand response. EirGrid will also engage with the DSO on the Network Code of Demand Response and information transfer to optimise demand flexibility under the JSOP.	Demand Side Implementation Plan (DSIP) engagement: Through our regular engagement with the RAs, we aim to align on policy, timelines, expectations and milestones. Through industry engagements, we aim to build strong relationships with industry participants and foster open, clear and consistent dialogue. The engagement will help stakeholders understand and prepare for upcoming changes while creating opportunities for collaboration as we progress initiatives required to integrate more demand flexibility onto the system. Engagements with the CRU will ensure that any regulatory changes are captured and included in the implementation plan and communicated to stakeholders through monthly Future Markets Industry Workshops and Future Markets newsletters.
Enable the development of the Capacity Market post 2027	Capacity Market engagement:	Capacity Market engagement: Through this engagement, EirGrid and the Regulatory Authorities will align on

	As part of the Capacity Market Transformation Programme, EirGrid will engage with stakeholders across two key workstreams as part of the SEMC's Capacity Remuneration Mechanism (CRM) Development Programme. CRM 2.0: Continue fortnightly meetings with Regulatory Authorities regarding State Aid approval for the CRM 2.0 application. Ad hoc engagements with Regulatory Authorities to develop detailed requirements. Cross-Border Participation: Increase cadence (from monthly to fortnightly) of meetings with Regulatory Authorities regarding implementation of cross-border participation in the SEM CRM. Formalise engagement channel / cadence with RTE (France) to progress TSO-TSO agreement.	policy and compliance as well as expectations, timelines and milestones. Key updates and progress will be communicated to EirGrid's stakeholders through the Future Markets Industry Workshops and the Future Markets monthly newsletter. CRM 2.0: The planned outcome of engagement with Regulatory Authorities in 2027 is progress towards the detailed design and implementation of CRM 2.0 and on the application for State Aid approval of CRM 2.0 arrangements. Cross-Border Participation: Engagement with RAs on cross-border participation will enable EirGrid to provide input into the detailed design of the arrangements including the MEC assessment that will be used in the SEM, qualification and availability monitoring process and the CMC modifications for implementation. The planned outcome of engagement with RTE is a Memorandum of Understanding regarding arrangements for cross-border participation of French units in the SEM CRM.
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Market participant engagement

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Market Operator User Group (MOUG) engagements	Market Operator User Groups: EirGrid will host six Market Operator User Group engagements in 2027. Beginning in 2026, these engagements now include in-person sessions, and feature breakout sessions on targeted topics, such as an introduction to the Balancing Market. These engagements will	Market Operator User Groups: Through these engagements, EirGrid will provide updates relating to a wide range of topics such as Settlements, Trading, Market Interface, IT releases and System Operations. Participants can also use these engagements to ask questions.

	continue into 2027, maintaining the expanded format with in-person participation and focused breakout sessions.	
Weekly participant calls	Weekly participant calls: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to host weekly calls with participants throughout 2027.	Weekly participant calls: These engagements will allow EirGrid to provide participants with updates on aspects such as operations, as well as Settlements and Trading. These engagements also allow us to provide details with regards to any outages, for transparency. Participants can also use these engagements to ask questions and give feedback.
SEMO helpdesk engagements	SEMO helpdesk engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to provide daily market support via email and telephone, responding to general and settlement queries.	SEMO helpdesk engagements: These engagements are an open channel that allow us to support participants directly with any queries they may have. SEMO operates under strict KPIs, ensuring all queries receive timely and effective resolution.
SEM registration support	SEM registration support: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to offer daily support to participants.	SEM registration support: These engagements are a vital step in allowing us to support participants during the market registration process.

For more information about our future market operations and programme engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Future Market Operations' in the subject).

4 Long-term auctions engagement

Overview

EirGrid is responsible for the electricity grid and market in Ireland. The grid transports electricity from where it is generated to where it is used.

The electricity market is where generators and suppliers trade electricity. A lot of work happens behind the scenes to balance supply and demand. Market trading helps to ensure we have a safe and reliable electricity supply.

To ensure that power and market system operation and development is safe, secure and reliable, we engage on a day-to-day basis and collaborate regularly with our customers, industry representative bodies and other key stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement is vital as the grid adopts, and adapts to, increased variable renewable sources coming on stream. Equally, the market needs to quickly adjust to support the investment needed to deliver unprecedented changes to the grid in the lead up to 2030 and beyond.

Implementation

Early auctions engagement

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Concurrent 2031/32 and 2032/33 T-4 Capacity Auction to help secure electricity generation	2031/32 and 2032/33T-4 Participant Information Session: EirGrid holds a webinar with market participants prior to the opening of qualification providing information and guidance on entering the Capacity Market Auction process.	2031/32 and 2032/33T-4 Participant Information Session: The purpose of this engagement is to improve participants' understanding of the qualification process (How to Register and submit an application to participate in the 31/32 & 32/33 T4 Auction), as well as inform of any updates/changes in this year's process.
Facilitate regular communication between the Regulatory Authorities and EirGrid regarding auction related matters	Weekly RA/TSO call: EirGrid will continue to host weekly calls with the Regulatory Authorities (CRU and UR) throughout 2027.	Weekly RA/TSO call: The purpose of these weekly engagements is to facilitate regular communication between the RAs and EirGrid on matters relating to auction administration and the delivery of awarded capacity, and to provide updates on outstanding issues.
Enhance how we work	Lessons learned sessions: EirGrid will hold an in-person workshop with the external organisations that support the Capacity Auction Qualification process (GNI, Mutual, ESBN, NIEN) as well as a session with	Lessons learned sessions: The purpose of these sessions is to review how the previous year's auction process worked and identify areas where improvements can be made going into the next T-4 Auction cycle.

	the RAs. This will be held after the 30/31 T-4 Auction has been run in Q3.	
Qualification Kick-Off Session	Qualification Kick-Off Session: EirGrid will hold an information session with the external organisations that support the Capacity Auction Qualification process (GNI, Mutual, ESBN, NIEN) ahead of Qualification Opening for the 31/32 & 32/33 T-4 Auction.	Qualification Kick-Off Session: The purpose of these sessions is to define the assessment process so that teams can collaborate more effectively as part of the Qualification phase. This will ensure applications are assessed across all teams consistently and robustly within the required deadlines.
Consult with market participants via the Capacity Market Modifications Workshops	Capacity Market Modifications Workshops: EirGrid will hold workshops to consult with market participants on proposed modifications to the Capacity Market Code that are put forward in 2027.	Capacity Market Modifications Workshops: The purpose of these workshops is for participants and EirGrid to share their perspectives regarding implications of a proposed modification, so that considerations can be made in the modification design.
RESS 7 Auction to support the delivery of Ireland's renewable electricity ambitions	RESS 7 Participant Information Session. EirGrid hold a webinar with market Participants prior to the opening of Qualification, providing information and guidance on entering the RESS Auctions	RESS 7 Participant Information Session: The purpose of this engagement is to improve Participant's understanding of the Qualification process (How to register and submit an application to participate in the RESS 7), as well as inform of any updates/changes in this year's process.
Regular calls with DCEE to support the planning, development and delivery of current and future RESS and ORESS auctions	Regular DCEE Calls: The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE will host regular meetings with EirGrid throughout 2027 to support the planning, development and delivery of current and future RESS and ORESS auctions.	Regular DCEE Calls: The purpose of these regular engagements is to facilitate regular communication between DCEE and RESS, as Auction Administrator, on matters relating to the terms and conditions, timelines and to provide updates on outstanding issues.
ESB Networks engagement and collaboration	ESBN Engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will work to enhance our engagements with ESB Networks with regards to the capacity market.	ESBN Engagement: The purpose of these engagements is to facilitate regular updates regarding any changes in relation to DSO projects that may be coming forward for a RESS Auction. This will allow for streamlined information sharing and enhanced

		efficiency regarding the reviews during the qualification period. In 2027, we will also be looking to enhance the efficiency and robustness of the qualification assessment for units in future capacity auctions, while providing further support to awarded new capacity units under active development and / or construction.
Ensure Performance Security requirements arising from Capacity Auction outcomes are calculated, validated and implemented accurately	SEMO Finance: EirGrid will engage regularly with SEMO following the completion of the Capacity Auctions to support post-auction activities and participant onboarding.	SEMO Finance: The purpose of these engagements is to facilitate coordination between EirGrid and SEMO to ensure that Performance Security requirements arising from Capacity Auction outcomes are calculated, validated and implemented accurately. These engagements will support the timely exchange of information, ensure Performance Security amounts are applied correctly, and promote a seamless post-auction process for market participants.

Long-term auctions

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
RESS 7 finalisation of Terms and Conditions, industry briefings and auction completion	RESS 7 Terms and Conditions: As State Aid Approval has been granted from 2026-2031, RESS 7 Terms and Conditions will be published and RESS 7 will take place in 2027. EirGrid continues to engage regularly with DCEE and the CRU in preparation of future RESS and ORESS auctions.	RESS 7 Terms and Conditions: The RESS is framed within the context of the Climate Action Plan and the EU Clean Energy Package, in particular the Renewable Energy Directive and the National Energy and Climate Plan, as well as the requirements of Article 26 of the Net Zero Industry Act. Through these engagements, we aim to successfully prepare for and run the RESS 7 auction. EirGrid, as the Auction Administrator, will publish the RESS 7 Auction Timetable, Qualification and Auction information packs and chair Industry Information Sessions for our qualification & auction process.
Complete the Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS) Lí Ban Auction	Lí Ban Auction: In 2027, it is expected that work will continue on the	Lí Ban Auction:

	development of the ORESS Lí Ban auction. In preparation for this, EirGrid will hold industry briefings and information sessions alongside DCEE (once timelines have been finalised).	Through these engagements, EirGrid will successfully identify the outcome of the ORESS Lí Ban Auction. <i>Publication of the ORESS Li Ban Provisional and Final Auction Results in conjunction with DCEE (TBC).</i>
T-4 2030/2031 Capacity Auction to help secure electricity generation	T-4 2030/2031 Capacity Auction: EirGrid will publish Auction Information Packs for industry stakeholders, with the auction due to take place in March 2027. EirGrid have also held an industry information session prior to the closing of qualification.	T-4 2030/2031 Capacity Auction: Though these engagements, we aim to ensure enough MWs are secured in order to meet demand for the 2030/2031 Capacity Year.
T-1 2027/2028 Capacity Auction to help secure electricity generation	T-1 2027/2028 Capacity Auction: EirGrid will publish Auction Information Packs for industry stakeholders, with the auction due to take place by June 2027.	T-1 2027/2028 Capacity Auction: Auction aims to ensure enough MWs are secured in order to meet demand for the 2027/2028 Capacity Year.
T-4 2031/2032 Capacity Auction to help secure electricity generation	T-4 2031/2032 Capacity Auction: EirGrid will publish Auction Information Packs for industry stakeholders, with the auction due to take place early 2028. EirGrid will also hold an industry information session prior to the opening of qualification.	T-4 2031/2032 Capacity Auction: Though these engagements, we aim to ensure enough MWs are secured in order to meet demand for the 2031/2032 Capacity Year.
Delivery of awarded new capacity	Capacity Market Contracts: EirGrid organises sessions with the developers of successful projects following the T-4 Capacity Auctions. We'll continue to do this throughout 2027 alongside DCEE, CRU, GNI and ESB Networks.	Capacity Market Contracts: The purpose of these quarterly engagements is to monitor the progress of the development of projects to ensure that the megawatts will be available when needed. Any risks can be captured at these meetings and mitigations can then be sought if needed, to ensure we can support as best possible.

For more information about our long-term auctions engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Long-Term Auctions' in the subject).

5 Security of supply

Overview

EirGrid is responsible for a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity - now and in the future. We operate, develop and enhance the electricity grid and market, leading Ireland's transition to a low carbon renewable energy future.

Ireland's energy demands are monitored by EirGrid's National Control Centre which carefully balances supply and demand at all times. EirGrid will continue to meet the needs of electricity demand growth in Ireland as it manages a complex and evolving supply-demand dynamic. While the system adequacy situation has improved with the addition of new capacity and the introduction of non-market emergency generation, maintaining the balance between supply and demand may at times remain tight.

Having embedded initiatives developed under the CRU Security of Supply Programme in normal business processes, EirGrid will continue to focus on ensuring a secure supply and pursuing continual improvements in its risk preparedness and emergency response processes throughout 2027.

A key area of focus included in the new EirGrid Strategy is implementation of a Multi-Year Power System Resilience Programme, working closely with our key stakeholders, namely DCEE, CRU, Energy Sector agencies (GNI, ESBN, and NORA), the Office of Emergency Planning, customers, market participants and Government Sector Departments.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Engage with Large Energy Users (LEUs) on requirements for demand flexibility and emergency demand reduction	Demand flexibility and emergency demand reduction: EirGrid and CRU will continue to engage with Large Energy Users (LEUs) on requirements for demand flexibility and emergency demand reduction.	Demand flexibility and emergency demand reduction: These engagements allow for the continuous and timely communications with regards to Large Energy Users (LEUs) and mandatory demand curtailment as we continue to balance supply and demand.
Risk preparedness and emergency planning	Risk preparedness and emergency planning: At EirGrid, we plan and implement a multi-year risk preparedness and emergency planning programme, as outlined in the Risk Preparedness Plan for Ireland. Working closely with our key stakeholders, namely DCEE, CRU, Energy Sector agencies (GNI, ESBN, and NORA), the Office of Emergency Planning, customers, market participants, and Government	Risk preparedness and emergency planning: We will continue to support CRU in implementing the updated requirements of the Risk Preparedness Plan as detailed in our Risk preparedness and emergency planning section above. Ultimately, these engagements will help to ensure a smooth response in the event of a national emergency impacting security of supply.

