

Committees & Working Groups

Q1 2026

*Working Groups are created
and retired throughout the
year based on industry need.*













Committees

On Committees, you can learn from peers, share your expertise, network and keep your finger on the pulse of what is happening in the sector.

We have **11 specialised Committees** where we connect member company representatives and our analysts **to tackle key sector issues and stay informed on the latest challenges and opportunities.**

Committees meet regularly to **share insights, develop action plans and form working groups** to address urgent topics in their area.

WEI strategy, defined by Council, informs committee mandates.

Cross-Cutting		Onshore Wind	
Community Engagement		Onshore Planning	
Health & Safety		Markets	
Asset Management		Onshore Grid	<i>TBD</i>
Energy Transition		Offshore Wind	
		Offshore Strategy	
		Offshore Consenting	
		Offshore Grid	
		Floating	

Committees and Chairing Organisations

[Read Committee descriptions here](#)

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Working Groups

A working group is smaller group of professionals set up by Committees to address urgent issues that require more in-depth attention.

This is great opportunity for members to network, improve their knowledge and influence strategic issues.

Delivering Wind Power at Scale							
Committee	Working Group	Chair	WEI Rep	Committee	Working Group	Chair	WEI Rep
Onshore Planning WEI: John W Chair: Brian Keville Vice: Caroline Donnelly	Onshore Environment	Carmel Brennan	Éabhin	Markets WEI: Caoimhe Chair: Andrew Burke Vice: TBC	Onshore RtM	Kate Garth	Caoimhe
	Planning Policy & Legislation	Crystal Leiker	John		Energy Market Implementation	Andrew Burke	TBC
	Repowering	Caroline Donnelly	John		Future Services	William Carr	Pat
	Noise	Jacinta Conway	John		EU Energy Policy	TBC	TBC
Offshore Consenting WEI: John W Chair: Tina Raleigh Vice: Caroline Roche	Offshore Environment	Caroline Roche	Éabhin	Offshore Strategy WEI: Caoimhe Chair: Peter Lefroy Vice: James O'Hara	Offshore RtM	TBC	Caoimhe
	Phase 1 RFIs (Temp)	Richard Church	John		Future Framework	Patricia Comiskey	Caoimhe
	National DMAP (Temp)	Karen O'Reilly	John		Supply Chain	Paul Doherty	Caoimhe
Onshore Grid WEI: Marcos Chair: TBC Vice: John McDonagh	Grid Capacity	Laura Mehigan	Marcos	Floating Wind WEI: Caoimhe Chair: Val Cummins Vice: Patricia Comiskey			
	Connection Policy	Donal Smith	Marcos		Asset Management WEI: Eva Chair: Joe Dalton Vice: David Dunne	Cybersecurity (Temp)	John Gartland
	Connection Delivery	Joe Colleran	Marcos	Lifetime Extension (Temp)		Alan Edwards	Eva
	Hybrids	Kate Garth	Pat				
Offshore Grid WEI: Marcos Chair: John McGuckin Vice: Jeffrey Godsell	Phase 1 Grid	Rory Mullan	Marcos	Dispatch Down WG (*requires extra subscription to access)		OEM Working Group (*limited access group)	
	Phase 2 Grid	John McGuckin	Marcos	Read Committee and Working Group descriptions at https://windenergyireland.com/policy/committees To join a Wind Energy Ireland Committee please contact membership@windenergyireland.com . To join a Working Group, please contact the WEI Rep			
	Offshore Networks	Jack Counihan	Marcos				
Health & Safety WEI: Eva Chair: Allie Byrne Vice: Miriam Kavanagh	Emergency Response	Kieran O'Regan	Eva				
	Construction Safety	Brendan Heneghan	Eva				
	Phase 1 HSE Subgroup	Deirdre McKeon	Eva				

