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Introduction

The Institute of International and European Affairs is Ireland's leading international affairs think tank. It is an independent, not-for-profit organisation with charitable status. Its extensive research and events programmes provide members with high quality reporting and analysis of the challenges on the global and EU policy agendas which impact on Ireland.

The Institute acts as a forum for dialogue, a catalyst for new ideas and a source of new policy options - improving the calibre of public debate while giving a wide range of individual, corporate and foundation members a competitive advantage in their respective fields.

Its working groups, which comprise some of Ireland's leading policy experts, play a crucial role by bringing together business leaders, parliamentarians, government officials, diplomats, NGOs, representatives of semi-state bodies and academic experts for regular policy discussions in a neutral and confidential forum. These groups also generate ideas for the IIEA's events programme, which every year brings leading international intellectuals and policymakers to Dublin to engage with Institute members.



Events

The IIEA annually hosts over one hundred events, affording its members unparalleled access to the highest-level politicians, policymakers, analysts and thought leaders at national, EU and global level. These events include: breakfast briefings, keynote addresses, roundtable discussions, seminars, conferences, luncheons, panel discussions and workshops.

In 2012, the Institute welcomed a wide range of speakers from around the world. The Institute's programme featured a number of leading international figures such as: **Lawrence Summers**, former US Treasury Secretary and President Emeritus of Harvard University; **Antonio Guterres**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees; **Joerg Asmussen**, Member of the ECB Executive Board; **John Brennan**, then Assistant to President Obama for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism; **Pierre Vimont**, Secretary-General of the European External Action Service; **Cameron Kerry**, General Counsel at the US Department of Commerce; **Robert Keohane**, Professor of International Affairs at Princeton University; **Catherine Day**, Secretary General of the European Commission; **Ben Hammersley**, Editor-at-large of Wired Magazine; **Hu Angang**, Director of the Center for China Study at Tsinghua University and former US Senator, **George Mitchell**.





High-Level Luncheons

Each year, the Director General hosts a series of private high-level luncheons/dinners, where influential speakers discuss critical issues with the Chief Executive Officers and Managing Directors of Foundation Members. Foundation Members are those organisations which provide the core funding and support for the IIEA. They enjoy exclusive access to some of the most prominent guests as well as the opportunity to contribute to the Institute's research agenda and to participate in or sponsor its events programme.

In 2012, the Institute's Director General, Dáithí O'Ceallaigh, hosted high-level luncheons with **Harvey McGrath**, Philanthropist and Former Chairman of Prudential, on Reflections on UK Financial Services Regulation; **Baroness Delta O'Cathain**, Member of the UK House of Lords, on The UK and its Relationship with Europe; **Geraldine Byrne Nason**, Second Secretary General at the Department of the Taoiseach, on The Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the EU; **Robert Watt**, Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, on Public Sector Reform; and **Pat O'Doherty**, Chief Executive of ESB, on Strategic Change in the ESB.





Pat Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources; **Phil Hogan T.D.**, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government; **Michael Liebreich**, CEO of Bloomberg New Energy Finance; **Dr. Dana Christensen**, Deputy Laboratory Director for Science and Technology at the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL); **Justin Hall-Tipping**, venture capitalist, entrepreneur and CEO of NanoHoldings LLC; **Richard Sears**, Visiting Scientist at MIT's Energy Institute; **Prof. Friedbert Pflueger**, Director of the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS) at King's College London; **Farooq Abdullah**, India's Minister for New and Renewable Energy; **Joakim Hauge**, Director and CEO of the Sahara Forest Project; **Günther Oettinger**, European Commissioner for Energy and **Fatih Birol**, Chief Economist at the International Energy Agency.



ESB Lecture Series 2012

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In 2012 ESB sponsored the **ESB Lecture Series 2012**. Eleven high profile international and national speakers delivered keynote addresses to chief executives of major corporations, industry representatives, TDs, government officials, diplomats, senior civil servants, members of the business community and civil society at the Institute of International and European Affairs. The series addressed a wide range of topics, which generated fascinating insights into current policy developments, cutting edge projects in Europe, the Middle East, the US and Asia and projections and analysis of future prospects in the field of energy. The videos, audio podcasts and presentations can be seen at the URL below where total content received over 22,000 views combined.

Over
22,000

ESB webpage views
www.iiea.com/esb-lecture-series-2012

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1.1 million
Pageviews

1,133,749

Pageviews in 2012

635,908

Visitors in 2012

7,956

Facebook Fans (Up 4,900 since 2010)

4,461

Twitter Followers (Up 1,327 since 2011)

21%

New Visits in 2012

637,919

Video views on Youtube (Up 298,650 since 2011)

Analytics for 2012



IIEA Irish Presidency Conference

On 23 November 2012, the Institute hosted its *Irish Presidency Conference* in Dublin Castle in association with TEPSA – the European Think Tank Network. This one-day conference outlined the policy priorities of the Irish Presidency and considered some of the major upcoming issues on the agenda from January to June 2013.

Keynote addresses were delivered by four senior Cabinet Ministers, including An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, **Eamon Gilmore T.D.**; Minister for Finance, **Michael Noonan T.D.**; Minister for Education and Skills, **Ruairi Quinn T.D.**; and Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, **Pat Rabbitte T.D.** Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service, **Maciej Popowski**, also delivered a keynote address.

The conference featured sessions on the Presidency priorities, economic governance and the future of European Monetary Union, the energy/ICT interface as a driver of green and smart growth, and the EU foreign policy agenda.

The IIEA Irish Presidency Conference was attended by over 400 delegates, including representatives of over 30 European think tanks. Video and audio recordings of the proceedings can be accessed on the conference website: www.iea.com/iea-irish-presidency-conference-videos



Exiting the Crisis Conference

On Friday, 29 June 2012 the Institute hosted a major conference entitled *Exiting the Crisis* at the RDS Concert Hall in Dublin, with the support of the European Commission.

The conference provided insight into the European and national policy responses to the European financial crisis. Keynote speakers at the conference included **Patrick Honohan**, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland and **Alain Lamassoure**, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets. **Pat Cox**, former President of the European Parliament, acted as the conference rapporteur.

Two panel discussions addressed economic developments in the Eurozone, from a European and Irish perspective respectively. Panel speakers included **John Bruton**, former Taoiseach of Ireland; **Karl Whelan**, Professor of Economics, UCD; **Dr Jens Boysen-Hogrefe**, Economist at the Kiel Institute of the World Economy; **Josef Janning**, Director of Studies at the European Policy Centre; and **Donal Donovan**, former Deputy Director of the IMF.

The conference was attended by over 200 delegates. Video and audio recordings of the proceedings can be accessed on the conference website: www.iiia.com/exiting-crisis



CARBON DAY 2012


Conference on Ireland's Climate Change Strategy

In the context of the Department of the Environment's public consultation on climate policy and legislation, the Institute brought together key policymakers and stakeholders to discuss policy options for Ireland's future climate strategy on 16 April 2012. The purpose of the conference was to assist members and other stakeholders in the preparation of their responses to the consultation.

Sessions explored Ireland's future greenhouse gas emissions trajectory, prospects for the long-term price of carbon, and Minister for the Environment, **Phil Hogan's**, Roadmap for Climate Policy and Legislation. Sectoral sessions focused on agriculture, transport, renewable energy and energy efficiency.


The Conference was attended by over one hundred delegates and was addressed by over nineteen key policymakers from the public, private and NGO sectors. Keynote addresses were delivered by **Laura Burke**, Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency; **Paul Harris**, Bank of Ireland Global Markets; **Paul McKiernan**, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; **Tom O'Mahony**, Secretary General of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport; **Dr. Brian Motherway**, COO of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; **Geraldine Tallon**, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government; and **Sara White**, Deputy Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Video and audio proceedings of the Conference can be accessed at: www.iiea.com/events/carbon-day-conference-on-irelands-climate-change-strategy

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Fiscal Stability Treaty Webpage

A referendum on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union was held on 31 May 2012. In the period leading up to the referendum, the Institute developed an extensive suite of materials to communicate, explain and analyse the core issues relating to the Treaty. A dedicated web page was created (www.iiea.com/stabilitytreaty), which was updated on an almost daily basis.

Materials included an explanatory animated video on the Treaty, detailed responses to frequently asked questions, blogs, short video interviews with experts, long-form policy reports, key texts, and infographics, including on where Ireland could source funding without access to the European Stability Mechanism, the role of the European Court of Justice, the Referendum Commission, clarifications of red herrings and a ratification map.

This proved an invaluable resource for the general public, policymakers and politicians over the course of the campaign. In the six weeks leading to the vote, over 56,000 users viewed the Fiscal Stability Treaty webpage. Traffic to the IIEA website increased by 39%, while visits from Ireland increased almost threefold.



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In 2012 the IIEA was chosen as a framework partner of the European Parliament, eligible to compete for communications projects based on events and the web. In the subsequent call for proposals, the Institute won funding for an innovative web-based project, The Environment Nexus – your digital ecosystem. The project began in November 2012 and will continue until June 2013 and aims to reach 130,000 citizens across the EU.

Understanding the interconnections between water, energy and food is the essence of nexus thinking – a vital tool for policy-makers. The IIEA Environment Nexus is an online hub for EU environment policy. Under three themes – water; agriculture and food security; and energy and climate – the Institute and expert contributors analyse the most important environmental issues facing the EU.

The Environment Nexus webpage - www.iiea.com/environmentnexus/home - includes content such as videos, infographics, analytical policy reports, FAQs and blogs. New content will be continuously added over the coming months.



Publications

“Towards an Irish Foreign Policy for Britain” by Dáithí O’Ceallaigh and James Kilcourse

“Beyond the British Veto” by Tony Brown

“European Criminal Justice Post-Lisbon” edited by Eugene Regan S.C.

“40th Anniversary: The Paris Summit, October 1972” by Tony Brown

“Ever Closer Union – Ireland and the EU” by Brendan Halligan

“European Security in the 21st Century: The EU’s Comprehensive Approach” by Linda Barry

“European Security in the 21st Century” by Prof. Patrick Keatinge and Prof. Ben Tonra

“Why Legislate? Designing a Climate Law for Ireland” by Joseph Curtin and Gina Hanrahan

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 12: Refinancing the Irish bailout – the options post the June 2012 Summit” by Pat McArdle

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 11: Preservation or Dissolution? An existential crisis for the euro” by Alan Dukes

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 10: Challenges to the ESM Treaty and the Fiscal Compact Treaty before the German Constitutional Court” by Paul Gallagher

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 9: The Fiscal Treaty – Consequences of a No Vote” by Paul Gallagher

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 8: Orderly Default or Euro Exit?” by Peadar o Broin

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 7: EU Financial Reform and the European Parliament” by Peadar O Broin

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 6: The ‘Fiscal Compact’ and Fiscal Policy” by Pat McArdle

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 5: The Fiscal Treaty – An Initial Analysis” by Peadar o Broin

“Euro Crisis Working Paper 4: From the Original Sinn to the Ten Commandments” by Pat McArdle

Chairman's Introduction



Brendan Halligan

At the national level the primary purpose of the Institute is to evaluate the strategic policy options confronting Ireland within the European Union, while at the European level the main aim is to assess the options facing the EU within the wider world. During 2012, the year covered by this Annual Report, these parallel responsibilities came into sharper focus than normal due, on the one hand, to the May referendum on the “Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance” and, on the other, to the year-long efforts to resolve the euro crisis. Adding to the complexity of the agenda, the British Prime Minister began signaling that he would hold a referendum on UK membership of the Union. These events set the tone for the year and evoked the following initiatives from the Institute.

The “Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance” encompassed a Fiscal Compact which codified previously agreed norms for the conduct of public finances. Its ratification by Member States was a pre-condition for access to the European Stability Mechanism, which was vital for Ireland’s return to the capital markets. The choice before the Irish electorate was stark; either the country conformed with the fiscal disciplines laid down by the Treaty or else it would deny itself access to the funding necessary to finance public services at an acceptable level. In that context, the Institute embarked upon a sustained programme outlining the rationale for the new Treaty and assessing its implications for Ireland. A dedicated web page was set up which recorded 56,000 views in six weeks and which provided analytical papers, answers to FAQs and multimedia interactive maps on the content and implications of the Treaty. In the ensuing debate the Institute’s analysis of the implications of either endorsing or rejecting the Treaty proved of value in assessing the implications of each choice.