	sector departments, we undertake exercises - including operational exercises (such as inter-control room emergency engagements between EirGrid and ESB Networks and engagements with Large Energy Users and generators), and energy sector emergency coordination exercises.	
Collaboration with ESB Networks to ensure our capability in responding to incidents on the power system that could impact security of supply	Collaboration with ESB Networks: EirGrid works closely with ESB Networks in enhancing emergency protocols for a variety of potential risks to security of supply. EirGrid and ESB Networks also regularly update and test their joint crisis messaging plan.	Collaboration with ESB Networks: Regular and timely communications with ESB Networks are vital for ensuring the response to incidents on the power system that could impact security of supply. This work includes the continued development of our joint crisis messaging plan to ensure the delivery of consistent messaging to a wider audience including the media and general public.
Timely publishing of the weekly Systems Margins Outlook report	Systems Margins Outlook report: This is a twice weekly report that provides an early warning signal of system tightness for demand customers. It is published on Mondays and Fridays (with the exception of bank holidays).	Systems Margins Outlook report: EirGrid developed this initiative in response to customer feedback to provide a warning when the system is tight; Demand Side Units (DSU) are likely to be dispatched; and Mandatory Demand Curtailment (MDC) may be invoked. We understand clear and consistent communications are vital, and the Systems Margins Outlook report is just one of the ways we endeavour to provide this. Since July 2025, this report includes the contribution of Retained Existing Units (Moneypoint) and Temporary Emergency Generation - providing stakeholders with insights into the contribution that these units make to security of supply.
Timely publication of a quarterly report on system Margin Warnings and Alerts (new)	Non-Market Generation 3-Month Report: Margins & Alerts: This is a quarterly report that provides stakeholders with	Non-Market Generation 3-Month Report: Margins & Alerts: This report provides transparency on system conditions, as well as

	information on system states (Alert, Emergency), periods when system margins are tight but adequately addressed by non-market emergency generation.	information related to the reasons for such system conditions.
Timely publication of a quarterly report on Net Transfer Capacity reductions	Quarterly report on Net Transfer Capacity reduction EirGrid issues a 3-monthly report on Net Transfer Capacity reductions implemented on Interconnector exports at times when the day-ahead margins have been tight.	Quarterly report on Net Transfer Capacity reduction This report provides transparency on system conditions that result in export limit being imposed to secure the power system.
Timely publication of the new All-island Resource Adequacy Assessment (AIRAA)	All-island Resource Adequacy Assessment: The AIRAA looks at the balance between electricity demand and supply on the island of Ireland for the next 10 years, meeting EirGrid's statutory (and SONI's) licence requirements in addition to relevant European regulatory requirements. As part of this process, we engage with stakeholders to consult on the inputs and assumptions we use for the assessment and share the results with them once the analysis is completed. It includes a Plain English Summary to increase the accessibility of the information for our stakeholders, following the positive reception and feedback from our stakeholders in the past.	All-island Resource Adequacy Assessment: This report allows industry, Government, regulators and other stakeholders to facilitate the transition to renewable energy, supporting social and economic growth into the future, whilst ensuring the secure and resilient operation of the electricity system. Outputs from this assessment are also used to inform the Single Electricity Market (SEM) Capacity Auctions, a mechanism to ensure that the electricity supply in Ireland and Northern Ireland continues to meet demand into the future.
Timely publishing of the annual Winter Outlook report	Winter Outlook: The Winter Outlook provides an analysis for the security of	Winter Outlook: The Winter Outlook presents a more granular assessment of adequacy for the upcoming winter.

	supply outlook for the coming winter.	It helps to inform the electricity industry on the upcoming balance between supply and demand while supporting joint preparation for the coming months.
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For more information about our security of supply engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Security of Supply' in the subject).

6 Fault Ride Through (FRT)

Overview

Faults on the transmission system, which can arise from events such as adverse weather conditions, can result in severe voltage dips that propagate across wide areas of the power system. These events are common to all electricity systems and are typically cleared within a very short period of time. Most users connected to the power system have the capability to ride through these transient disturbances.

However, Fault Ride Through (FRT) has become a significant and growing challenge for the TSOs. EirGrid has identified a risk to grid stability arising from the collective response of most data centres to fault events occurring on the transmission system. When a fault event occurs, most data centres, even those remote from the fault, automatically and near instantaneously significantly reduce consumption from the grid and switch to their own, temporary, back-up sources of supply to protect their IT systems and do not return to their pre-fault level of demand for an extended period. The collective performance by large energy users in not 'riding through' fault events, identified in Ireland and internationally, could impact grid stability.

EirGrid has engaged extensively with industry over the past number of years regarding fault ride through (FRT) and we recognise the engagement and feedback received to date from industry on this area through bilateral and industry engagements and recognise that advancements in resolving the FRT challenge continue to be made.

We also acknowledge the positive and proactive role that the industry has played in collaborating to address previous challenges on the transmission system.

Implementation

This section sets out EirGrid's implementation strategy for the year ahead, structured around the key stakeholder groups involved in the FRT programme and its Framework operation, including Demand Facilities, the CRU, DCEE and EirGrid.

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Support Demand Facilities in achieving and maintaining compliance with FRT requirements	Support demand facilities: In 2027, EirGrid will support Demand Facilities in achieving compliance via the following: • Continue bilateral engagements with Demand Facilities on FRT compliance requirements and pathways. • Facilitate industry discussions on technical solutions to support compliance with MPID345.	Support demand facilities: This support will generate a greater alignment on compliance expectations: • Demand Facilities will have clear pathways towards FRT compliance. • Enhanced dialogue between EirGrid and Demand Facilities. • Increased confidence in the achievability of compliance, timelines and technical solutions. • Reduced uncertainty regarding compliance expectations and regulatory requirements.

Support the CRU's timely oversight of the Framework implementation (Compliance and Derogations decisions, Demand Utilisation Threshold (DUT), Monitoring Derogations, Grid Code Modification)	Engagement with CRU: Regular structured reporting and recurring engagement sessions providing the CRU with workstream status.	Engagement with CRU: These engagements will keep the CRU informed on a timely, evidence-based basis.
Maintain engagement with DCEE regarding the FRT programme, associated system risks and the measures being progressed to address them	Updates on FRT programme progress: Ongoing discussions and provide updates on implementation.	Updates on FRT programme progress: Our aim is to provide DCEE with visibility of FRT programme developments.
Update the Operational Policy Roadmap	Operational Roadmap updates: Update and publish EirGrid and SONI's long term Operational Policy Roadmap ⁴ which will reflect the impact of the FRT issue on the evolution of operational policy.	Operational Roadmap updates: To inform industry and key stakeholders of EirGrid and SONI's plans for evolution of key power system metrics such as the System Non-Synchronous Penetration (SNSP) limit and Minimum Number of Units (MUON) requirements.

For more information about our fault ride through engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Fault Ride Through' in the subject).

⁴ <https://cms.eirgrid.ie/sites/default/files/publications/EirGrid-SONI-Operational-Policy-Roadmap-2025-2035.pdf>

7 Renewable Dispatch Down

Overview

Renewable dispatch down refers to available renewable generation that cannot be accommodated on the system or in the market at a particular time. It can be categorised as surplus, curtailment or constraints.

The level of renewable dispatch down is affected by a number of factors which can vary, such as the amount of energy scheduled via markets, weather patterns, system demand, interconnector flows, scheduled grid maintenance works and the capacity factor of the renewable generation.

Renewable dispatch down reporting

EirGrid publishes details of the levels of renewable dispatch down via our monthly, quarterly and annual reports. This helps to keep customers and the broader industry, informed regarding dispatch down levels while contextualising reported figures regionally and nationally.

These reports include the following documents, which detail historical and current levels of dispatch down and what the grid would look under different scenarios and in the future.

- [System and Renewable Data Reports](#)
- [Electricity Connection Policy Constraint Reports](#)
- [Shaping Our Electricity Future v1.1](#)

Renewable Dispatch Down Engagement

EirGrid established the Renewable Dispatch Down Working Group in June 2025 bringing together EirGrid and industry representatives to create a collaborative forum to further understand the management of renewable dispatch down and work together to try to identify additional actions that could mitigate levels of renewable dispatch down.

The working group was set up under the governance of the Shaping Our Electricity Future Advisory Council with updates provided to the advisory council on a quarterly basis. While the scope of the working group was focused on the areas within the TSO's remit, solutioning workshops were offered to any industry members that had proposals that could be considered as part of the working group's review.

There are currently many engagements with various members of industry and customers where renewable dispatch down is discussed. To ensure a more streamlined approach between EirGrid and all relevant stakeholders and customers, EirGrid is currently exploring routes for engagement to specifically discuss Renewable Dispatch Down, including challenges, opportunities, initiatives and solutions, while ensuring opportunities for industry to share insights. Our aim is to create a dedicated communication channel to enhance collaboration between the TSO, stakeholders and customers, while ensuring a consistent and aligned approach.

EirGrid will be continuing to engage with key stakeholders to agree the most effective approach for engagement regarding renewable dispatch down.

Renewable Dispatch Down Action Plan

One of the key outcomes identified from the working group meetings was for EirGrid to collaborate with key stakeholders to produce a renewable dispatch down action plan. The aim of this action plan is to explain the steps that EirGrid is taking in the short, medium and long term to manage renewable dispatch down, within its role as TSO, while also capturing key insights from across all key stakeholders, so that we can take a collaborative approach to support Ireland's journey in mitigating renewable dispatch down. Another important aspect of the action plan is to provide industry and all stakeholders with an understanding of the different components of renewable dispatch down and their drivers. This will provide

a clear context to help build discussions around to identify future potential mitigation measures through stakeholder engagement.

EirGrid will be reporting back on the status of these actions and provide updates via the most efficient engagement channel agreed on.

EirGrid will also provide a dedicated landing page on the EirGrid website for Renewable Dispatch Down updates which will include action plan updates.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Define engagement approach and implement	Implement agreed engagement approach: In 2027, EirGrid will be continuing to engage with key stakeholders to agree the most effective approach for engagement regarding renewable dispatch down. Engagement implementation TBC	Implement agreed engagement approach: To continue our engagement with key stakeholders on this highly complex topic.

For more information about our renewable dispatch down engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Renewable Dispatch Down' in the subject).

8 Electricity Connection Policy (ECP)

Overview

Connecting new generators and storage technologies to the grid is essential for meeting electricity demand and supporting the transition to a decarbonised power system in line with government targets. However, these connections are both technically and commercially complex.

The Electricity Connection Policy - Generation and System Services (ECP-GSS) outlines the process for grid connection in Ireland. As part of our role, we provide a constraints analysis report to ECP customers.

These reports detail the levels of renewable generation that we might experience in the future, including surplus, transmission curtailment and constraints. Two batches will be processed per year.

In order to do this, EirGrid conducts a set of forecast studies called 'Constraint Forecast Studies' which estimate the potential dispatch down under multiple generation, years and network scenarios. We provide a number of core studies along with industry request studies. These studies assess how often and to what extent a project could be subject to curtailment or dispatch restrictions due to network congestion, system security requirements, or surplus availability. Through this analysis, we aim to provide industry and developers with a forward-looking view of possible constraints.

Our key stakeholders in this process are ECP customers (and any associated developers or consultants), the CRU, DCEE and ESB Networks. ECP customers rely on these reports to receive updates on potential levels of dispatch down. EirGrid ensures they are kept up to date via regular and timely communications.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Initial Assumptions Engagement Final Assumptions workshop:	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Initial Assumptions: EirGrid will provide industry and CRU/DCEE with information on the initial assumptions of the modelling process associated with the ECP constraint reports and seek feedback. EirGrid also offers a live chat during the webinar, to support understanding and discussion in real-time. ECP-GSS 3 (Q1 2027) ECP-GSS 4 (Q3 2027)	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Initial and Final Assumptions engagement: EirGrid will liaise with CRU, DCEE, ECP customers and industry, on relevant sensitivities during the assumptions gathering phase. This will ensure that we include all stakeholders in the modelling assumptions process as well as better understand their requirements and ultimately provide robust assessments to help inform their understanding of the potential dispatch down relevant to their future projects. Through these engagements, we are looking to gain greater alignment while ensuring as much as possible that the needs of our stakeholders are met.
	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Final Assumptions: EirGrid will provide industry and	

	CRU/DCEE with information on the final assumptions of the modelling process associated with the ECP constraint reports and seek feedback. ECP-GSS 3 (Q2 2027) ECP-GSS 4 (Q4 2027)	
Results webinar:	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Results webinar: EirGrid will present the final results of the ECP constraint reports, with details of the potential renewable dispatch down levels on a geographical basis. During these engagements, EirGrid also offers a live chat during the webinar, to support understanding and discussion in real-time. ECP-GSS 3 (Q2 2027) ECP-GSS 4 (Q4 2027)	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Results webinar: Through this engagement, we aim to ensure the timely delivery of clear communications of the ECP dispatch down results while ensuring that all stakeholders fully comprehend the insights and analyses. This is extremely important because it helps to ensure our customers have a chance to gain clarity on the details of what we're proposing while also offering the opportunity to ask questions. We also gather industry representative feedback as part of these engagements.
Publish constraint reports as per (CRU/20/060)	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 reports publication: EirGrid will provide ECP customers and relevant stakeholders with information on possible levels of renewable generation output reduction in Ireland for a range of future scenarios within one week of the results webinar. ECP-GSS 3 (Q2 2027) ECP-GSS 4 (Q4 2027)	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 reports publication: EirGrid will provide generation developers with timely communications on possible levels of renewable generation output reduction in Ireland for a range of future scenarios. This will enhance development planning to support the transition to a decarbonised power system while meeting government targets.
Queries and FAQ	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Queries: EirGrid will provide ECP customers and relevant stakeholders with information/support within one month of the results published. ECP-GSS 3 (Q2 2027) ECP-GSS 4 (Q4 2027)	ECP-GSS 3 & 4 Queries: EirGrid will provide support on results published by answering queries customers may have. This will enhance usage of results and collaboration which may lead to changes. All queries throughout each ECP iteration are captured in the FAQs document which is updated twice per cycle.

For more information about our electricity connection policy engagement please get in touch via our dedicated ECP mailbox: ecp_constraintsanalysis@eirgrid.com

9 Transmission Outage Programme

Overview

Successful outage management is a key enabler for the delivery of transmission infrastructure at pace and is a critical issue for the delivery of the Irish Government's Climate Action Plan (CAP), to operate at up to 80% renewable energy in line with Government targets. Effective outage management is critical to enabling delivery of the PR6 investment programme, supporting renewable integration, facilitating customer connections and maintaining system security. As investment activity continues to increase across the transmission network, proactive engagement with stakeholders is essential to optimise outage availability and minimise impacts on customers and system operations.

The Transmission Outage Programme (TOP) is a joint programme between EirGrid and ESB Networks for all outages of transmission infrastructure planned for the upcoming year. The goal of our outage planning programme is to maximise the amount of capital and maintenance work achievable within a given year while ensuring the transmission system is operated economically and within operational security standards. There are ongoing engagements, processes and programmes of work between the two companies to ensure that the annual TOP programme is effectively developed and delivered as an annual programme of work.

The PR6 Joint TSO/TAO TOP Delivery Incentive includes reporting on the annual outturn performance of the TOP capital works programme.

9.1 Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Transmission Outage Programme (TOP) 2027	Transmission Outage Programme fora: The following engagements will take place in 2027: TOP26 Lookback and TOP27 Overview: EirGrid will host this forum early in the year (2027). TOP27 Mid-Year Review: EirGrid will host this forum mid-year (2027).	Transmission Outage Programme fora: These fora will support the increased knowledge and transparency across industry of the Transmission Outage Programme (TOP) 2027. The workshop will include programme risks and the potential impacts of outages on constraints. Through early and regular engagement, EirGrid endeavours to support stakeholders to ensure they are kept informed and that planning schedules remain aligned. EirGrid also endeavours to support transparency regarding our decision-making while driving the successful delivery of the annual TOP.
Generator Outage Scheduling	Outage Scheduling: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with our generation customers to schedule outages and	Outage Scheduling: Through these engagements, EirGrid is able to keep customers up to date and informed with

	deliver the annual generator committed outage programme for 2028 as well as management of the 2027 outage plan. We will also continue to provide support for generator outages and queries.	regard to generator outage scheduling. These engagements ensure transparency through the successful delivery of the generator outage programme for 2027 and the publication of the forward-looking committed outage programme.
Generator and Outturn Availability Forum	Generator Outturn Availability Forum: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to meet industry stakeholders via the Generator Outturn Availability Forum to provide updates on outturn availability reports and to address generator customer queries.	Generator Outturn Availability Forum: These engagements will support continued open dialogue on outturn availability for 2027 and on general generator queries.

For more information about our transmission outages engagement please get in touch via our [contact page here](#) (with 'Transmission Outages' in the subject).

Building the backbone: A Grid that enables Growth

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10 Customers and connections

Overview

Connecting new customers is a core part of what we do at EirGrid and requires a significant level of close collaboration and regular communication, so that we can successfully connect our customers to the transmission system, including strategically important conventional and renewable projects, as well as large energy users.

As part of our pre-engagement processes, which differ slightly for our generation and demand customers, we provide guidance to our customers to help ensure that they are adequately informed and prepared to make their way through the connection process (managed in the first instance through our customer clinics). These supports continue through the application stage as we work collaboratively with customers to determine the best connection option for their projects. We also support customers in ensuring they meet the requirements for executing their connection offer. Once energised, we also offer an extensive customer account management service.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Continued enhancement of the EirGrid customer experience	Account management: In 2027, EirGrid will enhance our post-engagement satisfaction surveys to gather vital stakeholder feedback as well as further enhance the customer experience. We will also continue key engagements via industry-focused webinars and events to share important information and updates to customers.	Account management: Through these engagements, EirGrid aims to further enhance the customer experience by regularly gathering customer feedback and using it to tailor our approach. With the introduction of a metric included in each quarterly pulse check survey, we will be able to seamlessly track and monitor customer satisfaction trends. We will also be expanding out the scope of the types of engagements that we seek feedback on.
Increase the level of bespoke one-on-one interactions with our customers	Increased engagement: In 2027, our focus will be to ensure regular and proactive engagements with all of our customers. This work will include increasing our engagement with customers who we do not currently engage with as frequently. We also plan to roll out a greater number of in-person monthly and quarterly meetings and site visits to customers to obtain a greater understanding of their commercial and operational realities.	Increased engagement: Through these engagements, we aim to strengthen our working relationships with our customers, discuss any ongoing issues that they are facing while sharing insights. Through increased, more personalised engagements, we aim to work more collaboratively with our customers. We also aim to ensure EirGrid is proactive in contacting customers when issues emerge.

		These engagements will also support better planning and understanding of customer expectations. Finally, we aim for these engagements to support improved consistency in EirGrid customer interactions.
2027 customer survey rollout	2027 customer survey: EirGrid will continue to engage with our customers via our 2027 customer survey, which aims to gather feedback on the EirGrid customer experience while offering opportunities to enhance how we work. In 2027, we will continue with our reformatted approach to the customer survey, allowing for a more tailored approach to obtain meaningful feedback from our customers. EirGrid will also host monthly customer clinics, including clinics for Data Centres following implementation of the new Data Centre connection application process. Finally, EirGrid will also conduct a customer outage planning survey in Q1 2027.	2027 customer survey: All survey feedback will be assessed, prioritised and actioned where appropriate/possible. The annual survey outcomes will be communicated to customers, and internally across EirGrid, facilitating a more efficient, and transparent close-out of the survey. EirGrid will also contact customers individually to acknowledge feedback as well as proactively inform them of any changes that have been incorporated as a result. As part of our follow up, we will also engage with customers.
Commence customer information portal (CIP) project	Customer portal: In response to stakeholder feedback, EirGrid plans to commence a customer information portal project in Q1 2027.	Customer portal: The aim of the customer information portal will be to empower stakeholders to independently obtain key information and data to help them make informed decisions.
Customer contestable delivery / customer-owned transmission infrastructure		
JOTP Customer & Industry Forum	JOTP Customer & Industry Forum: In 2027, engagement between EirGrid, ESB Networks and industry will continue via our quarterly Tri-Party Forum meetings, to share	JOTP Customer & Industry Forum: These engagements will allow EirGrid to collect industry feedback on improvements

	key learnings on relevant topics and share learnings.	regarding the design, review and commissioning stages of projects. As well as supporting members with a greater awareness of each other's challenges, the Tri-Party Forum is also a space for collective problem solving that includes all relevant parties.
Enhance the delivery of customer connections	Quarterly customer and industry working group meetings: In 2027, EirGrid will regularly engage with industry bodies to discuss challenges, improvements, lessons learned and best practices.	Quarterly customer and industry working group meetings: These engagements will help streamline the customer connection delivery process, reducing delays and ensuring the timely delivery of new customer projects. These workshops will inform customers of delivery programmes and risk to delivery. By the end of 2027, our goal is to minimise the average connection delays, ensuring projects are delivered as close to their planned timelines as possible.
Increase quality assurance of contestable builds	Connection delivery workshops: Throughout 2027, EirGrid will host a number of customer workshops focused on the connection delivery process, addressing commissioning snags, specifications, design review and asset transfer.	Connection delivery workshops: These workshops aim to enhance the quality of contestable builds, reduce commissioning snags, minimise project delays, boost customer satisfaction and increase the annual volume of connections.
Improve Customer and System Operator programme alignment	Review project programmes: EirGrid will continue to formally request and collect contracted TSO customer project programmes from developers delivering energisations as part of the Transmission Outage Programme (TOP) 2027 and seeking outages in 2028. Receiving these programmes on a quarterly basis will help identify potential conflicts, delays, opportunities and coordination needs.	Review project programmes: By driving regular, in-depth engagement between EirGrid and customers, we aim to ensure improved alignment and accuracy on project activities and resource requirements in planning for TOP 2027. EirGrid also aims to prioritise in-person quarterly meetings in 2027 to further support regular risk and progress reviews. This will ultimately support the accelerated delivery of transmission infrastructure.

Issue project lessons learned surveys	Issue lessons learned surveys: In 2027, we will issue lessons learned surveys to developers and system operator personnel who completed projects in 2026. This is currently managed through the JOTP forum.	Issue lessons learned surveys: Through these surveys, we aim to capture shared and common issues. We will then feed these back through the tri-party forum to implement process efficiencies as a result of the feedback received.
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For more information on our customer and industry stakeholder engagement please get in touch via [our contact page here](#) (with “ in the email subject).

11 Our Partnership with the Transmission Asset Owner (TAO)

Overview

EirGrid and ESB Networks have clearly defined roles and responsibilities in relation to the transmission network, as set out in an Infrastructure Agreement.

EirGrid in its role as Transmission System Operator (TSO) is responsible for operating and ensuring the maintenance and development of a safe, secure and reliable electricity transmission system now and in the future. To achieve this, EirGrid continues to develop, manage and operate the electricity transmission grid. More recently, EirGrid has been mandated to operate, develop and own Ireland's offshore grid.

ESB, as the Transmission Asset Owner (TAO) and its business unit ESB Networks carries out the licensed onshore TAO functions. ESB Networks is responsible for delivering the detailed design, construction and maintenance of the onshore transmission network, as identified by EirGrid.

We work closely to ensure that all steps in the operation, development and construction of grid infrastructure are carried out as safely, securely, efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. We're always working to further enhance collaboration and cooperation between EirGrid and ESB Networks to the benefit of all our customers and Ireland's consumers.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027 (for your area):	Planned engagement for the next calendar year (2027):	Planned Outcomes:
Transmission Infrastructure Delivery (TID) Update	TID Stakeholder Engagements: Quarterly TID updates are published on the Grid Reports and Planning section of EirGrid's website ⁵ in accordance with PR6 requirements.	TID Stakeholder Engagements: The new quarterly PR6 TID report provides information on all active transmission infrastructure projects in the PR6 work programme and provides quarterly progress updates against four key project milestones: EirGrid Capital Approval, Project Agreement with ESB Networks and Initial and Final Energisations for projects. EirGrid regularly engages with ESB Networks to ensure that projects are developed, scoped, designed and constructed in a timely manner.
Transmission Outage Programme (TOP)	TAO/TSO Engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to collaborate to develop a Joint TAO/TSO programme for all planned outages of	TAO/TSO Engagement: These engagements will facilitate effective communications while raising awareness of our planned

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	transmission infrastructure planned for the upcoming year.	outage programme for the upcoming year.
Joint Outage Transformation Programme (JOTP)	JOTP Engagements: In 2027, engagements will include: • Formal Joint Outage Transformation Programme (JOTP) governance arrangements are in place with representatives from the TSO and TAO routinely engaging in fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and annual reporting cycles. These governance forums include Executive - level oversight, Steering Group and Workstream-level groups. • Continued communications and engagements with stakeholders on all elements of the plan and actively seeking support in resourcing and implementing all the measures. • Joint TSO/TAO engagement on a day-to-day basis by workstreams and their stakeholders throughout JOTP. Project Delivery Workstream: Focuses on enhancing work practices and optimising working hours and resource deployment across the project lifecycle to offer significant opportunities to maximise work delivery within the available outage window(s). Transmission System Workstream: Works across the TAO/TSO to adopt a revised risk-based approach to system studies and operation of the power system when circuit outage requests are planned and during the outage periods. Programme Workstream: Is working to implement a fully integrated (TSO TAO) programme out to 2030 that provides clarity and transparency regarding the programme, which can be resourced appropriately by the TSO and TAO, and managed from a budget, risk and schedule perspective. Regulatory Workstream	JOTP Engagements: The JOTP Workstream Engagements will deliver the aims and objectives of the JOTP for 2026-2030 which will be tracked and reported on as part of the Joint TSO/TAO TOP Delivery Incentive 2026, Multi-Year Plan 2027-2030 and the Annual Performance Report. These engagements will further ensure effective communications on the JOTP which are a key delivery enabler for Transmission Projects and Outcomes reported in the Transmission Infrastructure Delivery (TID) Update. They will also support transparency with our stakeholders by providing regular status updates on the progress of the JOTP.

	Implements TAO and TSO existing infrastructure delivery and outage related incentive frameworks and arrangements to enhance TAO and TSO alignment and to drive collaboration and performance outcomes. Policy Workstream Aims to reduce the outage demands presented by programmed maintenance by a gradual transition from a time-based maintenance delivery model to risk-based model. Information & Technology Workstream Delivering digital transformation to realise and maximise outage-based and joint data-driven decisions spanning across the upstream activities of the TSO to the downstream activities managed by the TAO.	
	Customer and Industry Workstream engagement: JOTP specific engagements are also delivered by the TAO/TSO throughout the year with a number of industry groups including: • SOEF Advisory Council (new name TBC) • Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) • Irish Solar Energy Association (ISEA) • Joint WEI & ISEA <i>More information can be found in the Customer and Connections Chapter.</i>	Customer and Industry Workstream engagement: The JOTP Customer and Industry Working Group provides a channel to raise customer awareness, improve the quality of contestable builds, and ensure programme ownership by all stakeholders.
	Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): The TSO and TAO engage regularly with the CRU through formal reporting and ongoing discussions on performance, risks and delivery priorities, supporting transparency, stakeholder feedback and successful PR6 delivery outcomes. Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE): EirGrid and ESB Networks maintain regular engagement with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment	Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Regular engagement with ESB Networks, CRU and DCEE facilitates transparent communication, stakeholder feedback and alignment between regulatory expectations, government policy objectives and delivery priorities. This supports informed decision-making, proactive management of delivery risks and the successful achievement of PR6 objectives.

	(DCEE) through quarterly and annual updates, strategic discussions and participation in Government-led forums and taskforces. This engagement supports the exchange of information on programme progress, delivery challenges and emerging priorities, helping to align transmission infrastructure delivery with broader energy policy and Climate Action Plan objectives.	
TSO and TAO Joint Incentives: Joint TOP Incentive and TSO/TAO Joint Incentive	Joint incentives: In 2027, the TSO and TAO will continue to engage with stakeholders and the CRU on the development of the 2027-2030 Joint Incentive Plans. Building on the 2026 plans already submitted, these four-year plans set out the joint initiatives, milestones and performance targets that will support delivery of the PR6 incentive frameworks.	Joint incentives: Regular TSO/TAO engagement supports alignment, transparency and delivery of PR6 joint incentive commitments and outcomes.
Digital Collaboration	TAO/TSO Engagements: The TAO/TSO are committed to optimising collaboration arrangements for information exchange to support the delivery of transmission network investment under PR6. The planned joint engagement will cover the following strategic focus areas: • Asset data exchange: Enable asset data exchange between the TSO and the TAO and develop a joint dashboard to monitor asset health and maintenance activities, as part of the joint shift from time-based to risk-based asset management. • Outage management: Enable access to a joint plan which includes capital outages and maintenance related outages and digitise the outage request form. • Programme data exchange: Design integration of EirGrid's enterprise programme and project management system with ESBN system for joint programme and project management. • Business collaboration: Establish a knowledge hub for joint governance, frameworks, policies, procedures and processes.	TAO/TSO Engagements: These engagements enable the following: • Increased knowledge sharing which aids the delivery of projects and programmes, accelerating our ability to deliver infrastructure at pace • Progression towards a fully co-ordinated joint digital information exchange project which delivers on the Asset and Programme Data exchange metric as set by CRU under the PR6 joint TSO/TAO incentive plan • Increased ability to ensure alignment with stakeholder targets, increasing stakeholder confidence. • Greater alignment between outage management and asset management processes. • A unified data framework and platform covering portfolios, programmes, projects, assets and outages.

For more information on our engagement with the TAO please get in touch via [our contact page here](#) (with 'TAO Partnership' in the email subject).

12 Our Partnership with the Distribution System Operator (DSO)

Overview

ESB Networks holds the licence as the electricity Distribution System Operator (DSO) in Ireland. In order to effectively manage the energy transition, the DSO requires continuous and effective engagement from EirGrid, in our role as Transmission System Operator (TSO).

Plans for our collaboration with ESB Networks for 2027 to 2030 are in accordance with the TSO/DSO Multi Year Plan as submitted to CRU in 2026. This plan will build on the 2026 plans detailed in the [TSO/DSO Multi-Year Plan 2026 \(Transitional Plan\)](#) and will detail the key tasks and milestones that both system operators will be working towards.

