



Ibec Infrastructure Unit

**Working on behalf
of our members to
ensure effective
policy making**

The Voice of Business

Ibec's Infrastructure Unit is the national voice of business in the following policy areas:

- all-island and EU electricity market reform
- regulated energy and water utilities
- industrial cost competitiveness
- climate change policy
- financing of renewables and energy efficiency
- environmental licensing and enforcement
- resource efficiency and sustainability
- water and wastewater services
- land, marine and aviation transport
- spatial planning for infrastructure
- occupational health & safety

Key to this advocacy role is our active engagement with members across a diverse range of industry sectors. The purpose of this document is to explain briefly how we go about it. If you want to learn more, or to be more closely involved, please feel free to contact one of the team.



Energy and Climate Policy

A competitive business environment is dependent upon secure, affordable, sustainable and transparently-priced sources of energy supply. Ibec's Energy Policy Committee represents a broad cross section of Irish enterprises – indigenous and multinational – that are affected by energy policy, regulation or legislation at national, EU and international level.

European Union legislative developments will dramatically alter the energy landscape and impose stringent climate and energy targets. The Committee provides a forum to discuss policy and regulatory proposals, and works to ensure that the national response to our EU mandated obligations is balanced with a competitive business environment. We help members to network, share information and find common policy approaches to energy and climate policy. In turn, we represent the views of our member to policy makers, government and regulators.

Four Working Groups report into the Energy Policy Committee, covering climate policy, energy efficiency, energy providers and large energy users. In addition, a special Taskforce is tracking the development of the European Commission's Energy Union initiative and will assess the impact of the legislative proposal on Irish business.



Environment Policy

Many of Ibec's members are subject to environmental regulation by the EPA and/or by local authorities. A significant number of them are also intensive users of environmental services such as water, wastewater treatment and waste management. Conversely, some members are in the business of providing environmental services or specialist advice.

Much of our environmental policy work is driven by the needs of these members to comply with European regulations or Directives. Supported by specialist working groups, our Environment Policy Committee promotes the achievement of environmental objectives in a manner that supports the resilience and competitiveness of Irish business. In doing so, we regularly engage with policymakers and regulators at local, national and European level as appropriate.



Transport Policy

Ibec covers the entire spectrum of the transport sector. We aim to deliver policy wins for businesses operating in the road freight, aviation, maritime and public transport sectors, as well as for their customers. Agreed positions are formulated through Ibec's Transport Council, which represents both users and providers of travel and transport infrastructure.

The Council's mandate is to promote timely development of national transport systems to support competitiveness, economic growth and an enhanced quality of life. To this end, we interact regularly with policy makers in government departments, state authorities, the European Commission and with regulators. Where appropriate, we invite influential policymakers to speak at our Transport Council meetings, giving members the opportunity to exchange views on the future provision and regulation of transport infrastructure and services in Ireland.



Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

Ibec's OHS Policy Committee represents employers at a national and international level on all matters relating to occupational health and safety legislation. Much of the Committee's work is concerned with promoting fairness, efficiency and consistency in regulatory enforcement.

At a national level, we work closely with the Health and Safety Authority as well as the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation and other state agencies. We aim to encourage the provision of a safe working environment for member companies while ensuring that the regulatory and administrative burden is kept at a manageable level.

The European Union continues to be the most significant source of new occupational health and safety legislation in Ireland. We therefore engage with EU institutions and co-operate with other business representative organisations to influence the legislative process. The Committee also provides input to OHS-related initiatives of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and of the United Nations.



Ibec proudly supports EPA's Green Business initiative

Green Business is a resource efficiency advisory service for Irish business, operating under the National Waste Prevention Programme. Over the past few years, Ibec's Green Business Executive has helped numerous Irish businesses to save money while benefitting the environment.

Assistance is available in several forms. For example, we organise regular half-day regional seminars on energy, waste management and water topics detailing practical ways that businesses can save money and improve efficiencies in their business practices. Companies can also apply for free onsite Resource Efficiency Assessments by environmental consultants. The Green Business website contains a repository with a wide range of sector specific guidance documents in the area of resource efficiency and environmental management. Additionally, it contains case studies highlighting efficiency achievements by some of Ireland's leading companies. <http://greenbusiness.ie>



Ibec Environment Awards

The Ibec Environment Awards, held every two years, provide an excellent opportunity to showcase environmental achievements undertaken by your organisation. The following competition categories are open to all businesses and are free to enter.

- Management award: for commitment to environmental management systems
- Product and services award: for the development or implementation of a new product or service that is environmentally efficient.
- Process award: for the development or implementation of production solutions that make an outstanding contribution to sustainable development
- International business cooperation award: business relationship involving at least one private entity from the European Union, and another from the private, public, non-governmental or academic sector in a developing or emerging country

The winners and runners-up in these four categories also have the option to represent Ireland at the European Business Awards for the Environment, run by the European Commission.



EHS Information Legislation Service

Ibec provides its members with the option of subscribing to a premium on-line Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Legislation Update Service. The service provides access to a continually-updated directory of Irish Environment, Irish Health & Safety and EU Environment legislation, including a short summary of the main implications of new and existing legislation of relevance to Irish business.

The material selected by each subscriber is accessible via a customised webpage that can be amended at any stage. Subscribers also receive regular email notifications of any EHS legislation that has recently been published.

For more information visit: http://www.ibec.ie/0/EHS_Legislation_Service

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