The electorate decided by a significant majority to ratify the Treaty thereby ensuring Ireland’s continuing participation in the euro and, of more immediate importance, ensuring access to the funding provided by the European Stability Mechanism. The strategic policy options had been clear; the choice made was equally clear. Ireland would remain a member of the Eurozone and would accept all the responsibilities that membership entailed.

At the EU level the central issue, inherited from the previous year, was the preservation of the euro itself in the face of sovereign debt crises in a number of Member States although, for some, the longer term issue went deeper and raised the more fundamental question of how to preserve the unity of the EU in its present form. The speed and gravity of events in the financial markets required the European Council to devise new institutions, processes and mechanisms on a continuous basis and, in retrospect, the period will come to be regarded not only as one of the most creative in the history of European integration, but also as the one in which the institutional framework so painstakingly created over the previous six decades proved itself more robust and durable than had been anticipated, even by its admirers. Indeed, proof of that was provided by the financial markets themselves which, by the year-end, had clearly accepted the commitment of the Member States and their common institutions to protect the euro and preserve the integrity of the Union.

The Institute had, as was indicated in the previous annual report, contributed to the debate on the euro crisis by establishing a project group under the chairmanship of the Director General, Dáithí Ó Ceallaigh, which produced a series of papers analysing the policy options on offer and assessing their implications. The series was expanded through 2012 and the papers were made available on the website. They became the subject of numerous seminars in the Institute, including a major seminar on “Exiting the Crisis” held in June which was addressed by Patrick Honohan, the Governor of the Central Bank, with Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament, acting as rapporteur. It is to be hoped that the exercise as a whole proved of benefit to the Irish policy community and, indeed, to policy makers outside Ireland who wished to get an insight into Irish thinking on the euro crisis. The Board is indebted to all those, including the members of the Institute’s branch in Brussels, who contributed their time and expertise to the preparation of the papers and the conduct of the seminars.

It became evident as the year unfolded that the future of the European Union itself was inextricably linked with the future of the Eurozone and that the stability of the euro depended in turn on the creation of a Banking Union with a Single Supervisory Mechanism, a Single Resolution Mechanism for failed banks and a Common Deposit Insurance Scheme applicable to banks within the Eurozone. For that reason, the Institute took steps to establish a working group on Banking Union and, by the end of the year, the process was well in hand.

It became clear also that Banking Union was just one part of the evolving architecture of Economic Union, linked to common rules on public finances with implications for a Fiscal Union which, in turn, raised important questions concerning taxation and fiscal transfers. Such powerful new steps towards economic integration would need to be bolstered by a Political Union tasked with ensuring political transparency and democratic legitimacy. In the face of this logic, the Institute decided to establish three additional working groups on Economic, Fiscal and Political Union respectively and to bring them under a common framework with Banking Union.

In the UK, indications that the Prime Minister intended to submit Britain's EU relationship to a referendum opened up the prospect of Britain renegotiating the conditions of its membership or, conceivably, of devising some form of external association with the EU. One way or another, this development revived an issue that had been dormant since the British referendum in the mid-seventies. Within the Institute, a project on Britain's engagement with the EU had been in place for twenty years and the project group, chaired by Dáithí Ó Ceallaigh, was asked to assess the latest developments in British policy as part of the larger picture of Ireland's future within the EU.

Indeed, an over-arching project, entitled "Ireland in Europe", has been established to coordinate these five working groups into a grand project with the aim of identifying and assessing Ireland's strategic policy options in Europe over the next quarter century. By the end of the year the overarching project had been expanded even further to include an examination of the democratic principles that should underlie the governance of the European Union and the means whereby they could be best communicated to the peoples of Europe (the subject of the first recital to the Treaty of Rome). That in turn led to debate on the future of the European model of democracy, prompted in the main by the volatility in electoral behaviour in most, although not all, of the Member States, and this too became part of the mega project.

The failure to engender economic growth is surely one of the root causes of widespread disillusion with politics in general and debate on a new growth model will have to be part of the future agenda, along with a re-examination of what is meant by "Social Europe". In the light of these considerations it can be expected that the "Ireland in Europe" project will emerge as the centrepiece of the Institute's work programme over the next two years.

This work programme will be of vital importance to all economic actors in Ireland and the Institute will consult with its members, official, corporate and individual, as well as with the social partners, on how best to raise the level of understanding about what is happening within the Union and how to fashion an Irish response to problems that are common across the Union. It is vital that we are not just passive by-standers in the process of designing a new institutional architecture and formulating new economic policies for the Union but are active participants presenting our own ideas on the future of Europe. That was the original *raison d'être* of the Institute and its continuing relevance was underlined by events as the year unfolded. In that particular sense, nothing has changed since the Institute was founded twenty-one years ago and we still have a national obligation to contribute original ideas on the future we share with our fellow Europeans.

The adoption of the EU's own working processes strongly influenced the Institute's agenda, particularly the impending Irish Presidency, set to commence at the beginning of 2013. In conjunction with the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), of which the Institute is the Irish member, a seminar on Irish Presidency priorities was held in Dublin Castle at the end of November. The seminar was attended by over four hundred delegates and was addressed by An Tánaiste, Éamon Gilmore TD, and by Ministers Michael Noonan, Ruairi Quinn and Pat Rabbitte, as well as a number of leading academics and business people. This was the third such conference organised by the Institute in advance of an Irish Presidency and thanks are due to the Departments of the Taoiseach and Foreign Affairs and Trade for their assistance in putting the conference programme together.

Work in the Energy and Climate Change spheres continued to be a central feature of the work programme, assisted in great part by the ESB, Eirgrid and Shell sponsoring lecture series which brought a number of distinguished speakers to Ireland. These included the Chief Economist of the International Energy Agency, Dr. Fatih Birol, who presented the “2013 World Energy Outlook” at a special event in November. For its part, the Climate Change project kept up a steady tempo of work and in April repeated its successful “Carbon Day” seminar, which has now become a feature of the climate change policy calendar of events. The Digital Future is another major policy area in which the Institute has built up an international reputation due to the foresight and initiative of the Research Director, Jill Donoghue. Particular expertise has been developed in the fields of cyber-security and data protection, themes that cross over into the Justice Group, which was addressed by Cameron Kerry, General Council of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Security and Defence Group, which was addressed by John Brennan, special advisor to President Obama on cyber-security and counterterrorism.

In the sphere of international relations, Professor Hu Angang, a leading expert on the future of China, addressed the China group; Larry Summers, former Secretary to the Treasury, gave a major address on the global economy; and Pierre Vimont, Head of the European External Action Service, spoke about the role of the EU in the world.

The list of events set out in the Annual Report is testimony to the enormous range of activities undertaken throughout the year, but these positive aspects of the Institute’s life took place against a background of financial difficulties, which, arguably, were the most difficult and protracted since its foundation. The responsibility for keeping the Institute afloat fell on the shoulders of the Finance and Administration Committee, all volunteers, who were so capably led by its Chairman, Adrian Burke. It had to deal with the continuing impact of the economic depression that has had such a negative effect on membership fees. Indeed, the cash flow position became so serious that yet another appeal was made to the Life Members for an exceptional donation to the funds. It is to their credit that so many responded with a ready generosity, raising €20,000 which proved a vital contribution to cash flow.

At the year-end, the Treasurer of the Institute, Tom Haughey, was concluding a business plan that would enhance the viability of the Institute as a going concern. Both he and the Secretary, Andrew Clarke, are due special thanks for steering the Institute through such difficult waters. This is equally true of those Foundation and Corporate Members who maintained their membership throughout the year, especially those who sponsored particular events. In addition, the financial support of the Life and individual members, which is an indispensable component of the Institute’s income, is gratefully acknowledged by the Board.

These difficulties in maintaining the level of income explain why the Annual Accounts for 2012 show a deficit of €20,000 compared to a surplus of just over €3,000 the previous year. The Board believes, however, that the steps it has taken will produce a positive outcome in the year ahead and is working to ensure that the Institute’s financial affairs are put on a solid footing.

A reminder of both the Institute’s brief history and of Ireland’s engagement with the Union was prompted by celebrations marking the twentieth anniversary of the formation of our Brussels Branch. Consisting of Irish people working in Brussels, it has contributed to the work of the Institute for two decades and, furthermore, has carved out its own distinctive place in the life of the Belgian capital with its lecture series, seminars and social events. The branch held a gala dinner in November celebrating the anniversary which was attended by two hundred guests, with An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, as guest of honour. He was accompanied by Ministers Coveney, Howlin and Rabbitte, as well as senior officials, and spoke most warmly of the Branch’s activities over the previous twenty years. On behalf of the Board I extended our congratulations to Frank Wall, as Branch chairman, on the achievements of the past twenty years and our thanks to the branch committee for having organised such a successful event.

It remains for me to thank the Director General, Dáithí Ó Ceallaigh, for his enthusiastic management of the Institute’s affairs and his unfailing optimism in the face of even the most daunting of challenges. His term of office should have expired at the end of the year but he undertook to remain on for the duration of the Irish Presidency in the first part of 2013. The Board is grateful to him for this act of generosity, motivated as it was by a high sense of public duty, particularly because his wide network of contacts within the civil service, business and diplomatic circles will prove indispensable during the Presidency.

My thanks and that of the Board are due to Jill Donoghue, the Director of Research, who made yet another remarkable contribution to the success and prestige of the Institute by overseeing and expanding the work programme and ensuring it was ahead of the curve in respect of the mega trends shaping European and world affairs. Her capacity to match emerging issues with the most influential international authorities, plus her ability to persuade them to come to Dublin, ensured that the Institute remains a place of choice for thought leaders wishing to speak on global and European affairs. As noted last year, this is greatly to the benefit of the country and should pay handsome dividends during the Irish Presidency.

The research and administrative staff performed throughout the year to the high standards we have come to expect and the combination of the two teams brought a great buzz to Europe House, which grew in intensity as the year unfolded. A particular feature of the Institute's output, which drew much favourable comment, is the website, brainchild of Jill Donoghue and Brian Martin, the Creative Director at the Institute. It continued to add new features throughout the year and has extended the Institute's reach throughout the international policy community while serving as an exemplar for similar websites elsewhere. It is intended to sustain the website as a centre of excellence in the digital age.

By way of conclusion I wish to extend the thanks of the Board to the many volunteers who served in the various project groups outlined in the following pages and, indeed, to those businesses, organisations and individuals who contributed time and finance to the Institute. As always, the Board gratefully acknowledges the assistance of public office holders and public servants for their input into the work programme. Special thanks is due to the institutions of the European Union and the Brussels Branch for their many invaluable contributions.

On a personal note I thank the members of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Board of Directors for their support throughout 2012.

Brendan Halligan

Chairman

9 April 2013

Director General's Report



Dáithí O'Ceallaigh

During the course of 2012 the Institute devoted much of its energy and attention to preparation for the Irish Presidency of the European Union, most notably with a conference held in Dublin Castle in November, which was addressed by four members of the Cabinet. The conference sought to identify the policy priorities of the Irish Presidency and to shed light on the issues that the Presidency would need to address. I would like to thank the Communicating Europe initiative, Bank of Ireland, Unicredit, EirGrid and TEPSA for kindly sponsoring the conference.

A particular theme throughout the year was the continuing financial crisis. The Institute held a conference in the RDS entitled "Exiting the Crisis", which was addressed by Central Bank Governor, Patrick Honohan, and by the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Budgets, Alain Lamassoure. I gratefully acknowledge the support of the European Commission and the RDS for this conference.

Over the course of the year the Institute hosted on its premises over 100 keynote speakers including the Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore T.D.; Minister Phil Hogan T.D.; Minister Pat Rabbitte T.D.; the Minister of State for Europe, Lucinda Creighton T.D.; and the leader of the opposition, Micheál Martin T.D. From the European Commission, the Institute welcomed Commissioners Georgieva, Reding, Oettinger and Potočnik. Other speakers from Europe included European Central Bank member, Joerg Asmussen; Estonian President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves; Finnish Minister for European Affairs, Alexander Stubb; French Minister for European Affairs, Bernard Cazeneuve; the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres; Sharon Bowles MEP; and the UK Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Owen Paterson.

Among those who came from outside the EU were President Obama's Advisor, John Brennan, now Head of the CIA; Senator George Mitchell; Professor Lawrence Summers; the Turkish Minister for European Affairs, Egemen Bagis; the IEA Chief Economist, Fatih Birol; and the UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs, Patricia O'Brien.