As outlined in the Transitional plan, EirGrid and ESB Networks are working together to further progress the future TSO/DSO Operating Model. This Operating Model aims to enable better management of the system and enhanced coordination between the system operators. This enhanced management and coordination are key to achieving Government climate objectives.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Joint System Operator Programme (JSOP) collaboration to jointly address system needs and deliver whole of system solutions	Joint System Operator Programme (JSOP) collaboration: In 2027, EirGrid and ESB Networks will continue to collaborate via the following engagements: • Weekly Project Delivery Forum. • Weekly Operating Model Working Group. • Joint workshops between EirGrid and ESB Networks SMEs as required • Monthly Management Liaison Board (MLB). • Monthly Leadership Update. • Quarterly Discussion Board. • Informal day-to-day interactions.	Joint System Operator Programme (JSOP) collaboration: Through our engagements with the DSO, we have been able to jointly plan, align and actively manage all activities as agreed with CRU. Regarding our progress on the Joint System Operator Programme (JSOP), in 2027 we aim to deliver the specific outcomes which will be outlined in the TSO/DSO Multi-Year Plan 2027-2030 and 2027 Balanced Scorecard (agreed by the CRU).
Develop future TSO-DSO Operating Model	Develop future TSO-DSO Operating Model: In 2027, EirGrid and ESB Networks will continue to	Develop future TSO-DSO Operating Model: Through our close collaboration, EirGrid and ESB Networks will continue to focus

	hold joint workshops to progress the core operating model design activities while scoping the required activities for implementation.	on TSO-DSO operating model design and implementation plan. In 2027, we will progress this work, with specific outcomes to be agreed and outlined in the TSO/DSO Multi-Year Plan 2027-2030 and 2027 Balanced Scorecard which will be agreed by the CRU.
Re-engage industry on the future TSO-DSO Operating Model	Continue to engage industry on the Joint System Operator Programme: EirGrid and ESB Networks will continue to hold Industry Briefing Webinars on the future TSO-DSO Operating Model as part of our Whole of System (WOS) workstream, as well as updates in relation to our other 4 workstreams: • Facilitate New Technologies (FNT) • Capabilities to Enable Reductions in Dispatch Down (CERDD) • Secure Future Power System (SFPS) • Communications, Engagement and Reporting (CER)	Continue to engage industry on the future TSO-DSO Operating Model: Through these engagements, EirGrid and ESB Networks aim to jointly ensure industry feedback is proactively gathered and processed, so that together, we can drive positive outcomes for all.
Continued engagement with Government and CRU	Continued engagement with DCEE and CRU: EirGrid and ESB Networks will continue to hold briefings on our progress with both CRU and DCEE.	Continued engagement with DCEE and CRU: These engagements aim to give the TSO and DSO an opportunity to update Government and CRU on the following: CRU: Future plans for industry engagement and feedback from the previous webinar, along with opportunities for feedback. DCEE: • Background to the topic and relevance of the TSO/DSO Operating Model. • Overview of proposed operating model high level design and worked examples.

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13 Grid upgrade projects and public engagement

Overview

Engaging with the public and other stakeholders is essential for our work. It is only with public and stakeholder support that we can achieve our climate action targets and secure a sustainable supply of electricity for future generations.

Our Public Engagement Strategy outlines how we develop relationships on-the-ground and get feedback on projects before they start so that we can achieve better outcomes for all.

Before we develop or upgrade the grid, we engage with landowners, community representatives, interest groups, local stakeholders to better understand both their needs and the local area, while also sharing information in a timely and inclusive manner.

Finally, we are always looking to improve our stakeholder engagement and continue to work innovatively while incorporating feedback on the work that we do.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Celtic interconnector	Celtic project engagements: Throughout 2027, we will continue to provide regular and timely updates to the public and key stakeholders to ensure they are kept informed. On the ground engagement in 2027 will be focused at Claycastle Beach, where the onshore to offshore connection is scheduled to be made in summer 2027. We will continue to provide clear project updates to local communities, key stakeholders, local councillors and elected representatives to support transparency and alignment as this work progresses through our quarterly newsletters and briefings at the regular Community Forum meetings. These forums continue to add local engagement value to the project and to EirGrid's local reputation. We will also continue to build awareness and share positive project messaging through appropriate local engagement and sponsorship opportunities in the area.	Celtic project engagement outcomes: Through effective stakeholder engagement, we aim to maintain continued support as the Celtic Interconnector project moves towards its final stages.

Celtic marine activity	Celtic Interconnector Marine Operations: In 2027, EirGrid will focus on the following marine operations and stakeholder engagements: • Project updates and ongoing communication with marine stakeholders. • The nearshore cable pull programme in the Youghal area is anticipated for 2027, including associated marine and onshore activities. • Updates on offshore and nearshore construction progress, where applicable. EirGrid will continue to hold in-person presentations and engagement sessions with marine stakeholders, providing updates on project progress, lessons learned from previous marine campaigns, and the planned scope of works for 2027, including the potential nearshore cable pull programme. Throughout 2027, EirGrid will engage regularly with representatives from the seafood sector through organised group meetings, one-to-one consultations, pier visits, and site visits to discuss upcoming activities and address stakeholder concerns. To support timely communications during marine operations, EirGrid will continue to utilise WhatsApp groups to provide updates on vessel activities, work schedules and project progress. Stakeholders will also be kept informed through regular email communications, project newsletters, the Seafood and Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group, and other established communication channels. Marine Notices will be issued in advance of any marine works to inform stakeholders of planned operations and any associated safety requirements. All stakeholder communications and engagement activities will continue to be undertaken in accordance with the principles and recommendations set out in the Seafood Sector and Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Engagement Guidance, ensuring transparent,	Celtic Interconnector Marine Operations: Through these engagements, EirGrid aims to maintain effective, transparent and proactive communication with fishing and marine stakeholders, ensuring they are informed of project progress and the planned scope of works for 2027. EirGrid will continue to work collaboratively with affected stakeholders and in line with the Seafood Sector and ORE Engagement Guidance. Our aim is to minimise, where possible, disruption to fishing activities and other marine users during the delivery of the Celtic Interconnector project.
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	consistent, timely and meaningful engagement with fishing and seafood stakeholders.	
Celtic Community Forum	Celtic community forum activities: In 2027, we will continue to build and maintain strong relationships with community representatives and local stakeholders through the Celtic Community Forum. The forum provides an ongoing space for engagement with local groups and relevant stakeholders including the SEAI and our French community project counterparts. In 2027, Celtic Community Forum meetings will focus on: • Providing project updates. • Sharing updates on fisheries activity. • Monitoring Community Benefit Fund delivery and learning. • Increasing communication and shared learning on EirGrid's role and wider ambitions.	Celtic community forum activities: Working with the Celtic Community Forum, we aim to maintain transparency and continue building trust between EirGrid and the communities impacted by our work. In 2027, we will continue to strengthen relationships between Irish and French Celtic Interconnector communities, while celebrating the continued rollout of Phase 2 of the Community Benefit Fund.
Celtic Community Benefit Fund	Community benefit fund activities: Following the rollout of Phase 2 of our Community Benefit Fund in late 2026, we will continue to monitor the progress of these projects throughout 2027. We will also prepare to roll out the final phase of funding on this project, which will be dependent on construction progress.	Community benefit fund activities: Through these engagements, we aim to ensure that the funding from Phase 2 is well-monitored and positively impacts the community. EirGrid will also prepare for the final phase of funding in line with project timelines.
Offshore development <i>(Read more about this in our chapter on Offshore.)</i>	Emerging Best Performing Options: In Q4 2026, EirGrid will be holding a 12-week public consultation on the emerging best performing options for: Landfall Zones, Indicative Cable Route Corridors and Grid Connection Subzones. Following this, in 2027, EirGrid will publish the consultation report. This report will be written by an independent consultant and will include an overview of all the responses and feedback received during the consultation period. An analysis of the engagement responses and their key themes will also be provided.	Emerging Best Performing Options: Following the consultation, stakeholder feedback will directly influence the Best Performing Options. In addition, the local knowledge and feedback gathered via this process will ultimately inform the routes and sites taken forward into the planning process.
Offshore marine activity with	MARA engagements:	MARA engagements:

Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)	In 2027, our engagement activities will include: Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) (Powering Up Offshore South Coast (PUOSC)) • A successful material amendment was made in July 2026, a further material amendment / new application to MUL240036MA will be made in late 2026 for Bannow Bay HDD crossing options. This is expected to be granted in early 2027. • Engagement with respect to marine surveys compliance assurance, and submission of reports and end of season update. • In 2026, EirGrid invited MARA to visit vessels undertaking surveys to share knowledge and experience. MARA team members also accompanied EirGrid on a visit to the Fugro Synergy deep sea Geotech vessel in August. In 2027, we will be building on these engagements to share further insights regarding the 2027 surveys. Maritime Area Consent (MAC) (PUOSC) (2026/2027 timing TBC): • Pre-application MAC engagement took place 30 July 2026. Application anticipated to be submitted in September 26. Grant of MAC expected late '26 or early '27. • Potential engagement to confirm our assumptions around the MAC levy payments along with potential refinement of MAC boundary as project progresses.	The purpose of these engagements is to brief MARA on the status of the Powering Up Offshore South Coast project. In 2027, we expect to be granted a revised MUL for surveys in Bannow Bay. Engagements will focus on any compliance matters associated with the surveys as well as surveys visits. There is likely to be ongoing engagement with MARA throughout 2027 in relation to the MAC and MUL licences.
Powering Up Offshore, South Coast, Marine Operations	Marine Survey Operations and Engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with marine stakeholders to raise awareness of the Powering Up Offshore South Coast programme and the offshore renewable energy developments planned within the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP). Engagement will include information-sharing sessions, stakeholder meetings, pier visits, and opportunities for fishing and marine communities to provide feedback on project activities and planned marine operations.	Marine Survey Operations and Engagements: Through our ongoing engagements with fishing and marine stakeholders, EirGrid aims to gather stakeholder feedback to help inform offshore project development and marine operations. By applying the principles set out in the Seafood/ORE Working Group Guidance Document, EirGrid seeks to promote transparency, meaningful stakeholder engagement, and coexistence between offshore

	EirGrid will continue to carry out marine survey and site investigation activities, where required, within identified project areas, including potential cable route corridors and landfall locations. Stakeholders will be kept informed of planned activities, survey progress, and project developments through communications and engagement channels. EirGrid will maintain regular engagement with seafood representative organisations and the Seafood and Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group, providing timely updates on project activities and marine operations. EirGrid will also engage with relevant maritime authorities, including the Department of Transport, Commissioners of Irish Lights and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), regarding the deployment, management and notification of maritime navigational aids associated with MetOcean equipment and other project related temporary data gathering equipment.	renewable energy developments and existing marine users. These engagements will also help ensure that relevant updates are provided to mariners including the location and status of project-related equipment. Finally, through our ongoing coordination with the relevant maritime authorities, EirGrid seeks to promote safe marine operations while minimising any potential impact on other sea users.
Powering Up Offshore, South Coast community forum	Community forum activities: In 2027, we plan to have the community forum fully established. We anticipate meetings will take place at regular intervals throughout 2027.	Community forum activities: The key outcome in 2027 is to have the community forum in place and the cadence of meetings established.
Powering Up Offshore, South Coast community benefit fund	Community benefit fund activities: In 2027, EirGrid will work with the community forum to raise awareness of the community benefit policy, its likely value for this project and for the wider community to consider the types of projects that could apply for funding.	Community benefit fund activities: In 2027, our aim will be to build awareness of our work as well as compile a list of potential projects suitable for funding.
Kildare Meath grid development project	Kildare Meath project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to share updates with local stakeholders including the community forum as well as with local councillors regarding next steps and construction timelines. The community benefit fund will also be launched in 2027. To support these activities, EirGrid will plan a number of local information events across the project route to provide details to all local communities.	Kildare Meath project engagement outcomes: Effective engagement with stakeholders is key, particularly as we embark on this critical stage of the Kildare Meath project. Promoting the community fund launch will assist in achieving milestone construction timelines all the while giving back to the communities and businesses impacted during

	Finally, EirGrid will continue to work on local sponsorships with Chambers of Businesses and community groups to help build awareness and strengthen our partnerships. Throughout 2027, working closely with ESB Networks, we will continue our engagement with landowners to agree land access for commencement of construction.	construction. Through our engagements, EirGrid also aims to strengthen our partnerships with the local communities.
Kildare Meath community forum	Community forum engagement: In 2027, the community forum will continue to meet bi-annually with the facilitator and will focus on project and construction updates.	Community forum engagement: By meeting regularly with the community forum for the Kildare Meath project, EirGrid aims to provide regular and timely communications and project updates.
Kildare Meath community benefit fund	Community benefit fund: Construction on the Kildare Meath Grid Upgrade project is scheduled to begin in 2027. Once construction is underway EirGrid will activate the Community Benefit Fund. Pending construction commencement, €1.7 million in funding will be made available to community groups along the cable route as part of this funding phase. In 2027, EirGrid will engage with the key stakeholders and elected representatives to encourage applications from community projects. Upon delivery of phase 1 of the funding, EirGrid will engage with community projects that have been selected for funding.	Community benefit fund: These engagements will ensure key stakeholders and elected representatives are kept up to date with the community benefit fund development plans as well as provide an opportunity for them to contribute and offer any strategic support with planning, potential considerations and implementation. By collaborating closely with the community on the selected phase 1 projects, EirGrid aims to build awareness as well as strengthen relationships with local communities.
East Meath North Dublin grid reinforcement project	East Meath North Dublin project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to share updates with local stakeholders including the community forum as well as with local councillors regarding next steps and construction timelines. The community benefit fund will launch in line with the project timelines. To support these activities, EirGrid will plan a number of local information events across the project route to ensure communities are kept up to date. Finally, EirGrid will continue to develop local sponsorships with Chambers of Businesses and	East Meath North Dublin project engagement outcomes: Effective engagement with stakeholders is key, particularly as we embark on this critical stage of the East Meath North Dublin project. Promoting the community fund launch will assist in achieving milestone construction timelines while giving back to the communities and businesses. Through our engagements, EirGrid also aims to strengthen our partnerships with local communities.

