



WEBINAR

“Enterprise financing and investment in Ireland – tackling the challenges of COVID-19, digitalization and climate change.”

Jointly hosted by the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI), Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and European Investment Bank (EIB), in partnership with Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick.

Master of Ceremonies: Stephen Kinsella, University of Limerick

Date: Monday 19th April, 13:30 – 16:00 GMT (14:30 – 17:00 CET)

AGENDA

Opening Remarks (13:30 – 13:40)

- Gabriel Makhoul, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland
- Christian Kettel Thomsen, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Keynote Address (13:40 – 14:00)

- Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Finance

Research Presentations (14:05 – 14:55)

- Debora Revoltella and Peter McGoldrick, European Investment Bank
- Martina Lawless, Economic & Social Research Institute

Panel Discussion (15:00 – 15:50)

- Moderation: Marguerite McMahon, non-executive board member, SBCI
- Panelists:
 - Damien English TD, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail
 - Declan Costello, Deputy Director-General, DG ECFIN, European Commission
 - Danny McCoy, CEO, IBEC
 - Cormac Murphy, Head of the EIB Group Office for Ireland
 - Douglas Sutherland, Deputy Head of Economics Division, OECD

Closing remarks (15:50-16:00)

- Sharon Donnery, Deputy Governor for Central Banking, Central Bank of Ireland



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Gabriel Makhlouf

Gabriel Makhlouf is Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland. He chairs the Central Bank Commission, is a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank, a member of the European Systemic Risk Board, and is Ireland's Alternate Governor at the International Monetary Fund.



Christian Kettel Thomsen

Christian Kettel Thomsen has recently been appointed Vice-President and member of the Management Committee of EIB, the governing body that oversees the day-to-day running of the Bank, prepares decisions for Directors and ensures that these are implemented.



Paschal Donohue

Paschal Donohue has been the Minister for Finance in Ireland since June 2017. He was elected President of the Eurogroup in July 2020. From May 2016 - June 2020, he served as the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and from July 2014 - May 2016, as the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.



Debora Revoltella

Debora is Chief Economist and the director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank, and has held this position since April 2011. The department provides impact-driven economic analysis to support operations, the global positioning as well as the policy and strategy definition of the bank.



Peter McGoldrick

Peter is Senior Economist in the Policy and Strategy Division of the EIB's Economics Department. In this role his interests range from the Greek and Irish economies; over infrastructure, notably investment by local government; as well as EU policy.



Martina Lawless

Dr Martina Lawless is a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). Her research has focused primarily on firm-level dynamics and decision making, covering a range of topics such as access to finance for small and medium firms, effects of taxation and participation in exporting.





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Marguerite McMahon

Marguerite McMahon is a non executive Board member of the SBCI and SME wholesale finance (Funding London) London. More than half her professional career of plus 30 years at the European Investment Bank concerned different aspects of lending to SMEs.



Damien English TD

Damien English TD is the Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, having been appointed on July 2nd, 2020. He previously served as Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government from May 2016 to June 2020. He was first appointed as Minister of State at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Education and Skills in July 2014.



Declan Costello

In August 2019, Declan Costello was nominated Deputy Director General in DG ECFIN. From May 2014, he has been the European Commission's Mission Chief for Greece. From 2012 to 2014, he was acting Director for Resources and Communication in DG ECFIN.



Danny McCoy

Danny is CEO of Ibec since 2009. He is President of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Engineers, Board member of MaREI and member of the Export Trade Council, Executive Bureau of Business Europe, SME Forum and Government's Balance for Better Business Group.



Cormac Murphy

Cormac Murphy was appointed in early 2017 as the Head of the EIB Group Office for Ireland. In this role he is responsible for enhancing EIB's engagement with national stakeholders while coordinating the efforts to broaden and expand the impact of EIB financing across the country. He joined the EIB in 1994 from EDC, the national export credit agency of Canada, where he was responsible for project financing in Latin America.



Douglas Sutherland

Douglas Sutherland is a Deputy Head of Division and Head of Desk for Japan and Ireland in the OECD's Economics Department. His main responsibility is the economic surveillance of these countries, including preparing regular projections and writing their biannual OECD Economic Surveys.



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Sharon Donnery

Sharon was appointed Deputy Governor, Central Banking on 1 March 2016. She is an ex officio member of the Central Bank Commission and the Governor's Alternate on the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB). Sharon is responsible for leading the financial stability; economics and statistics and financial operations directorates of the Central Bank. She is also the Chair of the ECB Budget Committee (BuCom) having been appointed by the ECB Governing Council in December 2016.



Stephen Kinsella

Stephen is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Limerick, Ireland, Senior Fellow at the Melbourne School of Government, University of Melbourne, Australia, and Research Associate at the Rhodes Centre for International Finance at Brown University. He is Chief Economics Writer for The Currency.news, and was for 4 years a columnist with the Sunday Business Post