

**Policy Forum for Ireland Keynote Seminar: Responding to Brexit -
business opportunities, trade priorities and the future of the Irish border**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th February 2018

Venue: The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Terry Leyden, Vice Chairman, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Responding to Brexit - the priorities for policy**
Michael D'Arcy TD, Minister of State, Department of Finance and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.30 **Brexit - the negotiation process so far and what happens next?** (*Pre-recorded presentation*)
Mairead McGuinness MEP, Vice-President, European Parliament
- 9.30 - 9.45 **Lessons in EU border management**
Anne Törnqvist, Director, Customs Clearance Process, Swedish Customs
- 9.45 - 10.45 **Addressing the challenges of Brexit: UK-Ireland trade, uncertainty and the border question**
Owen Reidy, Assistant General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Simon McKeever, Chief Executive, Irish Exporters Association
John McGrane, Director General, British Irish Chamber of Commerce
Miriam Ryan, Head of Strategy, daa
Dan O'Brien, Chief Economist, Institute of International and European Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor with **Anne Törnqvist**, Director, Customs Clearance Process, Swedish Customs
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Terry Leyden, Vice Chairman, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Neale Richmond, Member, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 11.25 - 11.55 **Preparing for Brexit**
Anne Lanigan, Brexit Manager, Enterprise Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.55 **Seizing the opportunities of Brexit: attracting UK businesses, positioning Ireland as the gateway to the EU and next steps for policy**
Fergal O'Brien, Director of Policy and Public Affairs and Chief Economist, Ibec
Kieran Donoghue, Divisional Manager, International Financial Services, IDA Ireland
Pádraig Cronin, Vice Chairman & Partner - Tax Services, Deloitte
Eoghan O'Mara Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, ITIC
Aidan Gough, Strategy and Policy Director, InterTradeIreland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senator Neale Richmond, Member, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, Houses of the Oireachtas
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Ireland