



Environment Ireland Conference 2019

Environmental policy – the EU perspective

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- 1. *The broader EU picture***
- 2. *Ireland matters***



Change of the guard in Brussels: what to expect?

Prominent objectives:

- 1. Curtailing biodiversity loss*** – *species and habitats, deforestation, land degradation, sustainable oceans, global*
- 2. Delivering the zero-pollution ambition*** – *air and water, industrial emissions, pesticides, endocrine disruptors, hazardous chemicals*
- 3. Circular economy closer to reality*** – *sustainable resource use, plastics, micro-plastics, textiles.*



The wider political context

European Green Deal:

- *Climate action – neutrality by 2050, 55% reduction of emissions by 2030, ETS extension, climate border tax, climate pact*
- *Supporting the paradigm shift – Sustainable Investment Plan, Just Transition Fund, strategy for green financing, EIB = climate bank*

Steering the contribution of all sectors – energy, farming (“Farm-to-fork”), transport, fisheries, health, industrial policy



Ireland matters – an EU perspective

- 1. Role and performance of the EPA***
- 2. (Several) water matters***
- 3. Waste management – a positive example***
- 4. Environmental assessments***
- 5. Access to justice in environmental cases***



Thank you!