I continued the series of private lunches that I hold for the CEOs and Chairs of foundation members of the Institute, which in 2012 were addressed by Baroness Ó'Catháin; Harvey McGrath, former Chair of Prudential and Man Group; ESB Chief Executive, Pat O'Doherty; Second Secretary at the Department of the Taoiseach, Geraldine Byrne Nason; and Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Robert Watt. The function of these lunches is to provide our circle of CEO supporters the opportunity to meet in private with persons of influence in the private and public sectors.

The Institute competed for and won an operating grant from the European Commission, without which it would not have been possible for us to implement our programmes. I am grateful to the European Commission for this support.

In 2012, the IIEA bid for, and won, financing from the European Parliament for an online project highlighting the critical interdependencies between water, energy and food policies. The Environment Nexus project website was launched in January 2013, and aims to communicate with over 130,000 citizens by the end of June 2013. It does this via a range of visual and analytical content – infographics, motion graphics, videos, country comparison maps, publications, FAQs and blogs. Many aspects of EU environment policy are addressed, including the 2020, 2030 and 2050 climate and energy frameworks, the EU's role in international climate negotiations, greening the Common Agricultural Policy, food waste and fish discards, water privatisation and many other issues. Some of the infographics and animations have gone viral globally and have been picked up by national and international media. I am grateful to the European Parliament and to Francis Jacobs, head of the European Parliament office in Dublin, for their continued support.

A number of specialist groups were established during the course of 2012 designed to address specific issues that may prove difficult for Ireland. This included a Euro Crisis Group, which published a number of papers on different aspects of the financial crisis in the Eurozone. The UK Group was reconvened to discuss the changes occurring in the

UK's approach to the EU and the pending referendum on Scottish independence, which have implications for Ireland on many fronts.

Many of our high-level events were sponsored from various sources. Particular thanks is due to the ESB for their general sponsorship of a lecture series on energy, which allows us to bring speakers from around the world with innovative ideas on energy. A particular word of thanks is due to the CEO of ESB, Pat O'Doherty, and to the Company Secretary, John Redmond, for their unfailing helpfulness and encouragement. The lecture series on Development Matters, made possible by the support of Irish Aid, was a new area of interest for the Institute and its members. I would also like to thank Shell and EirGrid for their generous support and for their continuing interest in the work of the Institute.

Despite the continuing difficulties caused by the financial crisis, the Institute continues to flourish and to attract new members. This suggests the increasing importance of the Institute in providing a forum for discussion and analysis, which helps shape solutions to policy challenges. In 2012, we welcomed six new corporate members: Ezetop, PWC, the Irish Taxation Institute, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, the Chester Beatty Library and Friends of the Earth.

During the course of 2012, the Institute began the reform of its governance structures with the objective of bringing them into line with current best practice and to ensure its further development into the future.

I expect the Institute will continue to direct its research focus in 2013 on the Irish Presidency and on the continuing crisis in the euro area.

I cannot applaud too highly the work of the researchers led by the Director of Research, Jill Donoghue, and I rely greatly on the administrative staff and on those employed under the Community Employment Scheme.

Finally may I underline the extent to which the Institute relies on the voluntary service of its Board led by the Chairman, Brendan Halligan, and on the Chairs of the different groups who so generously contribute their energy, knowledge and time to the Institute.

Dáithí O'Ceallaigh,

Director General

31 March 2013

Highlights 2012

Future of Europe

Chairs: Marie Cross, Joe Mulholland (France), Katherine Meenan (Germany)



Catherine Day

2012 was another significant year in the EU's efforts to emerge from the crisis and agree on a common vision for a more robust, integrated and accountable Union. As part of the Future of Europe event series, a number of important institutional actors and expert commentators addressed the Institute. **European Commission Secretary General, Catherine Day**, gave a Commission perspective on the EU in 2012 while **Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič** spoke on *Dealing with the Crisis – the Strength of the European Approach*. **Jean-Claude Piris**, former **Director General of the Council of the EU**, made the case for a two-speed EU, a concept that was the subject of much debate throughout the year, as the Eurozone moved towards deeper integration. **Yves Bertoncini**, **Secretary General of Notre Europe**, and **Karel Lannoo**, **CEO of CEPS**, shared the analyses of two of Europe's leading think tanks with Institute members.

The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance was agreed in December 2011 as an international treaty among 25 of the 27 EU Member States. In January 2012, **Richard Corbett**, a member of **Herman Van Rompuy's** cabinet, addressed the Institute on *Negotiating the Fiscal Compact*, describing the new Treaty as "a flying buttress to support the EU cathedral". Less than a month before the Irish people voted on the Treaty, **An Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore T.D.**, outlined his vision for Ireland in Europe and for a growth agenda to accompany the Stability Treaty. **Micheál Martin T.D.**, **Leader of Fianna Fáil**, also gave an address on *Ireland in the EU*.



An Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore T.D.



Nicolai Wammen

In 2012, the Institute continued its tradition of welcoming Ministers from the Member States holding the rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU. The **Danish Minister for European Affairs, Nicolai Wammen**, and the **Cypriot Minister for European Affairs, Andreas Mavroyiannis**, spoke on their Governments' perspectives and priorities during their Presidencies. These events had a particular significance as Ireland prepared to assume the Presidency in the first half of 2013. Among the other EU Affairs Ministers who shared views from their capitals on developments at EU level, **Alexander Stubb**, **Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade**, outlined ten reasons for optimism about the future of the EU.

One of the highlights of the year was a lecture delivered in honour of the late Terry Stewart, former Director-General of the Institute and former Director in the European Commission DG for Social Affairs, entitled *Getting Young People Back to Work – European Solutions to National Problems* by **Xavier Prats-Monné**, **Deputy Director General of the European Commission's DG Education and Culture**. At the other end of the age spectrum, the Institute hosted a keynote address by **Professor Sarah Harper**, **Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing**, in conjunction with a new NGO, Age and Opportunity. This formed part of the Bealtaine (May) festival for older people.



Xavier Prats-Monné, lecture in honour of the late Terry Stewart



Top: Helène Conway-Mouret

Bottom: Jean-Michel Casa

The French Presidential elections in April and May 2012 received considerable attention across Europe, in particular for the contrasting visions of the future of the EU presented by the candidates. The potential implications of different outcomes were examined by a number of speakers. **Professor Zaki Laïdi of Sciences-Po Paris** posed the question: *Can We Expect a U-Turn in French European Policy?* **French Senator, and subsequently Minister Delegate under the Hollande Government, Helène Conway-Mouret and Axelle Lemaire, Socialist candidate to represent the French abroad in the National Assembly,** led a roundtable discussion on *A Swing to the Left in France? National and European Implications*. After the elections, the new **French Minister for European Affairs, Bernard Cazeneuve,** spoke about how the economic crisis became a political and economic crisis in his address on *Europe and the Test of Solidarity*. **Jean-Michel Casa, French Director General for EU Affairs in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs,** also outlined the Government's ambition for *intégration solidaire* (integration in the spirit of solidarity) and its position on key EU policies. The Institute's France Working Group also met with **Helène Conway-Mouret** in November. Ms. Conway-Mouret has long had close involvement with the IIEA and this was the first opportunity for an exchange of views since she was appointed **Minister Delegate** in the government of President François Hollande.

Germany's central role in the EU's response to the economic crisis was raised on many occasions and **German State Secretary in the Federal Foreign Office, Emily Haber,** gave a German perspective on the future of Europe. In addition, the Germany Group met on a number of occasions for private discussions. The Group held an exchange of views with the **Irish Ambassador to Germany, H.E. Dan Mulhall,** as part of a strategic review of Irish-German relations being conducted by the Ambassador. The Group also met with a **delegation from the Bundestag European Affairs Committee** for a discussion on the stabilisation of the Eurozone and the Irish debate on Europe and with **Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, a German Liberal MEP,** on German views of the economic crisis, the crisis of confidence in the European institutions and the future direction of Europe.



Emily Haber



Isabella Lövin

The EU's common policies were also examined by the IIEA Future of Europe Group. The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) was the subject of intense negotiations throughout 2012 and **Professor Daniel Tarschys, Chair of CEPS Task Force Report on the MFF,** presented the conclusions of the Task Force, which advocated a growth-oriented budget for the EU for 2014-2020. **Isabella Lövin MEP,** spoke of the urgent need to reform the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). She outlined the major points of conflict between the European Parliament and the Council, which the Irish Presidency will have to navigate as it seeks to negotiate a final compromise in 2013.

The Future of Europe Group continued its practice of organising regular confidential briefings following European Council summits. The Institute would like to thank **Geraldine Byrne Nason, Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach,** for generously agreeing to deliver these insightful briefings.

A new author's group, chaired by IIEA Chairman, Brendan Halligan, on *The Future of Ireland in Europe* was established in 2012. The group has begun to consider the choices facing Ireland in a changing EU, as a core group of EU Member States moves towards closer financial, fiscal, economic and political union. The Group will produce a report, based on the established Institute methodology of analysing the issues, options and implications, during the course of 2013.

Wider Europe

The Wider Europe Group encompasses three sub-groups that focus on the EU's relations with its wider region: the Balkans Group, the Enlargement Group and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Group.

Balkans Group

Chair: Tony Brown

The Balkans Group is a long-established working group that monitors political, economic and social developments in the important Western Balkans region.

The 2012 programme focused on the countries in the region that have not yet acquired EU candidate status: Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Albania. In January, **Petrit Selimi, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kosovo**, spoke on Kosovo's relations with the EU. **Mary Fitzgerald, Foreign Correspondent of the Irish Times**, outlined her experience of *Europe's Youngest State*, drawing particular attention to the problem of youth unemployment in Kosovo.



Mary Fitzgerald, Roundtable meeting



Petrit Selimi



Kurt Bassuener

Peter Sorensen, EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, gave an address on *The EU's Role in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Later in the year, three representatives of civil society and international organisations operating in Bosnia and Herzegovina provided their perspective on the role of external actors in that country: **Mary Ann Hennessey, Head of the Council of Europe Office, Sarajevo**; **Kurt Bassuener, Senior Associate, Democratisation Policy Council**; and **Tija Memisevic, European Research Centre, Sarajevo**.

In the year in which the European Commission recommended candidate status for Albania, **Corina Stratulat, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre**, discussed the narrow window of opportunity to consolidate stability, democracy and Albania's advance towards EU membership.



Corina Stratulat

The Group also analysed the prospects and potential benefits of greater regional cooperation. **Peter Sanfey, Lead Economist, EBRD**, and **Mary O'Mahony, Head of the IFI Coordination Office, Brussels**, discussed *Growth in the Western Balkans and the Need for International Coordination*. Another important area of cooperation in the region was highlighted by **Slavtcho Neykov, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat**, in his address on *The European Energy Community: Connecting South-East Europe?*

Enlargement Group

Chair: Andrew O'Rourke



Jill Donoghue, Stefano Sannino, Andrew O'Rourke and Barbara Nolan

The 2012 programme of the Enlargement Group commenced with a briefing by **Anne Barrington, Director-General, Europe Division, Department of Foreign Affairs**, on the European Commission's annual Enlargement Progress Report and on Ireland's approach to Enlargement policy. In advance of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, **Stefano Sannino, Director-General of Enlargement in the European Commission**, shared his views on EU Enlargement policy and on its role in a changing Europe.

The accession process of Iceland progressed rapidly in 2012 and **Iceland's Chief Negotiator for EU Accession, Stefán Haukur Jóhannesson**, addressed the Enlargement Group on the ongoing negotiations between Iceland and the EU.

On Turkey's accession process, **Sabine Freizer, International Crisis Group**, discussed the issue of *The Eastern Mediterranean: Zone of Conflict or Opportunity?* in advance of the Cypriot EU Presidency. Finally, **Egemen Bagis, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator for EU Accession**, addressed the Enlargement Group on *Europe's New Challenges and Turkey*.



Egemen Bagis



Sabine Freizer

ENP Group

Chair: Ron Hill

The ENP Group has analysed European Neighbourhood Policy since its inception in 2004. ENP is a foreign relations instrument of the EU designed to avoid the emergence of new dividing lines between the EU and its neighbours to the East and South.

The first meeting of the ENP Group in 2012 was addressed by **John O'Rourke, Head of ENP Strategy and Instruments in the European External Action Service**. He discussed how European Neighbourhood Policy has evolved to meet the new challenges of a changing neighbourhood, particularly in light of the Arab Spring.

Olga Shumylo-Tapiola of Carnegie Europe briefed the ENP Group on domestic developments in Ukraine, Ukrainian foreign policy and the mood in the country in advance of important parliamentary elections in October 2012.



