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ESB NETWORKS' INNOVATION STAKEHOLDER PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE

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PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of ESB Networks Innovation Stakeholder Panel is to provide a platform to enable open discussion and feedback with stakeholders from across all industry sectors on our innovation strategy, projects and activities.

The objectives of this panel are to;

- Guide ESB Networks on areas that are changing in industry, the economy and our broader society (perhaps emerging concerns), that may influence our thinking and planning.
- Enable ESB Networks to brief key stakeholder groups on our innovation projects and activities. For example, projects that fall under our three innovation pillars: Future Customer, Climate Action and Network Resilience.
- Create an additional channel for open and transparent external perspectives (and sounding board) for the development of our Innovation Strategy and associated pillars to ensure that the implementation of our innovation project portfolio provides enduring benefits to our customers and business.
- Provide early engagement on the selection, prioritisation and timeline planning of our innovation projects, by gaining a collaborative understanding of potential benefits and impacts of each proposed project to both our internal and external stakeholders.

MEETINGS

We intend that this panel, chaired by ESB Networks will meet approximately twice a year, in Spring and Autumn.

Meeting invites will be issued a minimum of one month prior to the meeting date.

An Agenda will be issued along with any required reading material at least one week in advance of the meeting.

While COVID-19 restrictions are in place, ESB Networks will hold the meetings via Skype for Business or MS Teams. Participation via video is strongly encouraged to facilitate interaction and discussion.

All actions from these meetings will be captured in an action log and addressed as appropriate by ESB Networks. This action log will be issued in advance of each meeting with the Agenda.

MEMBERSHIP

The panel is intended to provide a broad representation of key stakeholders with a vested interest in ESB Networks Innovation Strategy, projects and activities. The panel will endeavour to have representatives from the following areas: renewable electricity sector, energy flexibility and storage bodies, academia/research, e-heat, e-transport, professional institutions, energy agencies/authorities, equipment/systems manufacturers, utility/TSO, industry & large energy users, electricity suppliers and industry consultants.

Membership of the panel will be on an 18-month basis. However, members may serve successive terms if further applications are successful.

Current panel members are listed below:

SECTOR	MEMBER NAME	MEMBER ORGANISATION
Academic/Research Institutions	Mark McGranaghan	EPRI Europe
Academic/Research Institutions	Barry Hayes	UCC
Academic/Research Institutions	Paula Carroll	UCD
E-Heat & E-Transport	Therese Murphy	Irish Electrification of Heat Association
E-Heat & E-Transport	George Rathbourne	ESB ecars
E-Heat & E-Transport	Simon Action	Irish EV Owners Association
Electricity Suppliers	Mo Cloonan	SSE Airtricity
Electricity Suppliers	Cormac Mannion	Bord Gais/EAI
Electricity Suppliers	Jenny Livingstone	Energia Group
Energy Agencies/Authorities	Ciarán Murphy	Codema
Energy Agencies/Authorities	John McCann	Sustainable Energy Authority
Energy Flexibility & Storage Bodies	Stephen Wright	Irish Energy Storage Association
Energy Flexibility & Storage Bodies	Siobhan McHugh	DRAI
Equipment/Systems Manufacturers	Eddie Gough	PowerSub
Equipment/Systems Manufacturers	Vijay Nayak	Siemens Ireland
Community	Isabella Donnelly	ORS Consultancy
Community	Lisa Vaughan	Tipperary Energy Agency
Renewable Electricity Sector	Bobby Smith	Wind Energy Ireland
Renewable Electricity Sector	Oisin Joyce	Irish Solar Energy Association
Renewable Electricity Sector	Pat Smith	Micro Renewable Energy Federation
Utility/TSO	David Carroll	EirGrid



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