	community groups to help build awareness and strengthen our partnerships. Throughout 2027, and working closely with ESB Networks, we will also continue our engagement with landowners to agree land access for commencement of construction.	
East Meath North Dublin community forum	Community forum engagement: In 2027, the forum will continue to meet bi-annually with the facilitator and will focus on project and construction updates.	Community forum: By meeting regularly with the community forum for the East Meath North Dublin project, we are ensuring we are providing regular and timely communications and project updates. The community forum is also central to the development of the community benefit strategy.
East Meath North Dublin community benefit fund	Community benefit fund: Construction on the East Meath North Dublin project is scheduled to begin in 2027. Once construction is underway, EirGrid will activate the Community Benefit Fund. Pending construction commencement, €1.39 million in funding will be made available to community groups along the cable route as part of this funding phase. In 2027, EirGrid will engage with key stakeholders and elected representatives to encourage applications from community projects. Upon delivery of phase 1 of the funding, EirGrid will engage with community projects that have been selected for funding. This will include tracking project progress as well as various engagements to encourage applications for the next phase of funding.	Community benefit fund: These engagements will ensure key stakeholders and elected representatives are kept up to date with the community benefit fund development plans as well as provide an opportunity for them to contribute and offer any strategic support with planning, potential considerations and implementation. By collaborating closely with the community on the selected phase 1 projects, EirGrid aims to build awareness as well as strengthen relationships with the local community.
Laois Kilkenny grid development project	Laois Kilkenny project engagements: As this project nears energisation, EirGrid will continue to support engagement with communities as well as forestry owners along the project route.	Laois Kilkenny project engagements: Through effective stakeholder engagement, we aim to achieve continued support of our work as we move towards the final stages of construction on this project.
Laois Kilkenny community forum	Community Forum: In 2027, we will continue to build and maintain strong relationships with community representatives providing updates on the project's progression as well as the status of	Community Forum: Continued engagement ensures that the forum is kept up to date on the project's progress while offering forum members the opportunity to

	the community benefit fund and the administration of the Community Benefit Fund phase 3.	bring key information to the attention of EirGrid. The forum is also kept up to date on the administration of the community benefit funds. This approach builds transparency and strengthens our community relations.
Laois Kilkenny community benefit fund	Community Benefit fund: EirGrid will continue to engage with the community projects that have been selected for phase 2 funding. We will prepare for the opening of phase 3 of the funding following energisation.	Community Benefit fund: Through continued engagement in 2027, we will monitor the progression of funded projects while continuing to build relationships with the local community.
North Connacht grid development project	North Connacht project engagements: As construction continues in 2027, EirGrid's focus will primarily be the delivery of the Community Benefit Fund and associated engagements. Operational communications and engagement on the project will be managed by ESB Networks and the contractor, with EirGrid providing input and assistance if required.	North Connacht project engagements: The Community Benefit Fund will deliver a lasting legacy across the project area, investing in local projects and initiatives that provide tangible benefits to the communities most impacted by the development.
North Connacht community forum	Community forum: EirGrid will continue to engage with the community forum in 2027 to facilitate updates as the project progresses, while also providing updates on the Community Benefit Fund.	Community forum: The forum plays a key role in the dissemination of critical information regarding the project. Through our engagements, we will ensure that the forum is kept up to date on project progress and on the community benefit fund.
North Connacht community benefit fund	Community benefit fund: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with the community projects that have been awarded funding in Phase 1. This will include tracking project progress as well as various engagements to encourage applications for the next phase of funding.	Community benefit fund: By collaborating closely with the community on the selected phase 1 projects, EirGrid aims to build awareness as well as strengthen relationships with the local community.
Fingal-East Meath grid development project	Fingal-East Meath project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with stakeholders to provide regular project updates. EirGrid will also seek further sponsorship and partnership opportunities in the area.	Fingal-East Meath project engagements: Through our engagement in 2027, EirGrid aims to raise awareness of this project while building support for EirGrid's work.

Fingal-East Meath community forum	Community forum: Once the circuit routes for this project are developed, a community forum will be established in line with project timelines.	Community forum: Through our engagements, we aim to ensure a transparent and fair process for the convening of a community forum, which is representative of the area impacted by the project.
Kildare-Dublin grid development project	Kildare-Dublin project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to consult with the local community on circuit routes for the required connecting circuits, following the confirmation of the best performing technology option for each circuit. EirGrid will also engage with communities and stakeholders to publish the best performing options for the location of two new substations that will form the centre of the Grid Reinforcement project following the consultation that took place in May 2025.	Kildare-Dublin project engagements: The consultation and associated engagement will provide valuable insights in areas that EirGrid has not operated in before. This will allow for a more robust design and will feed into the final proposals that will be presented to the public again at a later date.
Kildare-Dublin community forum	Community Forum: In 2027, EirGrid will establish a community forum when circuit route corridors are available to review.	Community Forum: By establishing the community forum for this project, EirGrid aims to work closely with the local community, gather feedback and continue to build trust as the project progresses.
Powering Up the North West (grid development project)	North West project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will present the preferred route options to the public with the goal of identifying the final routes for this infrastructure. Alongside the formal consultation process, EirGrid will continue to engage proactively with landowners, residents, community organisations and other stakeholders throughout the project area. A particular focus will be placed on maintaining open and transparent communication with those directly affected by the proposed infrastructure, ensuring that stakeholders have access to up-to-date project information and opportunities to discuss project developments with the project team. EirGrid will also continue to strengthen engagement with key regional stakeholders,	North West project engagement outcomes: The public consultation will provide an important opportunity for stakeholders to understand our proposed plans while providing vital input to support decision making on finalising route corridors for the infrastructure.

	including local authorities and chambers of commerce, to facilitate meaningful dialogue and continue to increase awareness of the projects. Additionally, EirGrid will continue to identify key stakeholders for sponsorship and partnership opportunities to continue awareness raising awareness.	
Powering Up the North West community forum	North West community forum: In 2027, EirGrid will meet with community forum members to gather insights while providing regular updates.	North West community forum: Through our engagements, we aim to build and strengthen relationships with stakeholders while ensuring they are kept up to date.
Powering up Dublin	Powering up Dublin project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue our engagement via planned school outreach activities including Transition Year and primary school interactive workshops. These events will involve an educational experience on the work of EirGrid and the Powering Up Dublin project. EirGrid will also hold resident association briefings with communities impacted by the cable routes to provide project updates ahead of construction activities along each route. We will also continue engagement with stakeholders impacted by substation works in East Wall and the Poolbeg area. Finally, we will continue to sponsor cultural, sporting and community organisations to raise awareness of the project and build relationships along the routes.	Powering up Dublin project engagements: Through these engagements, we aim to increase awareness of both Powering Up Dublin and EirGrid in the Dublin area. These activities will keep an open channel of communication with the local communities who will ultimately host our infrastructure, while building and strengthening relationships and keeping them up to date on project proposals, timelines and planned activities. Working with community groups and schools will also assist in the formation of the Community Benefit Fund and spread awareness of the policy.
Powering up Dublin Marine Survey Operations and Engagements	Dublin Marine Survey Operations and Engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with marine stakeholders in advance of, and during, planned marine operations and surveys. Engagement activities will include stakeholder meetings, information-sharing sessions, pier visits and ongoing communications with fishing, commercial, recreational and other marine users. EirGrid will provide updates on the scope, timing and progress of planned marine survey	Dublin Marine Survey Operations and Engagements: Through our ongoing engagement with marine stakeholders, EirGrid aims to ensure effective communication regarding project activities and planned marine surveys. Stakeholder insights will also be gathered as the project progresses, while ensuring minimal disruption to marine users.

	activities through established communication channels. EirGrid will also continue to liaise with seafood representative organisations and the Seafood and Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group. Marine Notices will be issued through the appropriate channels in advance of any marine survey activities to inform mariners and other sea users of planned operations and any associated safety requirements.	
Powering up Dublin community forum	Community Forum: The Community Forum will meet quarterly in 2027. Engagement will focus on project updates for the five planned 220 kV cable projects, Poolbeg and the Central Dublin Substation Project. In 2026, the new Finglas to Poolbeg community forum was established to provide communities and stakeholders along the Finglas to Poolbeg cable route with an opportunity to engage directly with EirGrid, receive project updates and provide input into the Community Benefit Fund strategy for the Finglas to Poolbeg Community Benefit Fund that will be launched in 2027. A new community forum facilitator has been appointed to this project who will work with members on the community benefit strategy and approach. In 2027, EirGrid will also undertake targeted engagement with community organisations, stakeholders and residents in areas where infrastructure projects are planned or under construction. This engagement will help ensure that young people and groups that may traditionally be underrepresented in consultation processes have an opportunity to contribute to their communities in a positive way while informing community benefit initiatives.	Community Forum: These engagements will allow EirGrid to provide regular project updates while maintaining open channels of communication with community forum members. This will also allow for the development of the associated Community Benefit Strategy to identify potential projects suitable for funding during the construction phase of the project.
Powering up Dublin community benefit fund	Community Benefit fund: In 2027 EirGrid will launch the Finglas to Poolbeg Community Benefit Fund, where the fund administrator will work with EirGrid and community groups in Developing the fund	Community Benefit fund: The Finglas to Poolbeg Community Benefit Fund will provide communities with access to funding that supports

	strategy, supporting the application process, and managing Project Delivery and grant drawdown. EirGrid and the fund administrator will engage with community organisations, stakeholders and residents throughout 2027 to raise awareness of funding opportunities and support participation in the fund.	local needs and delivers lasting social community benefits. Through ongoing engagement with forum members, community groups and other stakeholders, EirGrid will seek to ensure that the fund is delivered transparently and reflects community needs.
Powering Up Wicklow	Powering Up Wicklow project engagements: In 2027, we will consult with local communities across Wicklow on the various substation and uprate projects that will be taking place as part of Powering Up Wicklow. This includes bringing the Ballybeg substation through to Step 5 and supporting the progression of the North Wicklow project through to Step 4.	Powering Up Wicklow project engagements: EirGrid's engagement in this area will support the identification of the Best Performing Option for the two new substations in North Wicklow and the required connecting circuit. This is also a key opportunity for EirGrid to build awareness as well as strengthen relationships in the area as we continue to progress the Powering Up Wicklow programme.
Overhead line (OHL) uprate and refurbishment projects and substation redevelopment projects	Other project engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will be progressing a number of uprate and refurbishment projects and station redevelopment projects. These include Letterkenny 220 kV substation, Maynooth 220 kV substation, with uprate projects ranging across the country. Engagements will include targeted door-to-door visits and leafleting to those living in close proximity to proposed station works. Landowner engagement will take place on the uprate projects to advise of the proposed works and seek access for survey activities where necessary.	Other project engagements: Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to secure land access for survey works where required. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness in the community of the proposed works at the station locations.

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14 Consenting and environment

Overview

EirGrid proactively engages with relevant statutory stakeholders such as planning authorities and other prescribed bodies to ensure EirGrid's projects are consistent with national, regional and local planning policy. We do this via the following two formats:

1) Pre-Application consultation and engagement

EirGrid engages in specific pre-consultation with the relevant consent authority (An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) and/or the relevant planning authorities) for all our planning applications. EirGrid also engages with prescribed bodies, environmental and other stakeholders such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Through our engagement, we work to ensure that any constraints or opportunities can be considered and incorporated into the final planning application proposal, which will ensure its robustness and is intended to ensure its efficient and timely progress through the consenting system.

2) Planning engagement

EirGrid's planning team prepares a Grid Implementation Plan (Grid IP), currently every five years. This is a national-level plan, which is subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Its preparation and timebound updating mirrors the statutory development plan-making process followed by planning authorities, including publishing a draft for public consultation, and ultimate adoption. However, it is by its nature a strategic plan that reflects the scope and planning approach taken for the National Planning Framework (NPF). Initial work on scoping the SEA of EirGrid's next Grid IP will commence in 2027.

At a regional level, EirGrid has prepared and published three Strategic Frameworks for Grid Development, to reflect the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSEs) prepared by the three Regional Assemblies, and which must, by law, cascade to the local planning system. These plans provide a comprehensive picture of planned grid development at national and regional levels, along with our approach to design, consenting, environmental protection and restoration, and project delivery. We are in the process of engaging with the regional assemblies as they are updating their RSEs. This early engagement provides the opportunity to ensure that future regional planning frameworks support the delivery of secure, sustainable and resilient electricity grid infrastructure, required to meet national climate and energy targets and promote coordinated planning across public bodies. Finally, at a more local level, EirGrid is also developing a number of project-specific framework documents.

Implementation

Business Goals for 2027	Planned engagements for 2027	Planned Outcomes
Strategic Planning and Policy Engagement	Planning engagements: EirGrid is committed to working in partnership with Regional Assemblies, the Local Authorities, An Coimisiún Pleanála and other Statutory and non-statutory stakeholders to implement policies and objectives relating to sustainable grid development.	Planning engagements: Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to provide early awareness regarding our grid development requirements.

	Planned engagement will comprise 4-5 meetings per year throughout 2027. EirGrid will engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) for planning policy developments. EirGrid strongly welcomes the implementation of the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026. In 2027, we will engage with Government departments, local authorities, other utilities and stakeholders to ensure the successful acceleration and delivery of national critical infrastructure.	We also aim to ensure alignment with the Planning and Development Act 2004, associated Regulations and all emerging policy and planning precedence.
Project Consenting and Regulatory Engagement	Pre-planning meetings and pre-application consultation engagements: EirGrid will continue to request pre-planning meetings for individual projects requiring planning permission with the respective planning authority (onshore) - <i>An Coimisiún Pleanála (APC)</i> and the relevant planning authority, and with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) (offshore) where a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) and Marine Usage Licence (MUL) is required. Planned engagement comprises up to 2-3 specific pre-application consultation engagements. We will also engage with the relevant consenting authorities, and a range of relevant Prescribed Bodies in pre-application consultation format. EirGrid will work with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to inform and de-risk EirGrid grid projects in light of planning applications, Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, Appropriate Assessment	Pre-planning meetings and pre-application consultation engagements: These engagements will identify consenting and environmental requirements early on, agree assessment approaches and support in accelerating applications through the planning process.

	Reporting and Derogation Licence Applications. EirGrid will specifically engage with the new ORE unit in NPWS for offshore biodiversity engagements. EirGrid will engage with the National Monuments Service to inform project development and assessment requirements to support the identification and management of archaeological, architectural and cultural heritage considerations at an early stage of project development.	
Strategic Stakeholder and Sector Collaboration	Strategic Stakeholder and sector engagement: EirGrid will continue to engage with other statutory stakeholders (including Uisce Éireann, ESB Networks, daa, Irish Rail, Waterways Ireland & Transport Infrastructure Ireland) to use our collective expertise to explore opportunities for more streamlined, efficient and consistent planning and consenting of critical State infrastructure. Planned engagement will comprise of quarterly engagements throughout 2027 with additional workshops as required. We will continue to meet with the Planning and Environmental Team of ESB Engineering and Major Projects (E&MP). EirGrid will continue to engage with key infrastructure bodies via the Dublin Infrastructure Forum and will continue to engage on all three bulk supply projects as part of the next phase of EirGrid's Dublin programme.	Strategic Stakeholder and sector engagement: These engagements provide opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders to share information, address common challenges, and support the efficient planning, consenting, and delivery of strategic electricity infrastructure projects. They will also help to ensure stakeholders are informed of project developments and that, where possible, their requirements and interests are considered throughout project delivery. Through the Powering Up Dublin Business Forum engagements, we have been able to better identify the intricacies of the areas impacted by the proposed development work so that we can ensure the best performing route and best possible

	The Powering Up Dublin Business Forum will meet 3-4 times, and the Powering Up Dublin Stakeholder Engagement Forum (PUD SEF) will meet 3-4 times in 2027. The purpose of these meetings is to engage on both the Dublin cable and substation projects. The PUD Stakeholder Engagement Forum facilitates our collaboration with bodies such as the Land Development Authority as well as the SEAI, An Post and Dublin Bus. Our engagement with this forum throughout 2027 will ensure that key stakeholder groups are informed of overall project timings and planned activities which may impact on their businesses and services. EirGrid will continue to participate in The Seafood Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group and its subgroups. These engagements will facilitate the discussion on co-existence and other matters arising from the interaction of the seafood and offshore renewable energy industries, promote and share best practice, and encourage liaison with other sectors in the marine environment.	outcome for all and (where possible) include the requirements of the business community as the project progresses.
Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Initiatives	Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Initiatives Engagements: EirGrid will continue to participate in Business for Biodiversity Ireland (BFBI) with the aim of growing biodiversity awareness while mapping key biodiversity initiatives against the Taskforce on Nature-Related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) targets. EirGrid and ESB are both active members of BFBI.	Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Initiatives Engagements: These engagements will support and strengthen EirGrid's biodiversity and environmental objectives through collaboration with industry bodies, academics, state agencies, regulators and technical experts.