Dr. Laure Delcour and Ron Hill

Finally, Dr. Laure Delcour of the Strasbourg Institute of Political Studies assessed the EU's engagement with its Eastern neighbourhood, which she argued is a test case of the transformative power of EU foreign policy.

Economics and Finance Lecture Series

Chair: Dáithí O'Ceallaigh

The Economics and Finance Series is a series of high-level lectures and seminars, open to the general membership of the IIEA, on European economic coordination, integration, reform and wider issues relating to the European economy. The aim of this series is to provide a forum for discussion for Institute members, civil servants, policy makers, members of the research community and the media on key questions relating to European economic governance.

The 2012 Economics and Finance Series began with a presentation in March by Danny McCoy, Director General of IBEC on *Realising Ireland's Growth Potential*.

This was followed with an address by Joerg Asmussen, Member of the Executive Board European Central Bank, on *The Irish Case: An ECB Perspective*.



Left: Joerg Asmussen Top: Danny McCoy



Seminar: *Energy: The Next Systemic Risk to Banking?*

In April 2012, the Institute hosted a high-level seminar on *Energy: The Next Systemic Risk to Banking?*, which was addressed by Steve Keen, author of 'Debunking Economics' and Professor of Economics and University of Sydney; Michael Kumhof, Research Department, IMF; Gerard Reid, Specialist in Alternative Energy Investment and Partner and Founder at Alexa Capital LLP; Chris Skrebowski, Consulting Editor of Petroleum Review; and Sean O'Sullivan, Co-founder and Managing Director of Avego and a 'Dragon' from TV programme Dragon's Den. A report on this seminar was published in the 21 April 2012 print edition of 'The Economist'.



Maurice Obstfeld



Charles Dallara being asked a question by the Greek Ambassador to Ireland

Also in April, Maurice Obstfeld, one of the world's leading macro-economists and Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, gave a keynote address on *Understanding Past and Future Financial Crises*.

In May, Stephen Kinsella, Lecturer in Economics at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, spoke on *Bank Regulation in a European Context*.

Later that month, Charles Dallara, Managing Director of the Institute of International Finance, gave a major speech on *Lessons from the Greek Debt Exchange*.

In June, the Institute hosted a major conference on *Exiting the Crisis*, which is featured elsewhere in this report.

In July, Christian Noyer, Governor of the Bank of France, addressed the Institute on *Fixing Europe's Financial Crisis*.

After the summer break, the series continued with an address by Lord Robert Skidelsky on *A Keynesian Response to the Crisis*.

One of the highlights of the year was an address in October by Lawrence Summers, President Emeritus of Harvard University, on *The European Crisis: An American View*.

This was followed later that month by an address by Andreas Dombret, Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank, entitled: *As goes Ireland, so goes Europe?*

The final event in this series was a presentation by Sharon Bowles, MEP, Chair of European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, on the topic: *Towards a Banking Union*.



Top: Sharon Bowles lunch

Bottom left: Lawrence Summers

Bottom right: Christian Noyer

Euro Crisis Group

Chair: Dáithí O’Ceallaigh

This Euro Crisis Group was a select authors group, established in late 2011. It met frequently through 2012 to discuss developments in the Euro crisis and produces research through the IIEA ‘Euro Crisis Working Paper’ series. Its work is continued in 2013 by the new Economic Governance Group.

The Euro Crisis Group produced the following papers in 2012:

- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 12: Refinancing the Irish bailout – the options post the June 2012 Summit” by Pat McArdle
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 11: Preservation or Dissolution? An existential crisis for the euro” by Alan Dukes
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 10: Challenges to the ESM Treaty and the Fiscal Compact Treaty before the German Constitutional Court” by Paul Gallagher
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 9: The Fiscal Treaty – Consequences of a No Vote” by Paul Gallagher
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 8: Orderly Default or Euro Exit?” by Peadar o Broin
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 7: EU Financial Reform and the European Parliament” by Peadar o Broin
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 6: The ‘Fiscal Compact’ and Fiscal Policy” by Pat McArdle
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 5: The Fiscal Treaty – An Initial Analysis” by Peadar o Broin
- “Euro Crisis Working Paper 4: From the Original Sinn to the Ten Commandments” by Pat McArdle



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Papers 4 to 8 formed part of the E-view Project, designed to leverage advances in visualisation techniques to explain the Eurocrisis online via infographics, animations, blogs and research papers which the Institute ran as part of a project sponsored by the European Parliament. This project which ran throughout 2011, concluded in February 2012.

Economists Group

Chair: Pat McArdle

Co-Chair: David Croughan

The Economists Group is a network of economists, who meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues of current economic interest. The group comprises leading economists from a variety of financial institutions, banks, government

departments, NGOs, trade unions, academia and research institutes. At these private meetings, prominent economists give short presentations to the group on significant issues for the economic development of the European Union, which form the basis for an in-depth discussion.



Karl Whelan



Pat McArdle

The first meeting of the group was addressed by Pat McArdle on *The 'Reinforced Economic Union': Implications for Fiscal Policy*. This was followed by a presentation by **Karl Whelan**, Professor of Economics at University College Dublin, on *Ireland's Promissory Notes: Policy Challenges and Policy Options*.

In September 2012, the group was re-organised with Pat McArdle as chair of the Economists group and David Croughan as co-chair. The Institute expressed thanks to Martin O'Donoghue, who had expertly chaired the group since its inception and who stood down as chair in the summer of 2012.

Sean Berrigan, Director of Monetary Affairs and Financial Stability at DG EcFin, addressed the group on *Policy Responses to the Eurocrisis and Implications for Ireland*. This was followed in October by a presentation by **Pat McArdle**, on *Refinancing the Irish Bailout*. At the November meeting, **Professor Dimitris Malliaropoulos**, Eurobank's Economic Research Adviser and Chair of the European Banking Federation's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, addressed the group on the topic: *The Greek Economy Three Years into the Crisis: Structural Weaknesses, Adjustment Policies, and the Way Forward*. The final meeting of 2012 was **Professor John FitzGerald's** annual presentation on the budget. This was delivered on Thursday 6 December, the day after the budget.

Energy Policy Group

Chairs: Liam Connellan and Eamon Ryan

Irish and EU energy policy, the geopolitics of energy, renewable energy investment and research, sustainable energy for all, and the Internal Energy Market were the key themes of the Energy Group's work in 2012.

ESB Lecture Series 2012

The central element of the programme was the *ESB Lecture Series 2012*. The series addressed a wide range of topics, which generated fascinating insights into current policy developments, cutting edge projects in Europe, the Middle East, the US and Asia, and projections and analysis of future prospects in the field of energy.



The Future of Energy Policy in Ireland and Europe with Minister Pat Rabbitte T.D.



The Future of Irish and EU Energy Policy

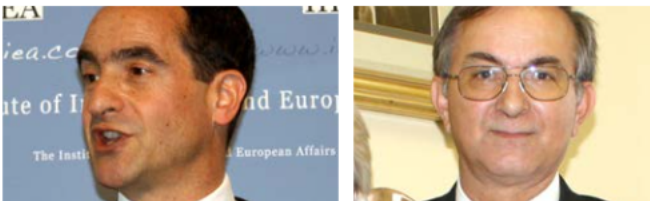
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, **Pat Rabbitte T.D**, delivered a major address on *The Future of Energy Policy in Ireland and Europe*. Speaking in February in the wake of a crucial Energy Council meeting in Brussels, Minister Rabbitte reflected on some of the most pressing challenges faced by the European energy sector, such as the completion of the internal energy market, improving electricity infrastructure, interconnection between Member States, and fostering employment opportunities.

Many of these themes were picked up by **EU Energy Commissioner, Günther Oettinger**, in his address on *The Challenges Facing European Energy Policy*. The Commissioner spoke on the occasion of the launch of the UK-Ireland East West Interconnector.



Barbara Nolan, Pat O'Doherty, Günther Oettinger and Dáithí O'Ceallaigh

Energy Investment and Research



Against the background of cuts to clean energy subsidies, **Michael Liebreich, CEO of Bloomberg New Energy Finance**, delivered an address in May on *The Path to a Post-Subsidy Energy World*, reflecting on how to deliver a systemic transformation of global energy systems and investment.



Dr. Dana Christensen, Deputy Laboratory Director for Science and Technology at the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), also reflected on the challenging investment landscape for renewable energy in the United States in his address on *The Future of Renewable Energy Research* in July.

Justin Hall-Tipping, venture capitalist, entrepreneur and CEO of NanoHoldings LLC, gave a keynote address in September on *Freeing Electricity from the Grid: Innovation at the Nano Scale*. In an inspiring lecture, Mr Hall-Tipping revealed a futuristic vision of a world where sensors could be used to generate energy from windowpanes and where energy could ultimately be generated without a grid.

Top: Michael Liebreich and Dana Christensen

Bottom: Justin Hall-Tipping

The Geopolitics of Energy



Richard Sears

Richard Sears of MIT and formerly VP at Royal Dutch Shell, spoke at the Institute in February on *Planning for the End of Oil*. In an engaging address, Mr Sears challenged the peak oil theory and argued that the world will never run out of oil because new technologies and innovation will usher in the post fossil fuel age. He also considered some of the geopolitical implications of the changing world energy map.

Geopolitics was also the focus of a talk by Prof. Friedbert Pflueger, Director of the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS) at Kings College London and former State Secretary in the first Merkel Government. He delivered an address on *Megatrends in Energy and Geopolitics* in September.

Sustainable Energy for All

In the context of the 2012 UN Year of Sustainable Energy for All, the Institute held two major events, discussing developments in India and the Middle East.

Farooq Abdullah, India's Minister for New and Renewable Energy, gave a keynote address on the *Low Carbon Economic Revolution in India* in June. He discussed how India can enable better energy access for its energy-starved population by harnessing the power of renewable energy.

Joakim Hauge, Director and CEO of the Sahara Forest Project, gave an address on *Greening the Desert*, which discussed the project's innovative approach to dealing with the pressing future need for food, water and energy security in the Middle East's desert regions. The Sahara Forest Project is a Norwegian-funded project, which aims to turn inhospitable deserts into flourishing food and power producing habitats. It involves an international team from 12 different countries. Pilot projects have been launched in Aqaba, Jordan and most recently in Doha, Qatar.

At the final event of the 2012 series in November, Minister Rabbitte launched the 2012 *World Energy Outlook* in Ireland and welcomed the guest speaker from the International Energy Agency, IEA Chief Economist, Fatih Birol. Mr Birol has been named by Forbes Magazine as one of the world's most influential energy players. Both speakers emphasised the importance of energy efficiency for economic growth and as an instrument to tackle climate change.



Top: Farooq Abdullah

Bottom: Minister Pat Rabbitte, T.D., Fatih Birol and Brendan Halligan

EirGrid Seminar



Eirgrid seminar

The Institute also hosted a major seminar in January, supported by EirGrid, Ireland's Transmission Systems Operator, entitled *Creating a European Internal Energy Market by 2014 – Challenges and Opportunities for Ireland and Europe*. Speakers offered perspectives from Brussels, the UK and Ireland on what needs to be done between now and 2014 to deliver a functioning Internal Energy Market, on the development of the Single Electricity Market, on the construction and operation of the East-West Interconnector between Ireland and the UK, and on the ways in which the benefits of new and existing interconnectors can be maximised.

Speakers included: **Jean-Arnold Vinois**, Director, Acting Director of the Internal Energy Market at the European Commission's DG Energy; **Daniel Dobbeni**, President of ENTSO-E (the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity); **Dermot Byrne**, Chief Executive of EirGrid; **Alison Kay**, Commercial Director, Transmission, National Grid, UK; and **Garrett Blaney**, Commissioner at the Commission for Energy Regulation.

Climate and Environment Group

Chair: Peter Brennan

International carbon market turmoil and reform and Irish national climate policy were the two key themes for the IIEA's Climate and Environment Working Group in 2012.

Carbon Markets and International Climate Policy

Developments in the international and EU carbon markets were the focus of a number of events, as the price of carbon dropped to new lows and the international dispute around the inclusion of aviation in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme gathered steam.

The scene was set in an excellent and informative briefing in January on the outcome of the Durban UN Climate Talks, delivered by **Owen Ryan**, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government; **Matthew Kennedy**, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI); and **Pat Finnegan** of NGO Grian.



Owen Ryan, Matthew Kennedy, Peter Brennan and Pat Finnegan

In February, **Martin Hession**, Chair of the **Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board**, discussed *Carbon Markets after Durban*, looking at the shaky future of the CDM.

