

Welcome to the Summer edition of ESB Networks' stakeholder newsletter that connects our customers, stakeholders and staff with the latest news on key strategic projects happening across ESB Networks.

ESB Networks – delivering the electricity network for Ireland's clean electric future.




The CRU has issued its PR6 Draft Determination, and a consultation is now underway

ESB Networks submitted its PR6 Business Plan to the CRU in Q4 2024 outlining our investment plan for the network for the period 2026 to 2030. The document can be found at [ESB Networks Price Review 6 Business Plan](#).

In early July, the CRU issued their Draft Determination through which they evaluate and approve the proposed investment plans submitted by the network companies, ESB Networks and EirGrid. The CRU has opened a consultation on the Draft Determination and responses should be submitted via their consultation platform by the close of business on 11 September 2025.

Stakeholders can find more information on the CRU Draft Determination and where to submit responses at [Price Review Six | The Commission for Regulation of Utilities \(CRU\)'s Consultation Portal](#)

If stakeholders or industry partners have any questions on ESB Networks' PR6 Business Plan, please contact our PR6 team by e-mailing pr6engagement@esb.ie



Energising your everything

The consultation process for the Stakeholder Engagement Report 2024 is complete

The ESB Networks' ['Stakeholder Engagement Report 2024'](#) consultation, which highlighted how ESB Networks collaborated and engaged with our stakeholders and customers over the course of 2024, was published for consultation earlier this year with a closing date of 2 May.

The report outlined a high level range of activities carried out by ESB Networks to engage with stakeholders (consultations, publications, meetings, forums, working groups, and events) over 2024 and how feedback received helped to shape and modify relevant work programmes and initiatives.

Thank you to our stakeholders who took time to input to the consultation.



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ESB Networks publishes the Distribution Network Development Plan (DNDP) and opens consultation process

In our Networks for Net Zero Strategy, ESB Networks has committed to delivering a net zero ready electricity distribution network by 2040, to enable Ireland to achieve its net zero goals by 2050. A key action in the Strategy is to publish a Ten-Year Distribution Network Development Plan (DNDP) as required under the Clean Energy Package Directive (EU) 2019/944. The DNDP sets out our planned investments in network infrastructure over the medium and long term and indicates flexibility needs in each area.

The Distribution Network Development Plan (DNDP) Summary Document and Methodology Statement and the Distribution Network Development Report are published on our website for consultation [here](#). The consultation period is open until Friday, 19 September 2025, 5pm and all feedback can be sent to development.plans@esb.ie

We welcome all stakeholder feedback and input, particularly on whether our approach meets stakeholder requirements. Stakeholder feedback is vital as it will help shape the final Distribution Network Development Plan which will be published by the end of 2025.



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ESB Networks participated at the Smart Grid Ireland Innovation Conference in Tullamore

Focusing on the theme “Powering the Energy Transition to Net Zero, from Pilot to Scale”, the Smart Grid Ireland Innovation Conference on 18 June highlighted innovations bridging policy, regulation, and delivery gaps.

On the day, Bevin Cody, Strategy, Stakeholder, Innovation & Electrification Manager, ESB Networks spoke about ESB Networks’ PR6 Business Plan which was submitted to the CRU in Q4 2024 and highlighted the investments that ESB Networks plans to make in the electricity network over the period 2025 – 2030.

Gerry Noone, Flexibility Business Development Manager with DMSO, ESB Networks, joined a panel discussion on ‘How to de-risk energy community projects & set them up to succeed?’. ESB Networks was delighted to welcome Timmy Dooley, TD – Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to our exhibition stand at the event.

Thank you to all of the attendees at Smart Grid Ireland who visited our stand and proposed opportunities to collaborate.



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ESB Networks participated at the Business Post National Infrastructure Summit in Dublin

The Business Post National Infrastructure Summit took place in the Radisson Blu, Golden Lane, Dublin on 8 May covering the latest policy developments from Government and examining issues currently impacting on the planning and delivery of major infrastructure investments.