Growing Clean Energy Demand			
Committee	Working Group	Chair	WEI Rep
Energy Transition WEI: Dave Chair: Bernice Doyle Vice: Caitriona Sheridan	Green Fuels	Philip Connolly	Brenn
	System Costs	Peter Harte	Bobby
	Clean Energy Demand	TBC	Marcos
	DESS Study (Temp)	Bernice Doyle	Brenn
	Strategic Network (Temp)	TBC	Marcos
Energy Storage Ireland			
Ireland Electrified			
Telling Ireland's Clean Energy Story			
Committee	Working Group	Chair	WEI Rep
Community Engagement WEI: Justin Chair: Emma Kerins Vice: Rosy Billingham	Community Benefit	Vicky Boden	Eva
	Onshore Comms & Engagement	Anne Walsh	Yvonne
	Fishing	Paul Kelly	Justin
	Offshore Comms & Engagement	TBC	Justin
Public Affairs Network			

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Community Engagement Committee

The Community Engagement Committee usually meets at least once every two months to discuss and respond to policy updates relevant to the industry, develop shared resources on how to more effectively engage communities in places we're seeking to develop wind projects and hear from subject matter experts on issues relevant to the brief.

The main benefits of being on the Community Engagement Committee are the ability to share knowledge on how to effectively consult with local communities, exchange ideas on effective communication, and have opportunities to network with like-minded peers.

Some of our members include Stakeholder

Engagement Managers, Community Liaison Officers, and communications and external affairs specialists, primarily representing renewables energy developers working across onshore and offshore wind.

Join us if you want to be involved in advancing our efforts to better engage with communities as we seek to deliver Ireland's national climate targets.

This Committee looks at how we can improve our communications tactics in working with communities, manage our reputation as responsible developers, and promote the importance of wind energy to local communities and society at large.



Emma Kerins
Chair of the Community Engagement
Head of Corporate Affairs
(Ireland/Northern Ireland), SSE
Renewables

Community Engagement Working Groups

Community Engagement –Offshore Communications and Engagement Working Group

These working groups are primarily aimed at coordinating project-level communications and engagement for offshore projects while advising WEI on industry-level communications priorities and key messages.

Community Engagement – Fishing Working Group

These groups are also for members actively engaging with members of the fishing community or with an interest in policy in that area to identify best practice and to coordinate industry-level engagement with the seafood sector.

Community Engagement – Onshore Communications and Engagement Working Group

This working group provides a regular forum for professionals involved in onshore stakeholder and community engagement to connect, share information, explore best practices, and discuss key topics related to onshore wind.

Community Engagement – Community Benefit Working Group

This working group is focused on policy related to community benefit funds and on sharing knowledge and lessons learned.

Health & Safety Committee

The aim of the Health & Safety Committee is to protect people, maintain and develop stakeholder relationships, and ensure access to all relevant information and policy development processes.

The committee will look to secure the safety of the industry through the benchmarking of international practices, knowledge sharing and the dissemination of information to the whole industry, beyond our membership base.
Peer support - WEI strives to provide fora which allow industry peers an opportunity to openly seek opinion, guidance, information and support.

Allie Byrne
Chair of Health & Safety Committee
Senior HSS Advisor, Statkraft



Health & Safety Working Groups

Health & Safety – Emergency Response Working Group

This working group focuses on knowledge sharing and developing initiatives for improving emergency response drills and procedures.

Health & Safety – Construction Safety Working Group

This working group focuses on knowledge sharing and developing initiatives for improving safety awareness on construction sites and provides occasional opportunities to attend construction site visits hosted by WEI members.

Health & Safety – Phase 1 HSE Subgroup

This working group will address health and safety challenges affecting the development of the Phase 1 projects. It will monitor and analyse the policy and regulatory environment and engage with external stakeholders to communicate industry perspectives and help develop solutions.

Asset Management Committee

The Asset Management Committee meets once a quarter to discuss, debate and progress key matters relating to Asset Management of wind farms.

Key asset management activities currently include development of standards for cyber security management, identifying matters of concern for maintenance and integrity of turbines, including obsolescence, considerations on life extension to assets and cross-pollination of ideas between organisations for the betterment of all.

We regularly receive updates from other committees and provide feed-back areas for consideration to them. Working Groups meet at different intervals to progress live workstreams that are progressed during the year.

The committee provides a valuable forum for knowledge-sharing on wind farm technical

operations issues in Ireland and internationally.

The main benefits of being on the Asset Management Committee include meeting with a diverse and expert group of people with similar concerns and ideas and the potential to shape the industry going forward.