In March, the Institute hosted a seminar entitled *Trade Wars in the Skies: Aviation and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme*, which brought together a number of key players to discuss the controversial inclusion of airlines in the EU carbon market. The seminar was addressed by European Commission Director General for Climate Action, **Jos Delbeke**; Secretary General of the Association of European Airlines, **Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus**; and the Director of Strategy, Regulation and B2B at the Dublin Airport Authority, **Vincent Harrison**.

The issue of carbon market reform was revisited in another seminar in October on *Fixing the EU Emissions Trading Scheme*, which examined proposals to revive the ailing cap and trade scheme and to restore credibility to the EU carbon market over the long-term. Speakers included **Barbara Buchner**, Director of Climate Policy Initiative Europe; **Frank Convery**, Professor Emeritus at UCD; **Sanjeev Kumar** of E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism); and **Neil Walker** of IBEC. The seminar was kindly supported by **Shell**.



Top: *Trade Wars in Skies seminar*

Bottom: *Fixing the EU ETS Scheme seminar*

Irish Climate Policy and Legislation



Minister Phil Hogan T.D. and Peter Brennan

The Institute proved a constructive forum for the discussion on the future of Irish climate policy over the course of 2012, following the announcement by **Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan T.D.**, of his Climate Roadmap. The Roadmap initiated a transparent process of analysis and debate, designed to lead to the further development of national climate policy and legislation. In January, IIEA Researchers **Joseph Curtin** and **Gina Hanrahan** published a paper entitled *Why Legislate? Designing a Climate Law for Ireland* as a contribution to this debate.

Minister Hogan set out his vision for climate policy at national, EU and international levels in a speech to the Institute in February entitled *Reflecting on the Climate Policy Challenge*, at which he also launched a public consultation on climate policy and legislation. This event formed part of the **ESB Lecture Series 2012**.

In the context of this public consultation, the Institute brought together key policymakers and stakeholders to discuss policy options for Ireland's future climate strategy at its *Carbon Day Conference* in April.

The Institute also hosted a workshop in October, which offered an opportunity for discussion and engagement on the NESC Secretariat's interim report on Irish climate change policy. The interim report was undertaken at the request of Minister Hogan to assist in the development and analysis of policy options to 2020 and beyond and to form a basis for a national transition to a low carbon future by 2050. Sessions looked at *Reframing the Climate Change Challenge and Sectoral Mitigation Options to 2020*. Speakers included: **Rory O'Donnell** and **Larry O'Connell** of NESC, **Brian Motherway** of SEAI and **Professor Anna Davies** of Trinity College Dublin.



Carbon Day logo

Green Growth and Greening the CAP



In the context of the ongoing negotiations on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), foremost expert on the CAP, **Professor Alan Matthews**, delivered an address in June on *Greening the CAP*.

Finally, in November, **EU Environment Commissioner, Janez Potocnik**, delivered a keynote address on *Green Growth for Ireland and Europe*, in which he discussed how the EU can help to deliver a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy.



Top: Alan Matthews

Bottom: Janez Potocnik

Digital Future Group

Chairs: Joyce O'Connor, Eamon Ryan

The Digital Future Group provides a forum for stakeholders in the digital sector to present their insights on emerging trends in the digital arena and their implications for policy and business.

In the year under review, the Digital Future Group maintained its focus on the EU's Digital Agenda. **Anthony Whelan, Chef de Cabinet for Neelie Kroes, European Commissioner for the Digital Agenda**, opened the 2012 events programme with a keynote address on *Big Data – The Digital Agenda for Europe and Challenges for 2012*. In his address, Mr. Whelan outlined the Commission's plan for 2012 in the areas of public data, data protection, the internet of things and internet security, providing an essential foundation for further discussion. Also speaking on this theme, **John Higgins, CBE, Director General of DIGITALEUROPE**, provided an industry perspective on the Digital Single Market, in a roundtable briefing on *A Digital Single Market by 2015: A Driver for Economic Growth and Jobs*.



Speaking on *Reconnecting Innovators and Policymakers in the Post-Digital Age*, **Ben Hammersley, Editor-at-Large of Wired Magazine and Prime Minister Cameron's Ambassador to TechCity**, subsequently delivered a fascinating address in which he argued that digital policy must be written today with the vastly more powerful technology of the future in mind



The future of content constituted another major theme for 2012. **Henry Jenkins, Provost Professor of Communication, Journalism and Cinematic Arts at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and the USC School of Cinematic Arts**, delivered a keynote address on the topic. His thought-provoking speech focused on *How Content Gains Meaning and Value in a Networked Culture* and discussed the shifting nature of content and an emerging media ecology where audiences play an increasingly active role in interpreting, creating, circulating and remixing the content they consume. Expanding on this topic, **Professor Lucy Kueng, University of Jönköping, Sweden**, led a round table discussion on *Leading Media Organisations through Digital Technology Transitions*, which was widely attended by leading industry experts. **David Martin, MEP**, reported on the controversial ACTA debate in the roundtable discussion, *ACTA on the Brink*.

Top: Ben Hammersley

Bottom: Henry Jenkins

The Digital Future Group also maintained a strong focus on new media. In this regard, the Institute hosted a seminar on the *Future of News Journalism in an Internet World*. At this seminar, industry experts, **Noel Curran**, Director of RTÉ; **Kevin O'Sullivan**, Editor of the *Irish Times*; **Brian Fallon**, Director of Distilled Media Ltd; and **Ann O'Dea**, Editor and CEO of Silicon Republic, spoke to a full house about the changing landscape of news journalism and analysed the challenges facing traditional media from the perspective of the broadcasting, print and online media.

Justice Group

Chair: Nora Owen

Project Leader: Eugene Regan SC

The Justice and Home Affairs Group examines developments in police and judicial cooperation in criminal justice at the EU and international level. It pays particular attention to the implications of developments in the EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. The 2012 work programme monitored ongoing developments in EU Justice and Home Affairs policy, particularly with regard to Ireland's EU Presidency in 2013, as well as a range of important international issues, including human trafficking, data protection, cyber-security and migration.

Dr. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings, opened the 2012 events programme with a keynote address on *Policy Dilemmas in Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation*. Dr. Giammarinaro discussed strategic approaches to anti-trafficking policy, as well as the challenge facing states, international organisations, NGOs and the business community of building a cultural environment hostile to the exploitation of workers.

Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, provided a valuable insight into the European Commission's policy priorities in the lead-up to the Irish Presidency. Her keynote address, entitled *Weathering the Storm Together: Justice for Growth, Justice for Citizens*, focused on efforts to use measures strengthening justice systems and the rule of law as a means of creating confidence in investment and economic growth.



Eugene Regan, Viviane Reding and Nora Owen



António Guterres

Former British Home Secretary, Charles Clarke, briefed members of the Institute on the findings of his report on the EU and migration. He delineated recommendations in this field of EU policy-making in the EU and discussed how Europe can better manage migration, the securing of the Schengen border, and migration and EU foreign policy. Speaking on a related issue, the **UN High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres**, delivered an address on *Current Challenges of Forced Displacement*. Drawing on UNHCR's flagship publication, *The State of the World's Refugees 2012: In Search of Solidarity*, the High Commissioner focused on his work in Syria and Mali.

Cyber-security constituted another important theme for the Group in 2012. **President of the Republic of Estonia, Toomas Hendrik Ilves**, addressed a full house in a keynote address entitled *When Small Means Big or Why You Can't Bribe a Computer?* President Ilves stressed the importance of international cooperation on this issue and the need for close cooperation between government and the private sector. Similar issues were addressed by the **General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Cameron Kerry**, in his keynote address on *Consumer Data Privacy in the United States: Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, Multi-Stakeholder Processes, and Global Interoperability*. Mr. Kerry discussed the impact of new data protection proposals in the U.S. and the challenge of ensuring the interoperability of global policies in this area.



Cameron Kerry and Nora Owen



Top: Susan Denham

Bottom: Patricia O'Brien

May 2012 saw the launch of a major publication on *European Criminal Justice Post-Lisbon: an Irish Perspective*. **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Susan Denham** was the keynote speaker at the launch. The publication includes contributions by a number of key policy actors, including: the Garda Commissioner, the Data Protection Commissioner, the head of the Criminal Assets Bureau, the Secretary General of the Department of Justice and Equality, a former Director of Public Prosecutions, a former Attorney General, the Attorney General of the United States and Eugene Regan SC, who also edited the publication. Nora Owen, former Minister for Justice and Chair of the Justice Group, wrote the preface to the publication.

Current Legal Issues Facing the United Nations was the subject of an address by **Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel**. Her talk addressed the development of international law, issues relating to international treaties and legal matters arising from crisis situations.

Security and Defence Policy Group

Chairs: Professor Ben Tonra, Marie Cross and Professor Patrick Keatinge

Following the NATO summit in Chicago in May 2012, the Security Policy and Defence Group hosted two keynote addresses examining the implications of this meeting. **Dr. Jamie Shea**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges at NATO, spoke on *NATO After Chicago and How it is Facing Up to the New Security Challenges*, while **Leo G. Michel**, Distinguished Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, spoke on *NATO: The Chicago Summit and Beyond – How Does Ireland ‘Fit’?*



Dr. Jamie Shea



Dr. Agostino Miozzo

The EU's response to emerging security challenges was the focus of many of the ESDP group events. **Prof. Sven Biscop**, Director of the Europe in the World Programme, provided a high-level view in his presentation *EU Grand Strategy: Optimism is Mandatory*. Two keynote addresses were delivered by EEAS Directors; the first by **Dr. Agostino Miozzo**, Managing Director for Crisis Response, on *EU Crisis Response – from Pakistan to Libya*, and the second by **Walter Stevens**, Director of the Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, on *Challenges in Crisis Management Planning*.

The Institute also had the opportunity to hear speakers discuss wider challenges in the defence policy arena. **Dr. Sean Kay**, Professor of International Relations at Ohio Wesleyan University, discussed *America's New Defence Strategy: Global and European Implications*. **Roger Middleton**, Consultant Researcher, Chatham House, examined *Piracy, Somalia and the International Response*. **Christian Le Mière**, Senior Research Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies examined the issue of *The South China Sea and Regional Order*.

Finally, the Security Policy and Defence Group produced two publications over the course of 2012. **Professor Patrick Keatinge** and **Professor Ben Tonra** co-authored a paper entitled *European Security in the 21st Century*, which identified the major underlying characteristics of the current security order, examined the origins of the system, identified some of the major conceptual debates associated with its recent evolution, described the multilateral institutional framework and commented on the contribution of Ireland. **Linda Barry**, Security and Defence Researcher, wrote a paper entitled *European Security in the 21st Century: The EU's Comprehensive Approach*, which considered how the EU institutions have been adapted by the Lisbon Treaty to facilitate the implementation of a new comprehensive approach to security and defence cooperation in the EU.

Foreign Policy Group

Chair: Pádraig Murphy



Dr. Nicu Popescu

The IIEA's Foreign Policy Group hosted speakers on a wide-range of topics over the course of 2012. Russia featured in the first address to the Group, *Russia's Elections and Their Aftermath*, by **Séamus Martin**, a former International Editor and Moscow Correspondent of the Irish Times. This focus on Russia was continued with the first lecture in the Institute's BRIC series by **Dr. Nicu Popescu**, entitled *Taking the R out of BRIC*. Dr. Popescu, Senior Research Fellow and Head of ECFR's programme on Russia and Wider Europe, discussed the political dimension of the BRICs and a number of political issues that he identified as preventing Russia from becoming the emerging power that it wants to be.

The opportunities and challenges facing the wider BRICs grouping were discussed in the second lecture in the Institute's BRIC series by **Jim O'Neill**, Chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, in his examination of *The Future of the BRICs*. Reflecting on the structure of international institutions, Mr. O'Neill acknowledged that the leadership of the IMF and the World Bank will, in the future, have to better reflect the economic and geopolitical importance of the world's emerging economies. **Rajat Nag**, Managing Director, Asian Development Bank, similarly pointed to the increasing role of Asia in the global economy in his address *Asia's Future, What Lies Ahead?* However, Mr. Nag pointed out that to reach its full potential, the region must first deal with long-term development and multi-generational challenges as well as formulate strategies to sustain the current rate of growth and transformation.



