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National Hydrogen Programme Taskforce
2 October 2025
Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Membership
Deputy Timmy Dooley	DCEE	Minister of State
Matt Collins	DCEE	Taskforce Chair
Charlie Brophy	DCEE	Taskforce Programme Director
Gearóid Fitzgerald	DCEE	Taskforce Programme Owner
Lisa Pearce	DCEE	Hydrogen Policy Unit
Philip Connolly	DCEE	Hydrogen Policy Unit
Tomás McNamara	DCEE	Hydrogen Policy Unit
Fergal McParland	DCEE	Observer
Maurice Carey	DCEE	Observer
Caoimhin Smith	DCEE	Observer
David Phelan	DCEE	Observer
Caoimhin O'Ciaruain	D/Transport	Taskforce Representative
Niamh Guihen	D/Transport	Observer
John Knox	D/Transport	Observer
Meadhbh Whelan	D/Transport	Observer

John Watters	DETE	Taskforce Representative
Sadhbh McHugh	DETE	Taskforce Representative
Bróna Olwill	D/Taoiseach	Taskforce Representative
Karen Kavanagh	CRU	Taskforce Representative
Rory Mee	CRU	Taskforce Representative
Brian Mullins	GNI	Taskforce Representative
Siobhan O'Halloran	GNI	Observer
Kerrie Sheehan	SEAI	Taskforce Representative
Anne Coulson	NSAI	Taskforce Representative
Roisin Nolan	MARA	Taskforce Representative
Keith Whiriskey	Enterprise Ireland	Observer
Kim Neary	NORA	Taskforce Representative
Des Phelan	HMI	Industry Engagement Subgroup
Susan Kinlan	Hydrogen Ireland	Industry Engagement Subgroup
Philip Connolly	WEI	Industry Engagement Subgroup
Niamh Callanan	Irving Oil	Industry Engagement Subgroup

Agenda Item 1 – Introduction from the Chair

- The Chair opened the meeting and gave a brief overview of the Taskforce, its structure, purpose, and how it builds upon work to date across the public sector in developing hydrogen policy.

- The Terms of Reference for the Taskforce were introduced and agreed.

Agenda Item 2 – Tour de Table of Taskforce Members

- Members of the Taskforce introduced themselves and their organisation.

Agenda Item 3 – Minister's Statement

- Minister Dooley outlined the potential for a hydrogen sector in Ireland, in addressing the challenges of security of supply and decarbonisation. Minister Dooley noted the ongoing work at EU level and highlighted the need for further collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Agenda Item 4 – Hydrogen Drivers, Market Overview & Hydrogen Strategy Background

- Presentation by DCEE officials providing an overview of hydrogen policies in Europe and the UK, and Ireland's National Hydrogen Strategy.

Agenda Item 5 – Overview of Taskforce Structure & Action Mapping

- Presentation by DCEE officials on the Taskforce structure and National Hydrogen Programme Implementation Plan.

Agenda Item 6 – Industry Engagement Subgroup - Presentation from Industry

- Presentation from the Industry Engagement Subgroup, outlining projects being developed in the private sector.

- Focused presentation from Irving Oil on potential industry demand for renewable hydrogen.

Agenda Item 7 – Working group updates & Status Reports Updates

- Update on progress made by the Taskforce working groups on the following key work strands:

    - Underground hydrogen storage regulation & legislation roadmap
    - Hydrogen export study
    - Hydrogen demonstration fund
    - GNI assessment of the natural gas network's ability to transport hydrogen and integrated systems planning
    - Hydrogen safety regulation roadmap
    - Transposition of the EU Hydrogen & Decarbonised Gas Market Package

- Review and discussion of the Implementation Plan's risk register and key items for progressing actions.

Agenda Item 8 – Meeting Conclusion & Actions

- The Chair closed the meeting, noting the following actions to be undertaken with the Taskforce's support/approval:

1. The National Hydrogen Programme Implementation Plan to be published on the gov.ie website.
2. An update on the progress of the working groups to be provided to the Taskforce ahead of the next meeting.
3. The timeline for Action 12 to be realigned with the delivery timeline of the SEAI Decarbonised Electricity System Study.
4. DCEE will seek to expedite the approval process for the CRU resourcing plan.