Some of our members include asset managers, consultants, wind specialists, and turbine OEM representatives at all the large utilities and owner/operators in the country, and asset management company representatives who manage our sites.

Join us if you want to contribute to the future of asset management of wind farms in Ireland.



Joe Dalton
Chair of the Asset Management Committee
Director, Asset Management
NTR plc

Asset Management Working Groups

Asset Management – Cybersecurity Working Group *(Temporary)*

This working group focuses on issues relating to cyber security across the renewables industry in Ireland, in particular matters pertaining to the NIS2 Directive.

Asset Management – Lifetime Extension *(Temporary)*

This working group focuses on addressing challenges and opportunities related to turbine lifetime extension, including supporting policy and regulatory frameworks and coordinating industry approaches to obsolescence, spare parts, repairs, and best practices for operating beyond design life.

Dispatch Down*

Dispatch Down Working Group

This working group is led by Peter Lynn from Mullan Grid. The group meets each month and bespoke analysis is presented on the latest dispatch down figures. The working group is also a forum for asset managers to share insights and discuss solutions to one of the greatest challenges facing the industry.

Please note, this Working Group requires an extra subscription to access.

Energy Transition Committee

If you are interested in getting out of the weeds of the here and now and figuring out how to go beyond our 80% renewable target in 2030 to a net zero power system soon after then this is the committee for you.

The Energy Transition Committee is the channel for WEI members looking to progress the big-picture of how to get Ireland to a net zero power system.

We draw together the issues and experience of members from across the organisation and we cover subjects not just directly in relation to wind but also supporting technologies that will be required to get to a net zero power system and the end cost to consumers.

Our membership covers a wide range of backgrounds and skills including technical/engineering, policy, energy modelling and trading.

The committee meets every 2 months and has several active working groups that meet regularly. Active and engaged new members are always welcome!



Bernice Doyle
Chair of the Net Zero Committee
Technical Adviser,
Net Zero Energy Ltd.



Energy Transition Working Groups

Energy Transition – Strategic Network Working Group (temporary)

This working group focuses on the long term needs for grid infrastructure, with the main focus of 2026 being engaging with EirGrid on their Strategic Network Plan, and responding to the consultation.

Energy Transition – Clean Energy Demand

This working group has its core focus on Green Energy Parks, Renewable Hubs, and Large Energy Users. The main focus for 2026 will be developing a position on Green Energy Parks and seeking updates from ESBN and EirGrid on Renewable Hub.

Energy Transition – Green Fuels Working Group

This working group brings together some of the first-movers on green fuels projects in Ireland. The group is currently focused on engaging with the Hydrogen Taskforce.

Energy Transition – DESS Study Working Group (temporary)

This working group focuses on engaging with SEAI on their Decarbonised Electricity System Study and responding to the relevant consultations.

Energy Transition – System Costs

-This working group focuses on the overall breakdown of cost within the electricity system and the end cost to consumers including potential reforms of network tariffs, imperfections costs, capacity charges etc.

Markets Committee

The Markets Committee meets monthly to ensure Wind Energy Ireland members are fully informed of current and upcoming market developments, how these will impact their businesses, and what actions they should take to prepare.

The Committee plays an active role in shaping market design, advocating for outcomes that support members' commercial interests while identifying and mitigating risks arising from regulatory or structural changes (e.g. RESS T&Cs).

Our members span professionals involved in auction bidding, power trading, route-to market strategy, and regulatory engagement across wind energy developers of all sizes.

By participating, members gain:

- Early insight into market and regulatory policy developments in I-SEM and Europe
- A platform to influence how electricity markets evolve
- Opportunities to share experience and align on industry positions

If you are focused on securing routes to market for new projects, maximising revenue from existing assets, and staying ahead of market change, the Markets Committee provides the insight and influence you need.



Andrew Burke
Chair of the Markets Committee
Head of Trading, Enerco Energy



Markets Working Groups

Markets – Onshore Route to Market Working Group

This working group focuses on policy related to routes to market for wind energy, including the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) and Corporate Purchase Power Agreements (CPPAs).

Markets – Energy Market Implementation Working Group

This working group focuses on tracking electricity market developments, including engagement with EirGrid's Future Power Markets forum and its various programmes such as Scheduling and Dispatch.

