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Enterprise Ireland and Wet Networks Water Innovation Seminar

DATE: February 27th 2019

VENUE: Enterprise Ireland HQ, Eastpoint, Dublin

Register online at:

<https://www.eventsforce.net/enterpriseireland/2547/home>

Enterprise Ireland and Wet Networks (Arup and WRc) will host an innovation seminar in Dublin on February 27th, 2019 to look ahead to the main innovation challenges, enablers and solutions facing the UK water sector as it approaches new investment cycles in England and Wales (2020-2025) and in Northern Ireland and Scotland (2021-2027).

Convening at Enterprise Ireland HQ in Eastpoint, Dublin, this seminar will bring together delegates from across the Irish and UK water industry. Water utilities will speak about their innovation priorities and areas of required support while attendees will also hear from several Irish companies at the forefront of innovation in the water sector.

The keynote address will be delivered by Trevor Bishop, Director of Strategy and Policy - Water Resources South East

Enterprise Ireland and Wet Networks invite you to register for this free to attend the innovation seminar at <https://www.eventsforce.net/enterpriseireland/2547/home>

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AMP 7 and Innovation

As part of the preparations for AMP7, water utilities in England and Wales have submitted their business plans to Ofwat outlining their main areas of focus for this investment cycle. With utilities planning a total expenditure of £50 billion from 2020 to 2025, Ofwat have emphasised customer service, affordable bills, resilient water supply and innovation as priorities in AMP7.

The greater focus on customer engagement and longer-term outcomes better enables service providers to innovate and invest for the longer term in the best interest of their customers. It's clear that new ways of working and new approaches are required to address the challenges facing the sector, to facilitate and enable innovation and to find better ways of using scarce resources.

Likewise, the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS) and Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) are undertaking SRC21 and PC21 respectively. These reviews will determine key priorities and pricing for both Scottish Water and Northern Ireland Water in their next investment cycles and the innovation agenda for both utilities will be discussed during the seminar.

Enterprise Ireland's Water and Wastewater Cluster

Members of the Enterprise Ireland cluster provide product and service solutions to address global water challenges in areas such as water scarcity; climate change; rising energy costs; increased regulation; increased quality requirements and ageing infrastructure.

Enterprise Ireland's Water and Wastewater Cluster was established in early 2015 and comprises over 80 members from Irish supply chain companies, third level institutions, research centres and state bodies. Enterprise Ireland provides key co-ordination and support for the cluster and convenes members several times a year to discuss industry challenges, solutions and innovation. Enterprise Ireland's London office has a strong record in developing relationships with the UK water and wastewater sector and in facilitating collaboration between UK and Irish industry.

Agenda: Tuesday February 26th, 2019

19:00 – 21:00 **WET Networks and Enterprise Ireland Networking Reception**
Gibson Hotel, Dublin

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Agenda: Wednesday February 27th, 2019

08:45 – 09:15 **Registration and Coffee**

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09:15 – 09:30 **Welcome and Event Overview**

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09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address from Trevor Bishop, Director of Strategy and Policy – Water Resources South East
10:00 – 10:40	Panel Discussion Innovation Challenges and Enablers in the UK’s Water Sector – Looking ahead to AMP7 Panelists – Yorkshire Water; Dwr Cymbru Welsh Water; United Utilities; Wessex Water.
10:40 – 10:50	Networking Coffee Break
10:50 – 11:20	Innovation Presentations from the Irish Supply Chain – Wastewater Innovation Session Presenters – NVP Energy; Oxymem; Glan Agua.
11:20 – 11:45	Panel Discussion How do UK Water Utilities Source and Embrace Innovative Products and Services from the Market? Panelists – The Energy Innovation Centre; Kier; South Staffordshire Water; Xylem.
11:45 – 12:15	Innovation Presentations from the Irish Supply Chain – Compliance Session Presenters – SwiftComply; T.E. Laboratories (TelLab); Klir.
12:15 – 12:30	Innovation Presentations from the Irish Supply Chain – Energy Management Session Presenters – Energy Elephant; Champion Pumps.
12:30 – 13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Panel Discussion Innovation Challenges and Trends in the Irish Market. Panelists – Irish Water; AECOM; Northern Ireland Water; Jacobs.
14:00 – 14:30	Innovation Presentations from the Irish Supply Chain – Digital Services Session Presenters – VISION Consulting; GeoPal; Water Research Centre (WRC)
14:30 – 14:40	Update on the Water Test Network Interreg Project
14:40 – 14:50	Closing Remarks
14:50 – 16:00	Coffee and One-to-One Networking
16:00	End of the Event

About the Organisers

Enterprise Ireland is the government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises in world markets. We work in partnership with Irish enterprises to help them start, grow, innovate and work across global markets. We also work with international partners to help serve their growth needs by matching them with relevant Irish companies.

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Arup and WRc are the stakeholders in Wet Network events that has for past 12 years provided a platform for young companies with interesting technology innovations in the water space who are looking for funding to present to potential funders and other interested parties. The events also provide a medium for networking and exchange of ideas between senior players in the water technology space.

Enterprise Ireland's Water and Wastewater Cluster has similarly supported young Irish companies and Wet Networks is pleased to partner with Enterprise Ireland to hold its first International event.

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