Jim O'Neill



Senator George Mitchell

In a year that witnessed such turmoil in Libya, Syria and throughout the Middle East and North Africa, the Institute hosted a number of regional experts to discuss the wider implications of this ongoing unrest. The highlight of the Foreign Policy programme was an address by **Senator George Mitchell** on the topic of *Building Peace and Hope – Lessons from Troubled Regions*. He considered the state of play and the prospects for peace in the Middle East and reflected on his experience of the Northern Ireland peace talks.

Professor Tariq Ramadan, Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies at Oxford University, President of the European Muslim Network and Director of the Centre for Islamic Legislation and Ethics in Qatar, addressed the Institute on the topic of *Trying to Understand the Arab Awakening*. Emphasising the heterogeneity of the developments in each country, Professor Ramadan was hesitant to use the term “Arab Spring”, portraying what he cautiously called the “Arab Awakening” as a chess game rather than a domino effect. Finally, **Dr. Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative to the Middle East Peace Process**, addressed the Institute on *The EU and the Middle East Peace Process*.



Prof. Tariq Ramadan is asked a question by Mary Fitzgerald



Vygaudas Ušackas

Beyond these events, the challenges inherent in responding to other regional questions on democracy, security and economic stability was a common thread in Foreign Policy Group events examining a number of other regions. **Vygaudas Ušackas, European Union Special Representative and Head of the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan**, addressed a roundtable event on *Afghanistan Now, Until 2014 and Beyond*, while **Nick Westcott, Managing Director for Africa with the European External Action Service**, delivered a keynote address on *Rethinking EU-Africa Relations*. **Kurt Bassuener, Co-Founder of the Democratisation Policy Council** gave a presentation (based on *A Diplomat's Handbook for Democracy Development Support*) entitled *Assisting Democratic Change – the Future of Diplomacy*.

Pierre Vimont, Secretary General of the EEAS, presented his vision of Europe’s foreign policy goals, and reviewed the progress achieved to date in his keynote address *European Diplomacy in a Multipolar World*. **Stefan Lehne, visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe**, examined *The Impact of the Euro Crisis on EU Foreign Policy*.



Pierre Vimont

Country Groups

In 2012, the IIEA also hosted working groups on the UK, China and the United States.

UK Group

Chair: Dáithí O’Ceallaigh



Owen Paterson, MP

The UK Group hosted events that focused on two issues: British-Irish relations and the UK’s place in a changing Europe. On the former, **Bobby McDonagh, Ambassador of Ireland to the United Kingdom**, gave an important keynote address on *Ireland and Britain: A New Agenda*. A British government perspective on British-Irish relations was provided by **Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**, who also discussed the future of devolved government in Northern Ireland.

In April 2012, the UK’s place in a changing European Union was addressed by **Charles Grant, Director of the Centre for European Reform**. The UK Group also hosted a seminar with representatives from the UK, Germany and Greece – **Lord Roger Liddle, Dr. Olaf Cramme and Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis** – who assessed the impact of the Eurozone crisis on European solidarity and the potential division of the Union into a core and periphery.



Charles Grant



Lord Roger Liddle

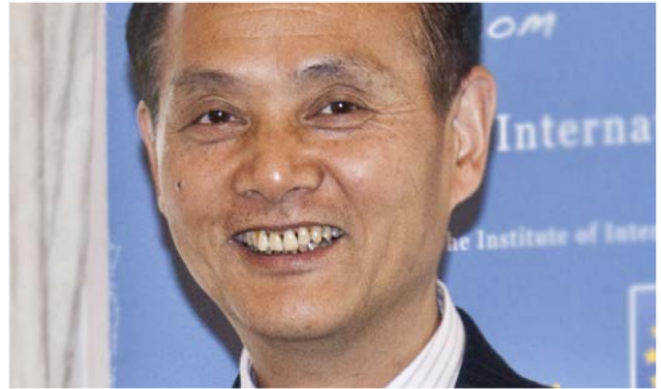
An authors’ group was also established in 2012 to examine the UK-Ireland-EU relationship. In August, the Institute published a paper entitled *Towards an Irish Foreign Policy for Britain* by Dáithí O’Ceallaigh and James Kilcourse, and in September it published a paper entitled *Beyond the British Veto* by Tony Brown.

China Group

Chairs: Brendan Halligan, Professor Dermot McAleese

The China Group’s 2012 programme began with an address by **Dr. Lan Xue, Professor and Dean of the School of Public Policy and Management and Executive President of the Development Research Academy for the 21st Century at Tsinghua University**. In his speech, entitled *Global Leadership in Transition: A View of Global Economic Challenges from China*, Professor Xue focused on China’s perception of current global economic challenges in the context of the obstacles and prospects for transforming the G20 into a more effective and responsive mechanism for global governance.

The role of China in the wider global economy was also the focal point of a new book launched at the Institute, *Rising China in the Changing World Economy*, edited by **Dr. Liming Wang**, Director of the Irish Institute for Chinese Studies in University College Dublin and Director of the Confucius Institute for Ireland. China's increasing global role also featured heavily in the address by **H.E. Luo Linquan**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ireland, on the topic of *China and its Role in the Wider World*. Ireland's developing ties with China were the focus of the address *Developments in Ireland's Bilateral Relationship with China* by **H.E. Declan Kelleher**, Ireland's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.



H.E. Luo Linquan



Hu Angang

Envisioning what the future holds for China was a common theme in many of the events held by the China Group in 2012. The highlight of the programme was an address by **Hu Angang**, Professor at the School of Public Policy and Management and Director of the Center for China Study at Tsinghua University, who spoke on *China in 2030*. The economic potential offered by China featured in the address by **Dr. Karl Gerth**, Lecturer in Modern Chinese History in Oxford University, entitled *Can Chinese Consumers Save the Global Economy?*

Pointing to *How China's Wartime Past is Changing its Present - and Future*, **Professor Rana Mitter**, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, examined the role the Second World War played in forming modern China, and how these historical experiences might shape China's future policies.



Rana Mitter

In the year of the 18th Party Congress, which represented a generational shift in the Chinese leadership, the Institute hosted a timely address by **Jonathan Fenby**, co-founder of **Trusted Sources** and a former editor of *The South China Morning Post*, on *Unfinished Revolution: the Challenges Facing China's New Leaders*.

US Group

Chair: John Travers

In October 2012, **John Brennan** reflected on transnational security challenges facing the United States and Europe, drawing on his experience as **President Obama's Assistant on Homeland Security and Counterterrorism**. In a major keynote address entitled *U.S. and Europe: Security Cooperation and Shared Challenges*, Mr. Brennan noted the common responsibilities of the U.S. and Europe in the fight against global terrorism.

The US Group also hosted one of the world's leading experts in international affairs, **Professor Robert Keohane of Princeton University**, who gave a keynote address on *The Future of Multilateralism and American Global Leadership*. This event was co-hosted with UCD's Clinton Institute for American Studies.



Dáití O'Ceallaigh, Nora Owen, John Brennan, Former United States Ambassador Dan Rooney and Jill Donoghue

IIEA/Irish Aid Development Matters Series

Chair: Nora Owen



In 2011, the IIEA and the Irish Government's development assistance programme, Irish Aid, jointly launched a series of development-focused events entitled *Development Matters*. The goal of the series is to bring the critical issues in development aid to a wider audience in Ireland, as well as to welcome leading figures in the field to Dublin. The Institute would like to acknowledge the support of Irish Aid in the *Development Matters* series.



In 2012, this series continued with a number of events including an address by **Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Global Partnership for Education**, on *Empowering Through Education*. This was followed by an address by **Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response**, on *Principles and Priorities Underpinning Humanitarian Aid*, an address by **Professor Iqbal Qadir, Founder and Director of the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT**, on *How Technology Can Overcome Poverty* and an address by **Caroline Anstey, Managing Director of the World Bank**, on *The Global Paradigm Shift: A New Compact Between Rising and Emerging Powers*. The series concluded with an address by **Mark Lowcock, Permanent Secretary of the UK's Department for International Development (DFID)**, on *Aid Matters: Maintaining Support for Development in a Changing Global Context?*

Top: Carol Bellamy

Bottom: Dáití O'Ceallaigh, Kristalina Georgieva, Joe Costello T.D., Minister of State for Trade and Development and Nora Owen

Young Professionals' Network

In 2012, the Young Professionals' Network continued to engage young professionals from its Foundation and Corporate member organisation in the public and private sectors in the work of the Institute. **Minister of State for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton T.D.**, addressed the YPN in January on the topic *Ireland in Europe*. During the Fiscal Stability Treaty referendum campaign in May, the YPN hosted a panel discussion with **Paschal Donohoe T.D.** and **Marie Sherlock, SIPTU**, on the implications of the Treaty for Ireland and Europe. The final event looked at digital innovation and the skills required for the digital era and it featured the 19-year old entrepreneur and founder of CoderDojo, **James Whelton**, and entrepreneur and philanthropist, **Bill Liao**.



Lucinda Creighton T.D., Minister of State for European Affairs and Jill Farrelly

Roundtables and Briefings

In addition to its formal events programme, the Institute hosted a series of meetings and briefings for visiting delegations and dignitaries.

In June, the Institute hosted a roundtable with **Kathleen Doherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs in the US State Department**, on transatlantic relations and expectations for the Irish Presidency.

The Institute also hosted a roundtable discussion on *The Search for Peace on the Korean Peninsula - Lessons from the Northern Ireland Peace Process*. **Dr. Seongwhun Cheon** examined *The Nuclear Crisis and Peace Treaty in Korea*, while **Dáithí O'Ceallaigh** considered broad lessons in peace-building from the Irish peace process.

The Institute welcomed a delegation from the **Swedish Ministry of Agriculture** in September. The group discussed European agriculture policy as well as broader issues relating to European integration. Tony Brown welcomed delegations from the **Swedish Employment Ministry** in November and from the **INPC (Institut National de Prévoyance Collective)** in France on EU employment and social policy.

In October, the Institute held an exchange of views with senior **Czech officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's office**, on the latest developments in the EU (including the financial crisis and proposals on banking union). Later that month, the Institute welcomed a **Canadian Parliamentary Delegation** to brief them on Ireland's Presidency Priorities, its response to the sovereign debt crisis and its views on the EU.

Later that month, the Institute was pleased to host, in association with the European Parliament Information Office in Ireland and European Movement Ireland, the Irish book launch of *For Europe! – Manifesto for a Post-National and Federal Europe* by **Guy Verhofstadt** and **Daniel Cohn-Bendit MEPs**. The launch was held in the Royal Irish Academy and Mr. Verhofstadt delivered a keynote address.

Conferences and Presentations

Representatives of the Institute were invited to deliver presentations in a variety of national fora. In April, IIEA Chairman, Brendan Halligan, made a presentation to the Oireachtas Sub-Committee on the Referendum on *The Implications of the Stability Treaty for Ireland and Europe*. Mr Halligan also delivered an address to the Oireachtas European Affairs Committee on *The EU in Twenty Years Time* in May and an address to the Parnell Summer School in August entitled *Ever Closer Union*. Director General Dáithí O’Ceallaigh delivered keynote addresses on European Affairs at various institutions in Ireland and the UK, including Trinity College Dublin, UCD, and Liverpool University. In July, researchers Gina Hanrahan and Joseph Curtin delivered a presentation to the Oireachtas Environment Committee on climate change legislation. This was also the focus of presentations by Gina Hanrahan to the UCC Law and Environment Conference and a Carbon Disclosure Project workshop. In December, Jill Donoghue, IIEA Director of Research, and researchers Linda Barry and Gina Hanrahan, delivered presentations on the Irish EU Presidency at the US Embassy’s Torchpassing Conference.

In addition, Institute representatives contributed to debate and discussion in a number of international fora. Dáithí O’Ceallaigh participated in a conference at Ditchley Park on a *Two Tier Europe and its Consequences*. Jill Donoghue represented the IIEA at a Global Summit of Think Tanks in Rome, organised by the University of Pennsylvania. Gina Hanrahan participated in a German Foreign Office study trip to Germany in April to explore the German Energiewende and its implications for Ireland together with a network of climate and energy policymakers from around the world. The UK Group also undertook a research trip to the UK, meeting with members of the Houses of Parliament, as well as think-tank representatives and journalists. Linda Barry participated in a conference in Brussels on *European Security - The Comprehensive Approach*, organised by the Danish Presidency. James Kilcourse, IIEA researcher, took part in the FutureLab Europe programme for young European professionals who want to play an active part in shaping the future direction of Europe, organised by the European Policy Centre (EPC) in Brussels. Katherine Meenan, Germany Group Chair, participated in a conference on perceptions of Germany in other EU Member States, organised by CEPS (the Centre for European Policy Studies).