Markets – Future Services Working Group

This working group is focused on developing the appropriate markets for procurement of system services to further integrate more renewable energy.

Markets – EU Energy Policy Working Group

This working group discusses EU energy policy developments and their potential implications for the energy transition in Ireland.

Onshore Planning Committee

The Onshore Planning Committee meets once a month to discuss the latest policy developments, industry consultations, planning decisions and legal cases relevant to the onshore wind industry in Ireland.

Our key discussion topics include collective responses to open consultations, government policy, legislative updates and key stakeholder engagement.

The main benefits of being on the Planning Committee are the ability to keep up to date with the wide range of issues affecting planning applications for wind energy developments and the opportunity to collaborate with a range of industry experts.

Some of our members include consenting, environmental,

ecological and legal representatives from organisations such as developers, consultants, and legal firms.

Join us if you want to work collectively with a committed group of professionals seeking to deliver our national climate and renewable energy targets.



Brian Keville
Chair of Onshore Planning
Committee
Managing Director, MKO



Onshore Planning Working Groups

Onshore Planning – Onshore Environment Working Group

This working group brings developers, consultants, asset managers and other industry experts together to discuss environmental policy and best practices for onshore wind, develop and promote industry positions, and to coordinate industry-level stakeholder engagement.

Onshore Planning – Planning Policy and Legislation Working Group

This working group is focused on the implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024 and the revised Renewable Energy Directive and will lead on the submission to the updated WEDGs, the Regional Renewable Energy Strategies and the Renewable Acceleration Areas once they are published for consultation.

Onshore Planning – Wind Turbine Noise Working Group *(temporary)*

This working group is focused on identifying and responding to emerging trends, research, policies, legal cases and risks associated with wind turbine noise.

Onshore Planning – Repowering Working Group

The goal of this working group is to develop updated policy positions and evidence building research along with the preparation of a Repowering Action Plan to support repowering policy for onshore wind.

Onshore Grid Committee

The Onshore Grid Committee meets monthly via MS Teams, the Committee focuses on electricity grid policies relevant to the delivery and operation of renewable connections in Ireland.

The work of this Committee encompasses a range of issues that are managed by the Grid working groups, such as the connection offer policy, the delivery of grid connections, the development of the transmission system, operational requirements and the development of hybrid connection policy.

The main benefits of being on the Onshore Grid Committee is the opportunity to work with experienced subject matter experts to resolve common industry issues and work collaboratively to remove regulatory and process

barriers that are preventing optimal and timely grid delivery.

The committee members include grid experts from renewable development companies, asset owners, consultancies, contractors, turbine manufacturers and energy associations.

Join us if you want to understand the challenges and work together on the solutions to ensure sufficient renewable projects are connected and supported by a robust electricity system to allow us to meet our ambitious renewable energy targets!

Onshore Grid Working Groups

Onshore Grid – Connection Delivery Working Group

This working group focuses on identifying and developing solutions for barriers to delivery of grid connections for renewables.

Onshore Grid – Connection Policy Working Group

This working group focuses on the Electricity Connection Policy in Ireland, and further improving and streamlining the process for renewable connections.

Onshore Grid – Grid Capacity Working Group

This working group is focussed on improving grid capacity for renewables, covering areas such as Firm Access, Renewable Hubs, and private wires.

Onshore Grid – Hybrids Working Group

This joint working group with ESI develops positions and consultation responses aimed at removing the barriers that currently effect hybrid project deployment.

Offshore Strategy Committee

The Offshore Strategy Committee meets once a month to discuss the latest policy development and key overarching issues facing the offshore wind industry in Ireland.

Our key discussion topics include route to market for Irish offshore wind projects, supply chain activities from a domestic and international perspective, the long-term planning for offshore wind and building confidence, and stakeholder engagement, particularly between the ORE industry and the Government-led Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce, and the Taoiseach's Offshore Wind Energy Clearing House, which deals to removing barriers to project delivery.

The main benefits of being on the Offshore Strategy Committee are the ability to keep up to date with the latest offshore wind developments in the Irish market,

tying in with wider offshore committees focused on consenting, grid and floating wind.