	EirGrid will attend the Irish Section of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management's (CIEEM) annual conference in April 2027, allowing EirGrid to engage with the wider ecologist community on policy, legislation and technical innovation. EirGrid will consult relevant academics, industry experts and state bodies to implement EirGrid and DCEE shared policy objectives on Marine Nature Restoration. Through these engagements EirGrid will integrate relevant aspects of the Irish Government's Nature Restoration plans into EirGrid Marine Nature Inclusive Design. EirGrid will continue to open and collaborative direct engagement with Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (Ecologists) on a wide range of marine environmental matters, as policy and guidance and practice develops.	We also aim to ensure alignment with emerging policy, legislation and nature restoration initiatives both onshore and offshore.
Collaborative Environmental Research and Data Sharing	Collaborative Environmental Research and Data Sharing engagements: EirGrid is updating the Evidence Based Environmental Studies (EBES) to refresh the scientific evidence base to optimise accuracy of both impact prediction and mitigation specification. EirGrid will engage with the EPA, SEA authorities, Academic partners (including University College Dublin and University College Galway) and RGI. EirGrid is committed to supporting the Government's Open Data Strategy 2023 - 2027, and sharing high quality, accessible environmental data for the public good. In 2027 EirGrid	Collaborative Environmental Research and Data Sharing engagements: Through our engagements, we aim to align with policy, legislation and the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded research programme and ensure the application of best practice through collaboration with stakeholders.

	will engage with relevant parties including Táiite Éireann, wind developers and research academics to optimise the structure and format of environmental datasets prior to release to meet stakeholder needs. EirGrid will engage with the National Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) forum, to discuss the outcome of year 3 and the associated challenges and opportunities related to the monitoring of EirGrid SEA monitoring analysis. As part of our work with the Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN), we will engage via a range of webinars, the OCEaN Members Assembly, and the OCEaN annual Conference.	
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Transforming for clean energy

- Energy research
- Future networks
- Sustainability



15 Energy research

Overview

Meeting the energy demands of tomorrow presents many complex challenges and moving towards a more sustainable future requires significant transformation. To help achieve this, we will need to work innovatively to identify solutions that are effective while embracing a broad range of new technologies.

Our innovation and research engagement strategy details a framework that:

- Identifies expert research bodies for EirGrid to partner with.
- Identifies Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and research performing organisations (RPOs) that are creating a talent pool of graduates and researchers, to support EirGrid's work and long-term objectives.
- Supports the direction of research across the island of Ireland and Europe.
- Observes research and innovation developments across industry and academia.
- Facilitates the sharing of insights and developments with EirGrid staff.
- Keeps stakeholders informed and fosters innovation across our organisation.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Annual Innovation Report Consultation	Annual Innovation Report Consultation: In Q1 2027, EirGrid will consult with stakeholders on the 2026 Annual Innovation Report.	Annual Innovation Report Consultation: By consulting on our Annual Innovation Report, we invite essential input from key stakeholders such as academia and industry, to inform our work, as we continue working towards Government climate objectives.
Champion the Emergence of the energy citizen through the EirGrid CleanerGrid competition	CleanerGrid engagement: In 2027, EirGrid's CleanerGrid engagements will include the following: Q1 2027: Host a live finale event attended by external experts as judges. Q3 2027: Begin developing a plan and proposal for CleanerGrid 2028 and promote via career fairs, guest lectures, social media and direct outreach.	CleanerGrid engagement: CleanerGrid is a competition run by EirGrid for third level students. Now in its third year, we created this initiative to raise awareness of the work we do at EirGrid, as well as increase the company's academic engagement while supporting our sustainable energy vision. In 2027, our aim is to grow the CleanerGrid competition while building relationships with both universities and students.

Support innovation and research in areas relevant to EirGrid’s innovation and research strategy	Letters of support: EirGrid has a long tradition of supporting research in universities as well as research performing organisations and industry. As part of this work, EirGrid regularly provides letters of support for funding applications and will continue to do this throughout 2027.	Letters of support: These letters of support are used to aid universities, research performing organisations and industry when they are applying for funding. By assessing and signing letters of support for projects that are aligned to our Innovation and Research Strategy, we aim to facilitate research in innovative areas that will go on to support the development of the power system as we work towards to our climate action ambitions.
Build new academic relationships to further develop our Strategic Innovation Programmes within our innovation and research strategy	Strategic Innovation Programmes: In 2027, we will continue to engage across a number of research performing organisations, academic bodies and industry to continue the progression of our Strategic Innovation Programmes as well as to support our broader objectives spearheading EirGrid’s innovation and research strategy.	Strategic Innovation Programmes: Meeting our decarbonisation targets, while providing secure and affordable electricity, will be very challenging and means we will need to redefine the way our energy systems work. EirGrid Strategic Innovation Programmes capture the crucial areas of innovation and research that we need to focus on to ensure we can respond effectively to these challenges. Find out more about these programmes in our 2025 Annual Innovation Report.
Showcase externally supported research and strengthen academic relationships	Thesis Showcase: In 2027, EirGrid will host a Thesis ‘Show and Tell’ day where students and researchers will be invited to present on work supported by EirGrid.	Thesis Showcase: These events showcase the outcomes of externally supported research and foster direct dialogue between researchers and EirGrid.

For more information on our energy research engagement, please get in touch via our mailbox: research@eirgrid.com

16 Strategic Planning and Future Networks

Overview

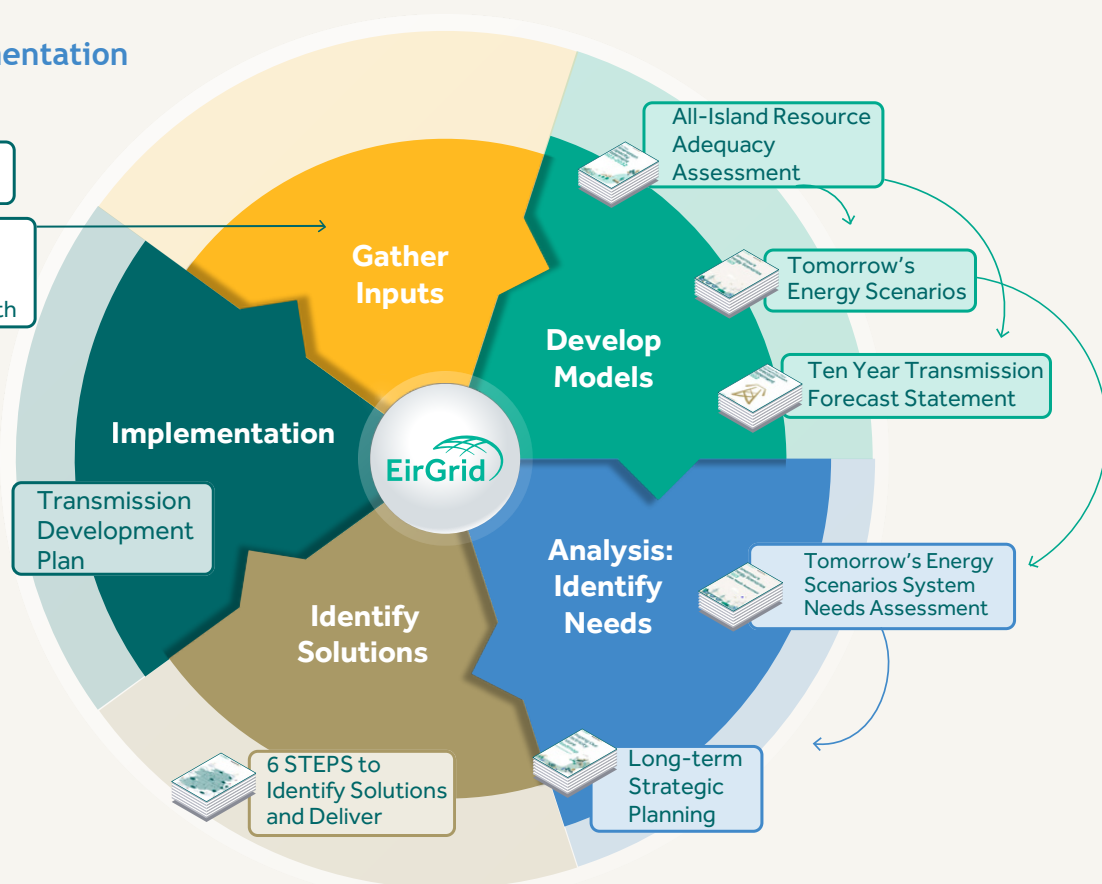
As the Transmission System Operator (TSO) for Ireland, EirGrid has a unique role to play in transforming our power system to meet the needs of today as well as the future. As we continue working towards obtaining 80% of our energy from renewable sources in line with Government targets, we are also working towards meeting the national climate objectives in the run up to 2050. Meeting these decarbonisation targets, while providing a secure electricity supply will be very challenging. And continued collaboration with all of our stakeholders is vital for allowing EirGrid to transform the power system for future generations.

Our planning documentation

Key Drivers / Inputs

Government/EU Policy on how demand should be met

- Generation/ storage
- Commissioning/ Decommissioning
- Forecast Demand Growth



EirGrid's high-level planning cycle showing key inputs and drivers as well as associated planning documentation outlined as outputs from their associated stage

As part of our work, EirGrid carries out a series of planning activities. This process facilitates a range of key documentation as outputs.

Each of these documents captures different aspects of our work, at different stages of the planning process.

This process is cyclical and uses a continuous stream of up-to-date data as input which allows us to accurately plan and adjust according to the latest relevant insights and policy.

The aim of this process is to guide and inform EirGrid's infrastructure planning from Government policy, all the way to project implementation.

Engagement across our planning documentation varies in line with the aim of each document. Engagement can include consultations, information sharing, bilateral meetings and calls for input.

We also engage DCEE and CRU at regular intervals to share updates and published documents.

Tomorrow's Energy Scenarios (TES) Engagement Process

EirGrid is exploring scenarios of what Ireland's future power demand and generation portfolio could look like. With growing demand for electricity and increasing penetration of variable renewables on the system, it is clear that Ireland will need significant expansion of network capacity and system flexibility.

As part of this work, EirGrid will be developing our next Tomorrow's Energy Scenarios publication. In 2027, EirGrid will engage and consult with stakeholders, for example, on key inputs and options for consideration. We propose to run a series of targeted calls for evidence covering the key inputs and modelling assumptions.

The calls for evidence will be followed by a final consultation on the draft TES document. Each of the calls for evidence will be focused on a specific subject area, with the objective of rapidly gaining feedback and concluding model inputs.

Green hydrogen and energy storage development

In 2027, EirGrid plans to continue to engage with key stakeholders examining the potential for green hydrogen and energy storage in Ireland. This will explore the future interaction of hydrogen with the electricity system, its potential to provide a fuel for peaking generators, as well as the wider development of the hydrogen economy.

Engagement will include EirGrid's crucial role on the National Hydrogen Programme Taskforce. EirGrid will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders within the taskforce and work towards the implementation of the National Hydrogen Strategy.

Further engagement will likely include meetings and workshops with Government, Gas Networks Ireland, SEAI and academic institutions, to understand the potential future demands and opportunities for production, transmission storage and supply of green hydrogen, associated renewable fuels and other options for energy storage. These engagements will also complement and inform the development of EirGrid's long-term planning.

International collaboration

In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with the IEA to help support the successful integration of renewables while continuing to ensure power system security. Building on active engagements and presentation to international expert audiences in the IEA, this engagement will continue in the coming year.

Power system research and studies

In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with academia and bodies undertaking research relevant to strategic planning for Ireland's transmission networks and energy systems. This will include engagements with national, regional and local authorities and development bodies, industry associations and academic institutions.

EirGrid will continue to contribute to technical reviews of offshore capability and readiness in collaboration with SEAI, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and specialist High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) equipment manufacturers. In collaboration with SEAI and other stakeholders, EirGrid will support the development of SEAI's Decarbonised Electricity System Strategy (DESS).

Studies have shown that electricity demand is anticipated to grow throughout the energy transition. EirGrid will engage with statutory and industry bodies exploring future energy demand, in particular relating to Large Energy Users (LEUs) such as data centres, electrified transport and heating.

European Network Planning - Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP)

In 2027, EirGrid will continue to work alongside other European TSOs to identify future system needs and assess the development of the European transmission system via ENTSO-E's TYNDP development process.

This engagement will help ensure that Irish long-term network needs, including increased interconnection and offshore renewable development, are appropriately reflected in European planning and support Ireland's energy transition objectives.

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Continue to engage with key stakeholders as we work to transform the power system	<i>Specific engagements TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

For more information on strategic planning and future networks, please get in touch via [our contact page here](#) (with 'Future Networks' in the email subject).

17 Sustainability

Overview

Part of our mission at EirGrid is to lead the island's electricity sector on sustainability and decarbonisation. And we do this through our Group Sustainability Strategy⁶.

EirGrid's sustainability activities are captured across three broad pillars: Environmental, Social and Governance. And our stakeholder engagement activities support the following three objectives:

1) Driving climate action and transformation of the electricity system

Our aims under this objective are:

- Drive the secure transition to a low carbon electricity system.
- Support and embed the critical thinking required to deliver the electricity system transformation.
- Ensure climate change adaptation is factored into our asset management forward planning.

2) Committing to a sustainable society

Our aims under this objective are:

- Create and inform societal awareness of the challenges we face and the role we can all play.
- Support learning and skills development across society to achieve the transition
- Support and promote diversity and inclusion.
- Promote a culture of health and safety.

3) Being a responsible organisation

Our aims under this objective are:

- Further embed sustainability into governance, decisions, and delivery across the business.
- Manage and reduce our own carbon footprint.
- Achieve the highest ethical standards.
- Increase transparency on our non-financial performance.

Implementation

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Committed to a sustainable society	SciFest: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to develop our partnership with SciFest through planned engagement across SciFest@School, SciFest@College and the SciFest National Final, including continued support	SciFest: Through this partnership, EirGrid will support second-level students to explore STEM ideas linked to climate action and a cleaner energy future, helping to build awareness of the role innovation can play in the transition of the power system.