Policy Networks

In 2012, the Institute maintained and strengthened its long-standing relationships with a number of important policy networks, including the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and hosted this network at its IIEA Presidency Conference in Dublin Castle in November. TEPSA is a network of over thirty European think tanks. The Director General, Dáithí O’Ceallaigh, continued his engagement with the European Council on Foreign Relations, where he is a member of the Council, and with the EPC, where he sits on the Advisory Council. Jill Donoghue, Director of Research, also represented the IIEA on the International Relations Committee of the Royal Irish Academy.

Events List 2012

Heads of State:

03/04/2012 *When Small Means Big or Why You Can't Bribe a Computer?*
President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia

Supreme Court:

25/07/2012 *IIEA Justice Book Launch*
Judge Susan Denham, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
Ireland

Secretaries General:

10/01/2012 *Annual Lunch for the Secretaries General at the IIEA*

05/01/2012 *The EU in 2012 - A Commission Perspective*
Catherine Day, Secretary General of the European Commission

16/04/2012 *Carbon Day Conference: Energy Efficiency and the Built Environment*

Clare McGrath, Chairman of the Office of Public Works

Carbon Day Conference: Transport

Tom O'Mahony, Secretary General of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Carbon Day Conference: The Roadmap for Climate Policy and Legislation

Geraldine Tallon, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

27/09/2012 *Reform in the Public Service*

Robert Watt, Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

- 02/10/2012 *Current Legal Issues Facing the United Nations*
Patricia O'Brien, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs
- 03/10/2012 *European Diplomacy in a Multipolar World*
Pierre Vimont, Executive Secretary General of the European External Action Service

European Council:

- 20/01/2012 *New Year, New Developments, New Treaty...*
Richard Corbett, Member of the Cabinet of President Van Rompuy

Irish Ministers:

- 17/01/2012 *Ireland in Europe*
Lucinda Creighton T.D., Minister of State for European Affairs
- 24/02/2012 *The Future of Energy Policy in Ireland and Europe*
Minister Pat Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- 29/02/2012 *Reflecting on the Climate Policy Challenge*
Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government
- 02/05/2012 *Ireland and Europe, Stability and Growth*
Eamon Gilmore T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 23/11/2012 *IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference: Priorities of the Irish Presidency*
Ruairi Quinn T.D., Minister for Education and Skills
IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference: Economic Governance and EMU
Michael Noonan T.D., Minister for Finance

IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference: The EU in the World

Eamon Gilmore T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

European Commission:

- 03/02/2012 *Big Data' - The Digital Agenda for Europe and Challenges for 2012*
Anthony Whelan, Head of Cabinet for Neelie Kroes, European Commissioner for the Digital Agenda
- 17/02/2012 *Dealing with the Crisis - the Strength of the European Approach*
Maroš Šefčovič , European Commissioner for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration
- 20/02/2012 *Principles and Priorities Underpinning Humanitarian Aid*
Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response
- 11/05/2012 *The Future of EU Enlargement Policy*
Stefano Sannino, Director-General for Enlargement
- 20/09/2012 *The Challenges Facing European Energy Policy*
Commissioner Gunther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Energy
- 25/09/2012 *Weathering the Storm Together: Justice for Growth, Justice for Citizens*
Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
- 12/09/2012 *Policy Responses to the Eurocrisis and Implications for Ireland*
Sean Berrigan, Director of Monetary Affairs and Financial Stability in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs
- 19/11/2012 *Green Growth for Ireland and Europe*
Dr. Janez Potocnik, European Commissioner for the Environment

- 23/11/2012 *IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference: New Energy System – Enhanced Competitiveness?*
Marie Donnelly, Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation in the Directorate General for Energy
- Other EU Institutions & Agencies:**
- 06/02/2012 *Europe's Response to a Changing Neighbourhood*
John O'Rourke, Head of ENP Strategy and Instruments Unit, European External Action Service
- 08/03/2012 *EU Crisis Response - from Pakistan to Libya*
Agostino Miozzo, Managing Director for Crisis Response in the European External Action Service
- 27/02/2012 *Afghanistan Now, Until 2014 and Beyond*
Vygaudas Ušackas, EU Special Representative and Head of the EU Delegation in Afghanistan
- 27/03/2012 *Bosnia and Herzegovina's European Perspective – Achievements and Challenges for the EU*
Peter Sorensen, EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 06/06/2012 *Challenges in Crisis Management Planning*
Walter Stevens, Director for Crisis Management and Planning in the European External Action Service
- 23/11/2012 *IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference: Europe in the World*
Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service
- 13/12/2012 *Rethinking EU-Africa Relations*
Nick Westcott, Managing Director for Africa in the European External Action Service

18/12/2012 *The EU and the Middle East Peace Process*
Dr. Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

EU & Non-EU Ministers:

27/01/2012 *Kosovo - Testing the EU's Common Foreign Policy*
Petrut Selimi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo

10/02/2012 *Perspectives from the Danish Presidency*
Nicolai Wammen, Danish Minister for European Affairs

12/03/2012 *The Future of Europe – A German View*
Emily Haber, German State Secretary at the Federal Foreign Office

13/06/2012 *The Cypriot EU Presidency Priorities*
Andreas Mavroyiannis, Cypriot Minister for European Affairs

15/06/2012 *Low Carbon Economic Revolution in India*
Farooq Abdullah, Indian Minister for New and Renewable Energy

19/07/2012 *British-Irish Relations in the 21st Century*
Owen Paterson MP, UK Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

18/09/2012 *Finland in Europe*
Alexander Stubb, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade

26/11/2012 *Europe and the Test of Solidarity*
Bernard Cazeneuve, French Minister of State for European Affairs

18/12/2012 *Europe's New Challenges and Turkey*
Egemen Bagis, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs

Central Banks:

- 12/04/2012 *The Irish Case: An ECB Perspective*
Dr. Joerg Asmussen, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank
- 29/06/2013 *Exiting the Crisis Conference: Ireland and More Financial Europe*
Patrick Honohan, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland
- 25/07/2012 *Fixing Europe's Financial Crisis*
Christian Noyer, Governor of the Bank of France
- 25/10/2012 *As goes Ireland, so goes Europe?*
Andreas Dombret, Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank

Think Tanks:

- 11/04/2012 *Taking the R out of BRIC*
Dr. Nicu Popescu, Head of Russia Programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations
- 25/04/2012 *The Future of Europe – with Germany up, France down, the Commission side-lined and Britain on the way out*
Charles Grant, Director of the Centre for European Reform
- 27/04/2012 *Can We Expect a U-Turn in French European Policy?*
Prof. Zaki Laidi, Professor at the Sciences-Po Paris Centre for European Studies
- 15/05/2012 *European Solidarity and the Eurozone Crisis*
Yves Bertoncini, Secretary General of Notre Europe
- 26/06/2012 *Albania and the EU: Paralysis or Progress?*
Corina Stratulat, Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre

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- 09/07/2012 *Ukraine Between East and West*
Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe
- 11/09/2012 *An EU Grand Strategy: Optimism is Mandatory*
Prof. Sven Biscop, Director of the Europe in the World Programme at Egmont
- 09/10/2012 *The Impact of the Euro Crisis on EU Foreign Policy*
Dr. Stefan Lehne, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe
- 23/10/2012 *Embracing the F-Word: Shaping EU Governance*
Karel Lannoo, CEO of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- 26/10/2012 *The Eastern Partnership: A Test Case for EU Foreign Policy*
Laure Delcour, Director of Research at the Institute of International and Strategic Relations
- 23/11/2012 *Multiple TEPSA representatives at the IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference:*
Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, Chairman of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

Prof. Jean-Paul Jacqu e, Secretary General of TEPSA

Dr. Guntram Wolff, Deputy Director of Bruegel

Dr. Gunilla Herolf, Vice-President of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences
- 29/11/2012 *The South China Sea and Regional Order*
Christian Le Mi re, Research Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security, the International Institute for Strategic Studies

Keynote Addresses

- 16/01/2012 *Russia's Elections and their Aftermath*
Séamus Martin, Former Russia Correspondent and Foreign Editor of the Irish Times
- 19/01/2012 *Trying to Understand the Arab Awakening*
Prof. Tariq Ramadan, Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies at Oxford University
- 01/02/2012 *Enlargement of the Union*
Anne Barrington, Director-General of Europe Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 02/02/2012 *Policy Dilemmas in Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation*
Dr. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- 08/02/2012 *Thinking About the End of Oil*
Richard Sears, Visiting Scientist at MIT
- 09/02/2012 *Ireland and the EU*
Micheál Martin T.D., Leader of Fianna Fáil
- 15/02/2012 *Empowering Through Education*
Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Global Partnership for Education
- 20/02/2012 *Global Leadership in Transition: A View of Global Economic Challenges from China.*
Dr. Lan Xue, Professor and Dean, School of Public Policy and Management in Tsinghua University
- 06/03/2012 *The EU and Migration*
Charles Clarke, Former British Home Secretary

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- 07/03/2012 *Growth in the Western Balkans and the Need for International Coordination*
 Mary O'Mahony, Head of the IFI Coordination Office for the Western Balkans and Turkey
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- 09/03/2012 *Assisting Democratic Change - The Future of Diplomacy*
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- 30/04/2012 *Reconnecting Innovators and Policymakers in the Post-Digital Age*
Ben Hammersley, Editor-at-Large of Wired Magazine
- 04/05/2012 *Rethinking Global Ageing*
Prof. Sarah Harper, Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
- 10/05/2012 *NATO: The Chicago Summit and Beyond - How Does Ireland 'Fit'?*
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- 11/05/2012 *Asia's Future: What Lies Ahead?*
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- 16/05/2012 *Lessons from the Greek Debt Exchange*
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- 17/05/2012 *The Path to a Post-Subsidy World*
Michael Liebreich, Chief Executive and Founder of Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- 21/05/2012 *How Content Gains Meaning and Value in a Networked Culture*
Prof. Henry Jenkins, Provost Professor of Communication, Journalism and Cinematic Arts at the University of South California
- 23/05/2012 *How Technology Can Overcome Poverty*
Prof. Iqbal Qadir, Director of the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT
- 29/05/2012 *Recent Developments in Sino-Irish Relations*
H.E. Declan Kelleher, Irish Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

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- 08/06/2012 *Beyond Aid: Doing Development Differently*
Caroline Anstey, Managing Director of the World Bank
- 11/06/2012 *Greening the Desert: The Sahara Forest Project*
Joakim Hauge, CEO of the Sahara Forest Project
- 12/06/2012 *China in 2030*
Prof. Hu Angang, Director of the Center for China Studies in Tsinghua University
- 19/06/2012 *NATO After Chicago and How it is Facing up to the New Security Challenges*
Dr. Jamie Shea, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges
- 20/06/2012 *Greening the CAP*
Prof. Alan Matthews, Professor Emeritus of European Agricultural Policy at Trinity College Dublin
- 02/07/2012 *Ireland and Britain: A New Agenda*
H.E. Bobby McDonagh, Irish Ambassador to the UK
- 05/07/2012 *A Budget for Growth? The EU's Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020*
Prof. Daniel Tarschys, Professor of Political Science at the University of Stockholm
- 10/07/2012 *The Future of Renewable Energy Research*
Dr. Dana Christensen, Deputy Director of the United States National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 05/09/2012 *A Keynesian Response to the Crisis*
Lord Robert Skidelsky, Member of the UK House of Lords

- 06/09/2012 *Freeing Electricity from the Grid - Innovation at the Nano Scale*
Justin Hall Tipping, CEO of NanoHoldings LLC
- 07/09/2012 *France in Europe Today*
Jean-Michel Casa, Director General for EU Affairs at the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- 26/09/2012 *Energy and Geopolitics – Seven Megatrends*
Prof. Friedbert Pflueger, Director of the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security at Kings College London
- 09/10/2012 *Consumer Data Privacy in the United States: Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights, Multi-Stakeholder Processes, and Global Interoperability*
Cameron Kerry, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce
- 11/10/2012 *Current Challenges of Forced Displacement*
António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- 19/10/2012 *The European Crisis: An American View*
Prof. Lawrence Summers, President Emeritus of Harvard University
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- 15/11/2012 *Aid Matters: Maintaining Support for Development in a Changing Global Context*
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- 26/11/2012 *Towards a Banking Union*
Sharon Bowles MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee
- 27/11/2012 *China and its Role in the Wider World*
H.E. Luo Linquan, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ireland
- 30/11/2012 *Ireland Launch of the World Energy Outlook 2012*
Dr. Fatih Birol, Chief Economist at the International Energy Agency
Minister Pat Rabbitte, Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- Roundtables:**
- 13/02/2012 *Carbon Markets After Durban*
Martin Hession, Chair of the CDM Executive Board
- 17/01/2012 *A Post-Durban Briefing*
Owen Ryan, Principal Officer at the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
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- 24/01/2012 *The 'Reinforced Economic Union' - Implications for Fiscal Policy*
Pat McArdle, Co-Chair, IIEA Economists Group
- 26/01/2012 *Maritime Piracy, Somalia and the International Response*
Roger Middleton, Somalia Expert and former Consultant Researcher at Chatham House
- 07/02/2012 *Private Post-European Council Summit Briefing*
Geraldine Byrne Nason, Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach

