



Part 1: The research-for-policy ecosystem – system leaders' perspectives

Chaired by Dr Ciara Leonard, Head of Public Affairs and Advocacy, UCD

10.00am	Registration, coffee, networking
10.30am	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Triona McCormack, Vice-President for Strategy and External Engagement, UCD</i>
10.45am	Keynote presentation: Research-for-policy ecosystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor David Budtz Pedersen, Professor of Science Communication and Impact Studies, Aalborg University</i>
11.15am	Panel discussion: System leaders' perspectives on Ireland's research-for-policy ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Aoife McLysaght, Government Science Advisor (GSA)</i> • <i>Dr Peter Clifford, Head of Strategy, Research Ireland</i> • <i>Barry Vaughan, Principal Officer, Department of the Taoiseach</i> • <i>Professor David Budtz Pedersen, Professor of Science Communication and Impact Studies, Aalborg University</i>
12.10pm	Project presentation: Mapping Ireland's knowledge-brokering structures and supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Mark Boyle, Chair of Geography, Maynooth University</i> • <i>Dr John O'Connor, Senior Post-Doctoral Researcher, Maynooth University</i>
12.30pm	Lunch, networking

Part 2: Sectoral initiatives and multi-sectoral collaboration

Chaired by Seán Ó Foghlú, Senior Fellow in Public Policy, Maynooth University

1.30pm	5x5 spotlights: A snapshot of policy-engagement work across the sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Michelle Norris, Director, UCD Geary Institute</i> • <i>Sinéad Mullen, Senior Planner of Research, Training and Public Awareness, Office of the Planning Regulator</i> • <i>Teresa Maguire, Director of Research Strategy and Funding, Health Research Board</i> • <i>Dr Inez Bailey, CEO, Centre for Effective Services</i> • <i>Dr Claire Hickey, Head of Socio-Economic Research, Parliamentary Research Service</i>
2.00pm	Keynote presentation: Policy-engagement mechanisms and coordination in the HEI sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sarah Chaytor, Director of Research Strategy & Policy, UCL; Co-Chair, Universities Policy Engagement Network</i>
2.30pm	Fireside chat and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sarah Chaytor, Director of Research Strategy & Policy, UCL; Co-Chair, Universities Policy Engagement Network</i> • <i>Seán Ó Foghlú, Senior Fellow in Public Policy, Maynooth University</i>
3.10pm	Coffee, networking

Part 3: Joining the dots... building momentum for action

Chaired by Fiona O'Byrne, Assistant Secretary, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

3.30pm	Session introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fiona O'Byrne, Assistant Secretary, DFHERIS</i>
3.35pm	Ministerial address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>James Lawless, TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science</i>
3.45pm	Project presentation: European Commission Technical Support Instrument (TSI) on Evidence-Informed Policymaking for the Green and Digital Transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>David Mair, Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
3.55pm	Panel discussion: DFHERIS-led research-for-policy initiatives and an EU lens on national developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paul Morrin, Assistant Director General, Central Statistics Office</i> • <i>Professor Caroline McGregor, Director of the Institute for Lifecourse and Society, University of Galway</i> • <i>Gerry Clabby, Principal Advisor, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications</i> • <i>Dr Diarmuid O'Brien, CEO, Research Ireland</i> • <i>David Mair, Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
4.30pm	Reflections on the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mary Doyle Secretary for Policy and International Relations, Royal Irish Academy</i>
4.45pm	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Eeva Leinonen, President, Maynooth University</i>