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	for the EirGrid Cleaner Climate Award.	
Committed to a sustainable society	DCU Access to the Workplace Programme: Regular engagement to continue throughout 2027 along with a summer intern.	DCU Access to the Workplace Programme: Our partnership with the DCU Educational Trust on their Access to the Workplace Programme aims to make education accessible and achievable to young people from under-represented backgrounds. As part of our partnership, a student from the DCU Access to the Workplace Programme will undertake an internship in EirGrid over the summer in 2027, providing them with invaluable professional experience and developing important skills which can be applied as they return to complete their final year of studies.
Committed to a sustainable society	Pilot programme with AHEAD: To further promote EirGrid as a diverse and inclusive workplace, we are working with AHEAD to pilot their Willing Able and Mentored (WAM) programme in EirGrid. Regular engagement will continue in 2027 to further embed this programme, along with additional initiatives run by the same body.	Pilot programme with AHEAD: AHEAD is an independent non-profit organisation that promotes access to the labour market for graduates with disabilities. By working with AHEAD, EirGrid aims to enhance our capacity to integrate disability into the mainstream workplace. In 2026, EirGrid recruited two graduates through this programme, and we aim to continue recruiting at least one graduate through this programme in 2027.
Committed to a sustainable Society	World of Work Programme (BITCI): In 2027, EirGrid will continue the delivery of our World of Work mentoring programme in partnership with Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI). Building on the programme's reach in previous years, participation will expand from two schools to three, engaging students from Ellenfield Community	World of Work Programme (BITCI): Through these engagements, EirGrid will support students in developing their understanding of career pathways, STEM disciplines and the role of the electricity sector in enabling the energy transition. The programme aims to build confidence, communication and life skills, increase awareness of sustainability challenges and inspire future interest in STEM-related careers. Expanding the programme to a third

	College Dublin, Marian College and St Kevin's Community College. The programme will provide a series of structured engagement opportunities focused on career development, STEM education, renewable energy, sustainability and life skills, including mentoring sessions, workshops and 'Day in the Life' experiences at EirGrid offices.	school will enable EirGrid to broaden its reach and impact, while strengthening partnerships with local communities and supporting young people from under-represented and disadvantaged backgrounds.
Committed to a Sustainable Society	An Taisce Green Schools: Following EirGrid's second academic year as sponsor of An Taisce Green-Schools Energy theme in 2026, we are planning to engage with secondary and primary schools across the country, with 129 schools participating in the 2027 theme. As part of this partnership, EirGrid will be participating in several energy workshops along with the Energy School of the Year awards, among other activities.	An Taisce Green Schools: Supported by EirGrid, the Green Schools programme encourages young people to explore energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate action and sustainable energy use in their schools, homes and communities. Through practical projects and learning activities, students develop the knowledge and skills needed to make informed energy choices and contribute to a more sustainable future. Through various in person and online engagements, we will look to build awareness regarding EirGrid's role in managing and operating Ireland's electricity grid as well as strengthen relationships in communities where we are developing or planning to develop the grid.
Committed to a sustainable society	Elevate Pledge (BITCI): As a signatory to BITCI's Elevate Pledge, EirGrid will continue to engage with this initiative in 2027 through annual reporting, data sharing, participation in signatory meetings and the exchange of insights and good practices with other participating organisations.	Elevate Pledge (BITCI): EirGrid is committed to supporting the Elevate Pledge, BITCI's initiative to help businesses build more inclusive workplaces. Continued participation supports our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by tracking progress, sharing insights.

Committed to a Sustainable Society	Electric Aid: In 2027, ElectricAid will hold 6 committee meetings and one AGM, as well as various workshops and supplementary engagements to support aspects such as planning and membership.	Electric Aid: Electric Aid is a social justice and development fund between EirGrid and ESB employees. The key driver for Electric Aid is to focus on the UN sustainable development goals, and of these, many of the projects across the world have had a significant impact on development goals such as clean water and sanitation, quality education, zero hunger and affordable, clean energy.
Committed to a Sustainable Society	STEM Teacher Internship programme: EirGrid has committed to participating in the STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) programme again for 2027. Our roles will be advertised in early 2027 through the STInt Portal.	STEM Teacher Internship programme: The STInt Programme is a national programme by DCU to provide primary and post-primary teachers with paid summer internships in STEM roles. We are aiming to recruit one teacher starting in June 2027.
Committed to a Sustainable Society	Engagement with Foróige: In 2027, we aim to continue working with Foróige on a range of targeted projects for young people around Dublin.	Engagement with Foróige: Through these engagements, EirGrid aims to make a difference by supporting young people across Dublin City to engage in programmes and interventions that promote leadership, civic engagement, community development, and develop skills in problem solving.
Driving climate action and transformation of the electricity grid	Science Based Targets initiative: By 2027, EirGrid will have completed our emissions re-baselining exercise and submitted updated science-based targets in 2026, with validation to follow. Engagement with the Science Based Targets initiative in 2027 will therefore focus on progressing activity in line with the validated targets.	Science Based Targets initiative: Validation of EirGrid's updated Science Based Targets will provide a credible framework for future emissions reduction, including implementation of the Scope 3 supplier engagement target through engagement with key suppliers to support emissions measurement, target setting, and decarbonisation initiatives.

Driving climate action and transformation of the electricity grid	Climate Transition Plan engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will also be developing a new Climate Transition Plan. In line with this, we expect to engage with a range of departmental and strategic SMEs to gather insights, validate assumptions, and inform the development of transition actions and targets.	Climate Transition Plan engagement: New plan by the end of 2027 As part of the process engage with SMEs throughout the development of that plan to get external perspectives on aspects such as climate action, nature action etc.
Being a responsible business	The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting: In 2027, EirGrid will continue engagement with SEAI through the annual Monitoring and Reporting process, including submission of energy, emissions and related data for the reporting period.	The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting: Continued engagement will support EirGrid's public sector energy and climate reporting obligations, enabling SEAI to track progress against national energy efficiency and emissions reduction targets.
Being a responsible business	Commercial Semi-State Climate Action Framework (CSS-CAF) (NewERA): In 2027, EirGrid will continue engagement with NewERA on the Commercial Semi-State Climate Action Framework through the annual implementation update process and any review or information requests.	Commercial Semi-State Climate Action Framework (CSS-CAF) (NewERA): The CSS-CAF will support EirGrid's reporting on progress against the five CSS-CAF commitments and help maintain alignment with expectations for climate action governance, emissions reduction, green procurement and climate-related disclosures.
Being a responsible business	Smarter Travel Mark National Transport Authority (NTA): In 2027, EirGrid will use the NTA Travel Plan to guide sustainable commuting initiatives and employee communications throughout the year.	Smarter Travel Mark National Transport Authority (NTA): This engagement will support improvements to workplace travel infrastructure and employee awareness, helping EirGrid maintain the Gold Smarter Travel Mark ahead of the next recertification due in November 2028.
Being a responsible business	Central Statistics Office (CSO) Business Energy Usage Survey:	CSO Business Energy Usage Survey: EirGrid's continued participation in the CSO Business Energy Use Survey will

	In 2027, EirGrid will continue to provide relevant energy use data to the annual Business Energy Use survey.	support the provision of high-quality energy data to inform national energy statistics, helping to estimate energy consumption across the Irish economy and support Ireland's reporting obligations under EU energy statistics requirements.
Driving climate action and transformation of the electricity grid	Electricity and Gas Networks Sectoral Adaptation Plan Steering Group (EGN SAP): In 2027, EirGrid will continue engaging stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Sectoral Adaptation Plan (SAP), including participation in the EGN SAP Steering Group, to review progress against adaptation actions, share updates and support ongoing climate adaptation activities.	Electricity and Gas Networks Sectoral Adaptation Plan Steering Group: Continued engagement will support the delivery and monitoring of EirGrid's climate adaptation commitments, helping to strengthen organisational resilience to climate-related risks and maintain alignment with national adaptation policy and objectives.
Committed to a Sustainable Society	Volunteering engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to embed the Volunteering Policy by supporting staff to use their annual volunteering day with community, social inclusion, environmental and education-focused organisations. Planned volunteering activities will include engagement with a variety of organisations.	Volunteering engagement: Through continued implementation of the Volunteering Policy in 2027, EirGrid aims to increase employee participation in community-based initiatives, strengthen relationships with volunteering partners and deliver positive social and environmental impact. This will support employee engagement and wellbeing, contribute to local communities, and reinforce EirGrid's commitment to being a responsible organisation.

For more information on EirGrid's sustainability engagement, email sustainability@eirgrid.com



Unlocking New Frontiers: Offshore and Interconnection

- Offshore



18 Offshore

Overview

The Climate Action Plan 2025⁷ commits to achieving at least 5 GW of grid connected offshore wind capacity in line with Government targets, with a further 2 GW earmarked for the production of green hydrogen and other non-grid uses. It also includes a suite of actions to realise Ireland's offshore renewable energy (ORE) potential.

EirGrid strongly supports the Government's ambition through our collaboration with key stakeholders and industry, and through work being undertaken in the organisation.

The key objectives of our offshore stakeholder engagement are as follows:

- To support the offshore wind farm developers in progressing the grid related aspects of their projects.
- To gather information to support EirGrid's readiness for our role as transmission asset owner.
- To ensure consistent messaging to the offshore wind farm developers, public and all stakeholders on what is happening regarding offshore transmission system development and the benefits that will be delivered.
- To ensure alignment of offshore transmission system development with other offshore related work being progressed by other Government agencies, for example, the protection of marine biodiversity and health and safety.

Implementation

Phase one

Clearing House engagements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Ongoing engagement to support Government targets	Clearing House engagements: In 2027, members of the EirGrid Executive team, including EirGrid's CE, will continue to attend Offshore Clearing House meetings, chaired by the Taoiseach.	Clearing House engagements: These engagements bring together key offshore stakeholders and industry to ensure progress is achieved to reach Government targets.

CRU DCEE Taskforce engagements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
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⁷ <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-climate-energy-and-the-environment/publications/climate-action-plan-2025/>

Complete and report on all actions assigned to EirGrid for 2027 in Offshore Wind Energy Programme (OWEP) Workstream 5	Offshore Wind Energy Programme (OWEP): In 2027, our work will include: • Monthly engagements with CRU and DCEE. • Monthly participation in OWEP Government Taskforce meetings. • Quarterly progress reporting to DCEE. • Participation in cross-government and industry working groups as required. • Ongoing engagement with ESNB and Phase 1 developers on grid delivery dependencies and programme readiness.	Offshore Wind Energy Programme (OWEP): Our continued delivery of EirGrid actions under Workstream 5, will support Government offshore wind targets through coordination of grid development, licensing, regulatory and onshore transmission readiness activities. Our engagements will also support improved visibility of programme progress, risks, dependencies and mitigation actions across Government, regulators and industry stakeholders. As a key contributor, EirGrid plays a vital role within the OWEP taskforce. Our mission is to achieve not only the objectives of the taskforce but to maintain effective stakeholder engagement throughout, to ensure continued alignment, clear and consistent communications, problem solving, transparency and timely delivery. We are also working collaboratively to ensure we identify any changes, risks and issues relating to the workstream and report back on these as early as possible.
Sharing offshore progress information with industry bodies	Progress information sessions: In 2027, EirGrid will engage via the following: • Bi-monthly offshore industry information sessions. • Ad-hoc stakeholder briefings as key milestones are achieved. • Publication and communication of offshore programme updates through established engagement channels.	Progress information sessions: Through our engagements, we aim to achieve improved stakeholder awareness and alignment on offshore transmission developments, delivery timelines, programme milestones and regulatory developments. Enhanced transparency and early identification of industry concerns and emerging risks.

Connection agreements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Engage with CRU in relation to approval of connection agreement documentation	Regulation of connection agreement documentation: In July 2026, EirGrid issued the Connection Agreement documents for the Phase 1 offshore wind farm connections to the CRU for approval. In 2027, EirGrid will continue with: • Regular bilateral engagements with the CRU to support finalisation of documentation if required. • Coordination with legal advisers and internal subject matter experts as required. • Support the CRU in responding to queries and clarifications. • Liaise with the Phase 1 Projects during the approval process.	Regulatory approval of offshore Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to achieve the following: • Connection Agreements and publication of approved contractual documentation. • Respond to and close out any queries or clarifications required from the CRU to assist in finalising the Offshore Connection Agreement. • Support the transition from regulatory approval activities towards operational administration and contract management readiness. • Continued liaison with the Phase 1 Projects. • Migration of liaison activities to project specific topics of engagement and discussion. • Following approval of the Offshore Connection Agreement by the CRU, engagement in 2027 will also support information sharing to enable EirGrid's action to issue the connection offers to the Phase 1 Projects.
Connection Offers to be issued to Phase 1 Projects	Connection offers: In 2027, our engagement will include the following: • Bilateral engagements with Phase 1 Projects on contractual, technical and operational matters. • Ongoing coordination with Connections & Contracts, Legal, Asset Readiness and Offshore programmes. • Engagements with developers on emerging issues, programme dependencies and key milestones.	Connection Offers: Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to achieve the following: • Individual engagement with the Phase 1 Projects will focus on confirmation of their connection method, their connection charges and project delivery programme in advance of issuance of connection offers. • Issuance of Connection Offers to each of the Phase 1 Projects. • Execution of the Connection Offers by the Phase 1 Projects (project depending).

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
		Post connection offer execution engagement will focus on: •Project delivery with each Phase 1 Project and compliance with Connection Agreement milestones. •Effective implementation and administration of the project-specific Connection Agreements. • Supporting project progression towards final investment decision (FID), construction and grid connection milestones. • Enhanced visibility of risks, dependencies and required actions to support successful project delivery. •Meeting with the Phase 1 Projects to ensure their contractual obligations, delivery timelines and operational readiness requirements are met to deliver offshore wind.

Offshore Asset Readiness Plan Engagements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Work with state entities to understand developments in the marine industries and build strong relationships	Marine engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with Irish Lights on a quarterly basis. Irish Lights provide an essential maritime safety service around the coast of Ireland.	Marine engagements: Through these engagements, EirGrid will collaborate with Irish Lights on future plans to ensure marine activities are in line with requirements (set out by Irish Lights) with respect to aids to navigation.
Build relationships with European TSOs, offshore operators & service providers	Engagement with European TSOs, offshore operators & service providers: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with European TSOs, offshore operators and service providers via the multiple forums and dedicated	Engagement with European TSOs, offshore operators & service providers: Through these engagements, EirGrid offers the opportunity to share insights, while supporting a streamlined and innovative approach to our role within offshore delivery.

	engagements on a number of topics.	These engagements will also help us gain a better understanding of contracting arrangements and developments in operation and maintenance regimes around Europe.
Collaborate on training and development requirements	Training and Development Programme: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with develop training providers to collaborate on skills and training requirements for EirGrid as we move into our new role in offshore.	Training and Development Programme: Through these engagements, EirGrid is aiming to understand how best we can build our capabilities to ensure we can continue to support Government climate objectives.

Market engagement

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Market engagement with both domestic and international markets to generate interest from suppliers and contractors for the Readiness Procurement Programme	Market engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to proactively engage via relevant industry events including: • Wind Energy Europe Trade event - April 2027 • Global Offshore Wind Trade Event - June 2027 • Wind Energy - Hamburg September 2027 • Enterprise Ireland Offshore Wind Forum - October 2027 EirGrid will execute specific market consultation processes, directly with suppliers and service providers for various packages identified in the Readiness Procurement Plan. EirGrid will also publish various updates to the marketplace, identifying which procurement activities	Market engagement: These industry and market engagements will be vital in supporting EirGrid in meeting our offshore goals. These engagements will give us a greater understanding of: • Supplier capacity and capability • Scope of work packaging and optimisation. • Technological advancements. • Market demand and trends. • Cost and contracting models. The specific market consultations and notifications will help us ensure robust competition exists and where appropriate, develop and utilise the domestic supply market for the future of offshore wind.

	are being planned and the timelines involved. EirGrid also will arrange various ‘meet the buyer’ events to align with the Readiness Procurement Programme, while looking to engage with the Domestic, European and International markets. We will also engage with Irish Ports with regards to warehousing as part of the Offshore Asset Readiness Programme.	
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Supply chain

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Commence procurement activities for various Offshore Wind Operations, Inspection and Maintenance Services	Procurement activities: In 2027, EirGrid will commence the procurement activity for the Maintenance and Inspection package. Engagement activities will include: - Utilisation of Achilles Supply Line will identify the appropriate accredited suppliers. - Specific Meet the buyer events to introduce the suppliers to the scope of works and procurement requirements will be held.	Procurement activities: These engagements will support the timely and effective execution of the OARP procurement plan and associated contract award requirements between 2027 and 2030. They will also ensure suitably qualified suppliers and supply chain (Local, National, European and, where applicable, Global) are engaged, focusing on appropriate utilisation of local resources and organisations through direct, subcontract or partnership arrangements.
Supply Chain and Contract Management	Supply Chain and Contract Management: In 2027, EirGrid will introduce various new or revised Policies and Procedures including: Supplier Code of Conduct	Supply Chain and Contract Management: The introduction of these new Policies and Procedures will provide improved clarity and ease for the supply chain to contract with EirGrid.

	• Sustainability Policy • Single Source Policy and Procedure • Contract Management Policy and Procedure • Group Procurement Policy revision Where applicable these will be published on the EirGrid website.	
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Phase 1 Coordination Group Engagement

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Continue to run five separate working groups with the Phase 1 Projects (Technical, Legal & regulatory, asset readiness, TSO operational compliance and health & safety)	Phase 1 Project working groups: Through 2027, EirGrid will continue to hold collective, regular meetings with Phase 1 Projects to track progress of the Phase 1 Coordination deliverables (across working groups). The Phase 1 Coordination plan was agreed collectively with industry. Engagement in 2027 will include the following: • Regular Coordination Group meetings. • Continued operation of Technical, Legal, Regulatory, Asset Readiness, TSO Operational Compliance and Health & Safety working groups. • Director-level escalation sessions as required.	Phase 1 Project working groups: Through our engagement, EirGrid aims to achieve effective management of multilateral actions, dependencies and strategic issues affecting Phase 1 Projects. We also aim to enhance coordination between EirGrid and Phase 1 Projects, supporting timely decision-making and programme delivery.

Bilateral engagements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagement for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Engage collaboratively with Phase 1 Offshore Developers through	Phase 1 Offshore Developer engagement:	Phase 1 Offshore Developer engagement:

planned project communication channels	In 2027, engagement will include: • Monthly bilateral engagement meetings with developers. • Technical and contractual workshops. • Ongoing use of document management and information-sharing processes.	Through our engagements, EirGrid aims to strengthen stakeholder relationships while supporting the delivery of Phase 1 projects. We also aim to improve the visibility of project risks, requirements and interfaces, while ensuring continued alignment between developer programmes and EirGrid offshore readiness activities.
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Phase two

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Survey the Tonn Nua area as outlined in the DCEE SC-DMAP as well as cable corridors and potential landing points	Marine survey works: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with local communities and marine stakeholders on planned survey works to update them on project developments, dates and any changes. Engagement will also include the Seafood Working group as well as local authorities and coastal planning authorities.	Marine survey works: Through regular engagement with key community and marine stakeholders, EirGrid aims to ensure all those who may be impacted by the marine surveys are kept up to date with the latest developments and have the opportunity to ask questions as well as raise any concerns.
Survey the Tonn Nua onshore emerging areas of interest for cable corridors and grid connection infrastructure	Public and landowner engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with local communities and landowners on planned survey works to update them on project developments, dates and any changes. Engagement will include the establishment of the Community Forum, as well as local authorities.	Public and landowner engagement: Through regular engagement with key community and local stakeholders, EirGrid aims to ensure all those who may be impacted by the onshore surveys are kept up to date with the latest developments and have the opportunity to ask questions as well as raise any concerns.

	<i>(Please see our chapter on public engagement for more information).</i>	
Developer engagement post ORESS Tonn Nua Offshore Wind Auction	ORESS Tonn Nua: In 2027, EirGrid will continue our collaborative engagements with the successful developer. There will be monthly progress meetings and other ad hoc engagements as required.	ORESS Tonn Nua: These engagements will allow for the exchange of relevant information (Schedule, Technical and other) with the successful developer, as well as support project alignment and progress.
ORESS Lí Ban (2.2) Offshore Wind Auction	ORESS Lí Ban (2.2): In 2027, EirGrid will engage with DCEE as well as key industry stakeholders to provide relevant technical information ahead of the auction. This will include the provision of a Grid Connection Information Pack as well as various industry workshops to support DCEE's auction process.	ORESS Lí Ban (2.2): Through these engagements, EirGrid plan to provide relevant information to developers and DCEE in advance of the auction process to enable informed participation in a successful auction process and outcomes in line CRU policy guidelines (CRU2024124).
Lí Ban Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)	Lí Ban MUL: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) in support of a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application for the Lí Ban project. The licence will be required to undertake Lí Ban's offshore site investigation survey activities, expected to commence in 2028 following a successful auction process. The MUL application process includes statutory public consultation requirements, such as the publication of notices and application documentation, together with a formal period during which stakeholders may make submissions to MARA.	Lí Ban MUL: Through the application process and associated stakeholder engagement activities, EirGrid aims to ensure that maritime users, local communities and other interested parties are informed of the proposed development and have an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process by providing feedback on the application.

Engage with local authorities and other statutory bodies	Engage with local authorities: In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with local authorities and other statutory bodies as and when required to support the offshore projects development process.	Engage with local authorities: Collaboration is vital for ensuring the smooth delivery of offshore infrastructure. As part of this focus, EirGrid will provide clear and timely updates to relevant agencies while adhering to all licencing requirements.
Attend Wind Energy Ireland trade events	Wind Energy Ireland trade events: EirGrid will attend Wind Energy Ireland trade events throughout 2027.	Wind Energy Ireland trade events: Wind Energy Ireland's trade events will allow us to share updates to the Irish energy industry on progress of the offshore projects, and to support our role in connecting electricity generation infrastructure. We will also be working with governmental and trade bodies to support Ireland's offshore ambitions.

Other offshore engagements

Business goals for 2027:	Planned engagements for 2027:	Planned outcomes:
Engage with ENTSO-E on offshore related matters	European engagement: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with ENTSO-E to coordinate offshore system development and ensure Irish priorities are represented in European planning. Specific aspects include ENTSO-E system development and offshore planning activities like the Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) and the Offshore Network Development Plan (ONDP).	European engagement: ENTSO-E engagement supports alignment between Irish offshore development needs and wider European frameworks and strengthens the quality and consistency of our planning assumptions.
Engage with Offshore TSO Collaboration (OTC)	Engage with Offshore TSO Collaboration: In 2027, EirGrid will engage with the OTC to coordinate regional offshore hybrid system development and ensure Irish priorities are represented in outputs.	Engage with Offshore TSO Collaboration: Collaborating with the OTC enables EirGrid to influence the development of coordinated offshore solutions and identify opportunities for cross-border hybrid infrastructure as well as the enabling mechanisms required to implement them like

		approaches to cost sharing and cost benefit allocation.
Engagement with Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN)	Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN) engagement: As part of our work with the Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN), we will engage via a range of webinars, the OCEaN Members Assembly, and the OCEaN annual Conference. This will include participation in OCEaN's Members' Assembly.	Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN) engagement: Through these engagements, we aim to increase our knowledge sharing with other TSOs and offshore maritime stakeholders to ensure EirGrid delivers a sustainable offshore grid network.
Propel Ireland engagements	Propel Ireland engagements: In 2026, Enterprise Ireland announced the launch of Propel Ireland, to support the development offshore wind. Propel Ireland will bring together developers, SMEs, researchers and Government stakeholders to strengthen collaboration across the offshore wind ecosystem and accelerate innovation. In 2027, EirGrid will continue to engage with key stakeholders across a number of Propel Ireland initiatives, including participating in events organised by Propel Ireland at key offshore events such as Seanergy in Nantes, Wind Europe in Copenhagen and Global Offshore Wind in London.	Propel Ireland engagements: Through these engagements, we aim to build a greater understanding within the Irish offshore supplier community on EirGrid's work and future procurement activity.
Continue to engage with DETE in relation to the Green Growth Strategy	Green Growth Strategy engagements: In 2027, EirGrid will work to support DETE's new Green Growth Strategy (in the process of being launched).	Green Growth Strategy engagements: Through these engagements, we aim to ensure that EirGrid's work and activity is supporting the Government's overall ambition to deliver enterprise activity from offshore.

For more information on our Phase 1 offshore stakeholder engagement please get in touch via [our contact page here](#) (Put 'Phase 1 Offshore' in the subject'. For information on Phase 2 offshore engagement, email southcoastoffshore@eirgrid.ie

Appendices: Planned consultations for 2027

Please note, all items are listed by audience and then by calendar year.

Q1 = January - March

Q2 = April - June

Q3 = July - September

Q4 = October - December

2027 Planned Consultations

Title:	Overview:	Expected:
All-Island Resource Adequacy Assessment 2028-2037 - Inputs and Assumptions	Consult on methodology, inputs and assumptions for AIRAA 2028-2037.	Q2 2027
Stakeholder Engagement 2028 Plan	Consultation of EirGrid's 2028 Stakeholder Engagement Planned activities in line with the CRU incentive.	Q4 2027
2026 Scheduling & Dispatch Audit Dates of Interest	Survey for the industry to identify any specific dates that could be considered by the auditors.	Q1 2027
Balancing Market Principles Statement (BMPS) Consultation	The BMPS undergoes consultation with stakeholders to ensure it remains up-to-date and relevant.	Q2 2027
Long Notice Adjustment Factor (LNAF) and System Imbalance Flattening Factor (SIFF) Consultation	LNAF and SIFF are parameters used in the scheduling and dispatch process to potentially prioritise units with shorter notification times (LNAF) or adjust commitment based on the System Shortfall Imbalance Index (SIFF). The parameters are zero but are subject to ongoing review and potential adjustment in the future.	Q2 2027
European Network Codes	The European Network Codes requires the TSO to consult on the specification of non-exhaustive and/or non-mandatory parameters.	To be confirmed - will be driven by the effective dates of the European Network Codes.
System Defence Plan	Update to the plan to be issued for consultation.	Q4 2027
Amendment to LCF BOA (Load Frequency Control Block Operational Agreement) and SAOA (Synchronous Area Operation Agreement)	- Consultation for Amendment to LFCBOA - Incorporate Celtic Interconnector ramping information into LFCBOA - Consultation for Amendment to SAOA - Update SAOA to make sure it is aligned with LFCBOA	Q1 2027
Tariffs - TLAFs, GTUoS, OSC etc consultation	• Transmission Loss Adjustment Factor Consultation (led by SONI) • Other System Charges Consultation (led by SONI) • Generator Transmission Use of System Charges (industry briefing for comment Q2-Q3 2027)	(See details in central column)

	- Demand Transmission Use of System Charges Consultation (CRU submission Q2-Q3 2027) - Generator Testing Charges (Q2-Q3 2027) <i>All standard timelines are subject to change at the regulator's request.</i>	
Consultation on Granular Guarantees of Origin	Consultation on the design of the Granular Guarantees of Origin.	TBC by DCEE
Transmission Development Plan (TDP) 2026-35	Industry consultation by CRU to obtain feedback from various external stakeholders on the draft content and information presented within the TDP.	Q1 2027
Ten-Year Transmission Forecast Statement (Consultation on content)	Consultation regarding power flow information.	Q2 /Q3 2027
Future Network Vision	Raise awareness of the need for new Grid capacity, the technologies that provide that capacity and how they work together, the need for a strategic approach to designing and delivering grid as we go about replenishing capacity across the grid.	Q1 2027
Tomorrow's Energy Scenarios	Identification of a range (typically 4) scenarios which will include a needs assessment	Q3 /Q4 2027
Multiple FASS consultations through FY27.	Consultations will include System Services Code (SEMC consultation) and Supplier, Gen and I/C Mods. (SEMC consultation).	Q1 2027
Multiple Strategic Markets Programme - BMR consultations throughout FY27	External consultations may be required for DCU, demand response and other BMR deliverables.	Q2 2027
TSO Proposed Definitions of Curtailment, Constraint and Energy Balancing	EirGrid may need to re-consult on TSO Proposed Definitions of Curtailment, Constraint and Energy Balancing (previously consulted on in SEM-24-044). No decision made on SEM-024-044 and decision required on SEM-24-044 or new consultation paper prior to implementing Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables (NPDR)	Q3-Q4 2027
Annual Performance Report (APR)	Consultation on the APR Report which provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027
Investment, Planning & Delivery Report (IPD)	Provides stakeholders with overview of infrastructure development and delivery progress across transmission projects.	Q3 2027
2026 Annual Performance Report (APR) / Investment, Planning & Delivery Report (IPD)	Stakeholder consultation relating to EirGrid's Annual Performance Report and Investment, Planning & Delivery Report, providing stakeholders with an opportunity to review performance, delivery and infrastructure investment reporting and provide feedback.	Q3 2027
CP1598 (Steelstown to Carrickmines Circuit)	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation,	Q2 2027

	development and maintenance of project update to GW3	
CP1598 Steelstown to Carrickmines Circuit	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027
CP1595 Public Consultation	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q1 2027
CP1596 Public Consultation	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
CP1598 Public Consultation	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027
CP1420 North Wicklow Reinforcement	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
1172 Crane - Wexford 110 kV Circuit Thermal Capacity	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
1114 Platin and Connected Stations 110 kV Protection Upgrade	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
0841 Arva - Carrick-on-Shannon 110 kV line uprate	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
1115 Drybridge and Connected Stations 110 kV Protection Upgrade	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
1004 Killionan - Limerick #1 110kV OHL Uprate	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
1247 New Ballyvouskill 220-110 kV Transformer	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q2 2027
CP1196 Arklow Ballybeg - Carrickmines 110kV Capacity Needs	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q1 2027
CP1235 Louth - Woodland 220 kV Uprate	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027
CP1191 Cashla-Galway 110 kV cct 1 Uprating	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027

CP1275 Cashla-Galway 110 kV cct 2 Upgrading	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027
CP1276 Cashla-Galway 110 kV cct 3 Upgrading	Provides customers, industry and stakeholders with clear and accessible reporting on operation, development and maintenance of the transmission system for the year.	Q3 2027