- 15/02/2012 *Iceland and the EU*
Stefan Haukur Johannesson, Icelandic Chief Negotiator with the European Union
- 08/03/2012 *Private Post-European Council Summit Briefing*
Geraldine Byrne Nason, Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach
- 14/03/2012 *The European Community: Connecting South-East Europe?*
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- 20/03/2012 *A Swing to the Left in France? National and European Implications*
Hélène Conway, French Senator
Axelle Lemaire, Candidate for the National Assembly
- 21/03/2012 *Realising Ireland's Growth Potential*
Danny McCoy, Director General of IBEC
- 04/04/2012 *The Eastern Mediterranean - Zone of Conflict or Opportunity?*
Sabine Freizer, Europe Director of the International Crisis Group
- 10/05/2012 *Bank Regulation in a European Context*
Stephen Kinsella, Lecturer in Economics at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick
- 14/05/2012 *Kosovo: Europe's Youngest State*
Mary Fitzgerald, Reporter for the Irish Times

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- 07/06/2012 *Can Chinese Consumers Save the Global Economy?*
Prof. Karl Gerth, Professor of Modern Chinese History at Oxford University
- 14/06/2012 *Leading Media Organisations through Technology Transitions*
Prof. Lucy Küng, Professor of Media Economics and Management in the Media Management and Transformation Centre at the University of Jonköping, Sweden
- 15/06/2012 *ACTA on the Brink*
David Martin MEP, European Parliament Rapporteur on ACTA
- 30/06/2012 *Private Briefing on U.S.-Irish Relations in an EU Context*
Kathleen Doherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
- 03/07/2012 *Private Post-European Council Summit Briefing*
Geraldine Byrne Nason, Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach
- 01/10/2012 *Major conflicts and challenges in the CFP reform*
Isabella Lovin MEP, Swedish Green Party
- 22/10/2012 *Refinancing the Irish Bailout*
Pat McArdle, Chair of the IIEA Economists Group
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- 01/11/2012 *Private Briefing on Ireland's EU Presidency Challenges and Opportunities*
H.E. Rory Montgomery, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the EU
- 16/11/2012 *The Greek Economy Three Years into the Crisis: Structural Weaknesses, Adjustment Policies and the Way Forward*
Prof. Dimitris Malliaropoulos, Eurobank's Economic Research Adviser and Chair of the European Banking Federation's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee
- 04/12/2012 *Private Post-European Council Summit Briefing*
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04/12/2012 *The Role of External Actors in Bosnia-Herzegovina*
Mary Ann Hennessey, Head of the Council of Europe's Sarajevo Office

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Tija Memisevic, Director of the European Research Centre

06/12/2012 *Post-Budget Briefing*
Prof. John FitzGerald, ESRI

11/12/2012 *Unfinished Revolution: the Challenges Facing China's New Leaders*
Jonathan Fenby, Managing Director for China at Trusted Resources

Seminars

30/01/2012 *Creating a European Internal Energy Market by 2014 – Challenges and Opportunities for Ireland and Europe*

Jean-Arnold Vinois, Director, Security of Supply and Networks at the European Commission; Daniel Dobbeni, President of ENTSO-E; Dermot Byrne, Chief Executive of EirGrid; Alison Kay, Transmission Commercial Director, National Grid, UK; and Garrett Blaney, Commissioner at the Commission for Energy Regulation

27/03/2012 *Trade Wars in the Skies – Aviation and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme*

Jos Delbeke, Director General for Climate Action at the European Commission; Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus, Secretary-General of the Association of European Airlines; and Vincent Harrison, Director of Strategy and Regulation at the DAA

17/04/2012 *Energy: The Next Systemic Risk to Banking?*

Chris Skrebowski, Consulting Editor of Petroleum Review; Prof. Steve Keen, author of 'Debunking Economics' and Professor of Economics at the University of Sydney; Dr. Michael Kumhof, Research Department, IMF; Gerard Reid, Specialist in Alternative Energy Investment and Partner and Founder at Alexa Capital LLP; Sean O'Sullivan, Co-founder and Managing Director of Avego and a 'Dragon' from TV programme Dragon's Den

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- 02/07/2012 *The Future of News Journalism in an Internet World*
Noel Curran, Director General of RTE; Kevin O'Sullivan, Editor of the Irish Times; Anne O'Dea, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Silicon Republic; and Brian Fallon, Director of Distilled Media Ltd.
- 10/10/2012 *NESC Climate Change Workshop*
Dr. Rory O'Donnell, Director of the National Economic and Social Council; Dr. Larry O'Connell, Senior Economist at the National Economic and Social Council; Dr. Brian Motherway, CEO of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; and Prof. Anna Davies, Trinity College Dublin
- 11/10/2012 *Where next for the politics of the Eurozone crisis?*
Lord Roger Liddle, Chair of Policy Network; Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis, President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy; and Olaf Cramme, Director of Policy Network
- 15/10/2012 *Fixing the EU Emissions Trading Scheme*
Prof. Frank Convery, University College Dublin; Dr. Barbara Buchner, Head of CPI Europe; Sanjeev Kumar, Senior associate at E3G; and Dr. Neil Walker, Head of Environment and Energy at IBEC
- High-Level Luncheons**
- 10/01/2012 *Annual Lunch for the Secretaries General at the IIEA*
- 11/01/2012 *Annual Lunch for EU Ambassadors at the IIEA*
- 23/01/2012 *Annual Lunch for Non-EU Ambassadors at the IIEA*
- 25/01/2012 *Reflections on UK Financial Services Regulation*
Harvey McGrath, Philanthropist and Senior Business Executive
- 18/05/2012 *The Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the EU in the next half of 2012*
Geraldine Byrne Nason, Second Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach
- 22/06/2012 *The UK and its Relationship with Europe*
Baroness Detta O'Cathain, Member of the UK House of Lords

27/09/2012 *Reform in the Public Service*
Robert Watt, Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

12/11/2012 *Strategic Change in the ESB*
Pat O'Doherty, CEO of ESB

Young Professionals' Network

17/01/2012 *Ireland in Europe*
Lucinda Creighton T.D., Minister of State for European Affairs

22/05/2012 *The Stability Treaty - Next Steps for Ireland and Europe*
Paschal Donohoe T.D. and Marie Sherlock, SIPTU

26/06/2012 *Breaking the Code: Skills for the Digital Era*
Bill Liao, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, and James Whelton, Founder, Coder Dojo

Conferences

16/04/2012 Carbon Day: Conference on Ireland's Climate Change Strategy

Setting the Scene: The Roadmap for Climate Policy and Legislation
Geraldine Tallon, Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

Ireland's GHG Emission Projections
Laura Burke, Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency

The Price of Carbon
Paul Harris, Head of Natural Resource Risk Management at Bank of Ireland Global Markets

Agriculture, Land Use and Forestry

Paul McKiernan, Principal Officer with responsibility for climate change and bio-energy at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Panel: Jer Bergin, Climate Change Spokesperson, IFA; and Ciaran Black, Group Innovation Director, Coillte

Meeting Ireland's Renewable Energy Targets

Sara White, Deputy Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Panel: Kenneth Matthews, CEO of IWEA; Fintan Slye, Director of Operations of Eirgrid; Peter O'Shea, Head of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Strategy, ESB

Energy Efficiency and the Built Environment

Brian Motherway, Chief Operations Officer of SEAI

Panel: Tom Parlon, Director General of the Construction Industry Federation; Clare McGrath, Chairman of the Office of Public Works

Transport

Tom O'Mahony, Secretary General of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Respondent: Paul Mulvaney, Managing Director of ESB Cars

Reflections on Ireland's Climate Change Strategy

Panel: Prof. John Fitzgerald, ESRI; Oisín Coghlan, Director of Friends of the Earth Ireland; Dr. Neil Walker, Head of Environment and Energy at IBEC; and Tara Shine, Head of Research and Development at the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice

Conference Chairman:

Peter Brennan, Managing Director at EPS Consulting and Chair of the IIEA Climate Group

29/06/2012

Exiting the Crisis Conference

Introductory remarks

Barbara Nolan, Head of the European Commission Representation in Ireland

Session I: Ireland's Path to Recovery

What Ireland might learn from the crisis

John Bruton, Chairman of IFSC Ireland and Former Taoiseach

Ireland's bank debt and what can be done about it?

Karl Whelan, Professor of Economics at UCD

Session II: Keynote address

Inventing the European Model of Solidarity

Alain Lamassoure MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets

Session III: Keynote address

Ireland and More Financial Europe

Patrick Honohan, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland

Session IV: Fixing the Euro

Going Forward – European and Irish Policy responses

Donal Donovan, Adjunct Professor at the University of Limerick and Former Deputy Director of the IMF

Political Union: Options for the Way Ahead

Josef Janning, Director of Studies in the European Policy Centre

National Banking Sectors in an Unfinished Currency Union

Jens Boysen-Hogrefe, Economist at the Kiel Institute of the World Economy

Session V: Conference Conclusion

Conference Rapporteur

Pat Cox, Former President of the European Parliament

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23/11/2012

IIEA Pre-Presidency Conference

Introductory remarks

Brendan Halligan, Chairman, IIEA

Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, Chairman of TEPSA

Session I: Priorities of the Irish Presidency

Keynote Address

Ruairi Quinn T.D., Minister for Education and Skills

Presentation of recommendations to the Presidency from TEPSA

Prof. Ramunas Vilpišauskas, Director of the Institute of

International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Session II: Economic Governance and EMU

Keynote address

Michael Noonan T.D., Minister for Finance

Towards a European Banking and Fiscal Union

Dr. Guntram Wolff, Deputy Director of Bruegel

Why flexibility matters: lessons from history

Prof. Kevin O'Rourke, Chichele Professor of Economic History at the University of Oxford

A missed opportunity for better governance? The next Multiannual Financial Framework

Prof. Iain Begg, Professorial Research Fellow in the European Institute at LSE

Session III: Innovation and the Digital/Energy Interface

Keynote address

Pat Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

New energy system – enhanced competitiveness?

Marie Donnelly, Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation in the Directorate General for Energy, European Commission

Towards a smart, sustainable energy future

Fintan Slye, Chief Executive of EirGrid

Towards future sustainability

Prof. Martin Curley, Vice-President of Intel Corporation and Director of Intel Labs Europe

Session IV – The EU in the World

Keynote Address

Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

Keynote Address

Eamon Gilmore T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Closing remarks

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

	Year ended 31-Dec-12 €	Year ended 31-Dec-11 €	Year ended 31-Dec-10 €
Income			
Subscriptions	484,870	548,755	544,591
Grants and Projects	155,255	295,133	298,806
Other	138,987	153,290	129,363
Total	<u>779,112</u>	<u>997,178</u>	<u>972,760</u>
Expenditure			
Salaries	505,975	654,210	713,668
Projects	124,075	184,917	99,530
Administration	147,865	128,764	127,816
Depreciation	21,927	25,806	31,376
Total	<u>799,842</u>	<u>993,697</u>	<u>972,390</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,730)	3,481	370

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2012

	31-Dec-12 €	31-Dec-11 €	31-Dec-10 €
Fixed Assets	460,435	468,030	478,654
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>(29,501)</u>	<u>(5,048)</u>	<u>(6,976)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>430,934</u>	<u>462,982</u>	<u>471,678</u>

The accounts for the year 2012 were audited by RSM Farrell Grant Sparks, the newly appointed statutory auditors to The Institute replacing Deloitte & Touche.

The accounts for 2012 report a deficit of € 20,730 due to the reduction in the number of conferences and projects held in 2012 as compared to the previous year.

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