In the panel discussion, 'Future power: Developing the national grid to meet future demand', Emma Silke, Electrification Manager, ESB Networks, Aoife O'Grady, Head of Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland, Department of Transport, Dr. Eva Barrett, Director of Policy and Regulation, Irish Solar Energy Association, and Justin Moran, Director of External Affairs, Wind Energy Ireland discussed the critical role of the electricity network in supporting climate goals, and the importance of cross industry collaboration in developing the national network to meet future demand.

Thank you to the organisers of the event and all the stakeholders involved.



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Teams from ESB Networks visited Tullabeg Solar farm during a record breaking month for solar generation in Ireland

This April saw the all-time highest amount of monthly generation from solar farms in Ireland (according to Irish Grid Monthly's real-time solar estimation model, which measures utility-scale solar farm output). To mark this milestone Aidan Kelliher, Renewables and Major Connections Manager, ESB Networks and Network Technicians Neil O'Neill and Karen Griffin, visited one of our customers, Power Capital Renewable Energy, at their 84 MW Solar PV farm at Tullabeg in County Wexford. The farm was in peak condition on a beautiful sunny day.

Thank you to Power Capital CEO Justin Brown, and Grid Development Manager Alan Spillane, for welcoming our team to the site. Continued collaboration with our customers and the solar energy industry is vital as we deliver the electricity network for Ireland's clean electric future.



ESB Networks participated at the Energy Storage Ireland Annual Conference in Croke Park

ESB Networks attended and participated in the Energy Storage Ireland Annual Conference in Croke Park on 26 June. Teams from ESB Networks' Renewables and Major Connections, Regulation & Commercial, as well as our Distribution Markets and System Operation (DMSO) divisions engaged with stakeholders to discuss the theme of collaboration and innovation and the potential of energy storage in Ireland.

A highlight of the conference was hearing from Sean Kelly, MEP for Ireland South constituency and leader of Fine Gael in the European Parliament, whose keynote address offered valuable insights into the policy landscape shaping Ireland's energy future. Gerry Noone, Flexibility Business Development Manager, with DMSO, ESB Networks also joined a panel to discuss the evolving role of flexibility in enabling a secure and decarbonised electricity system.

Thank you to Bobby Smith, Head of Energy Storage Ireland, for hosting the event and to all who visited our stand. Events like these are vital for fostering the partnerships and dialogue needed to deliver a resilient, net zero electricity network.




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ESB Networks hosted the annual Apprentice Network Technician of the Year 2025 competition

ESB Networks hosted the Apprentice Network Technician of the Year 2025 competition at the National Training Centre on 26 June. This annual event highlights ESB Networks' commitment to technical training and the key role that apprentices play in the organisation.

The competition showcased six exceptional apprentices from ESB Networks' Electrical Apprenticeship Programme, selected for their outstanding performance, dedication, and potential. Congratulations to finalists Aoife Murphy, Daniel Ring, Damien Moore, Patrick Connaughton, Seán Connolly, and Wesley Gibbons. Aoife was announced as the Apprentice of the Year 2025 and was awarded the Shane Conlon Perpetual Award by Nicholas Tarrant, Managing Director of ESB Networks.



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Over 34,000 customers have now signed up to ESB Networks' 'Is This a Good Time?' pilot

Over 34,000 customers have signed up to ESB Networks' 'Is This a Good Time?' programme led by our DMSO division, helping Ireland shift towards a more flexible and sustainable electricity network. The 'Is This a Good Time?' programme empowers customers to make more energy conscious electricity decisions. These include shifting the use of heavy appliances to times when there is more renewable electricity available. Through the DMSO energy events, and energy-saving tips, ESB Networks has successfully shifted over 194 MWh of electricity away from peak times (5pm-7pm). To join our 'Is This a Good Time?' programme, sign up here at [Sign up for rewards](#)

Kind regards,



Bevin Cody

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