Some of our members include project and bid managers, consenting, grid and market specialists from organisations such as ORE developers, OEMs, supply chain companies, ports, consultants and legal firms.

Join us if you want to be part of the discussions and solutions to address key challenges facing the offshore wind industry in Ireland.



Peter Lefroy
Chair of Offshore Strategy
Committee
**Head of Offshore Development,
Ireland & UK West, RWE**

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Offshore Strategy Working Groups

Offshore Strategy – Supply Chain Working Group

This group focuses on activities which support ongoing policy development and key initiatives related to industrialisation, procurement and contracting for offshore wind and supply chain and port readiness.

Offshore Strategy – Offshore Route to Market Working Group

This group supports policy development and arrangements regarding future route to market and auction design mechanisms to ensure appropriate and workable design which will provide confidence to industry and investors.

Offshore Strategy – Future Framework Working Group

This group is focused on the coordination of the different policy elements which sit under the DCEE Future Framework policy, drawing in expertise from across relevant WEI committees and WGs to deliver key actions to support the long-term planning for offshore wind development, and act as the lead liaison point with DCEE and other key external stakeholders.

Offshore Consenting Committee

The Offshore Consenting Committee meets once every two months to discuss the key issues facing Ireland in relation to the consents required to achieve Ireland's offshore wind targets.

Our key discussion topics include offshore planning, consents, licensing, and any other activities relating to offshore consents.

The main benefits of being on the Offshore Consenting Committee are discussing barriers that are in place in achieving consents and

proposing actions to overcome these barriers.

Some of our members include consenting, environmental, and legal representatives from organisations such as developers, consultants, and legal firms.

Join us if you want to be at the forefront of consenting offshore wind farms in Ireland. Be part of the solution to our climate crisis!



Tina Raleigh
Chair of the Offshore
Consenting Committee
Head of Offshore Wind,
Statkraft Ireland

Offshore Consenting Working Groups

Offshore Consenting – Offshore Environment Working Group

This working group brings developers, consultants, asset managers and other industry experts together to discuss environmental policy and best practices for offshore wind, develop and promote industry positions, and to coordinate industry-level stakeholder engagement.

Offshore Consenting – Phase 1 RFIs *(Temporary)*

This working group will coordinate the Phase 1 RFIs by comparing common themes, identifying lists of key stakeholders ACP have requested engagement with and tracking blockages.

Offshore Consenting – National DMAP *(Temporary)*

This working group support the timely and effective delivery of the National Designated Maritime Area Plan, lead on engagement with DCEE to address key issues and ultimately prepare agreed WEI Position(s) in anticipation of DMAP consultation in early 2027.

Offshore Grid Committee

The Offshore Grid Committee meets once a quarter and its working groups that support the Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects often meet once a week.

Connecting the first large scale offshore windfarms in Ireland requires the development of many new technical, commercial and legal agreements and processes.

The committee and working groups include engineers and regulation and legal experts working closely together.

The offshore grid committee also engages closely with EirGrid and the CRU.

Join us if you want to be involved in developing the grid connections for the largest renewable projects that will be connected in Ireland.



John McGuckin
Chair of Offshore Grid Committee
**Senior Grid Consultant,
ESB**

Offshore Grid Working Groups

Offshore Grid – Phase 1 Grid Working Group

This working group is focused on the grid aspects of the six phase 1 offshore wind projects.

Offshore Grid – Phase 2 Grid Working Group

This working group is focussed on developing policy around grid infrastructure for phase 2 offshore wind projects, including the Tonn Nua site.

Floating Offshore Wind Committee

The Floating Committee meets bi-monthly to discuss how to influence the strategic direction of floating offshore wind in Ireland, pool knowledge from the members, and produce plans and key messaging to influence policy.

The main benefits of being on the Floating Committee are the sharing of insights and the co-design of collective actions.

Some of our members include project directors, port managers, financial advisors, legal advisors and consultants.

Join us if you want to take part in getting this exciting and nascent sector off the ground in Ireland. Ireland's floating resource is massive, and it is time for action to unlock this potential.



Val Cummins
Chair of the FLOW Committee
Chief Impact Officer,
Simply Blue Group