

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

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

*Venue: Central Dublin*

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- 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 - 9.15 **Brexit - the negotiation process so far and what happens next?** *(Pre-recorded presentation)*  
**Mairead McGuinness MEP**, Vice-President, European Parliament
- 9.15 - 9.30 **Lessons in EU border management**  
**Anne Törnqvist**, Director, Customs Clearance Process, Swedish Customs
- 9.30 - 10.30 **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  
**Niall MacCarthy**, Group Brexit Lead, daa and Managing Director, Cork Airport  
**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
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Senator Terry Leyden**, Vice Chairman, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs,  
Houses of the Oireachtas
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Senator Neale Richmond**, Member, Joint Committee on European Union Affairs,  
Houses of the Oireachtas
- 11.10 - 11.40 **Preparing for Brexit**  
**Anne Lanigan**, Brexit Manager, Enterprise Ireland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.40 **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
- 12.40 - 12.55 **Responding to Brexit - the priorities for policy**  
**Pat Breen TD**, Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and  
Data Protection (subject to Dáil commitments)
- 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  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland

