

Deutsch-Irische Juristen- und Wirtschaftsvereinigung e.V.
 **German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association** 

2024
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 21st September 2024

**Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde Street,
Kilkenny**

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

20:00	Pre-conference meet up Bollard's, 31 St Kieran's Street, Kilkenny

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Outline	
<p>Founded in Dublin in 1988, our German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA) is since then serving as a dynamic forum for fostering legal and business relations between Ireland and Germany.</p> <p>In the turbulent 2020s in which the world currently finds itself, Europe is also faced with the question of what course it wants to take in the future. One of the major guidelines is how democratic participation can be strengthened and how the basis of life and resources can be protected and preserved.</p> <p>Ireland and Germany are both pioneers when it comes to renewable energies, climate and environmental protection. At the same time, court rulings in both countries call for more efforts in this area. Our conference deals with these decisions, explains the consequences and highlights the legal and factual difficulties that exist in the context of environmental protection.</p> <p>However, this topic is also linked to the issue of equality. Particularly in working life, there are still differences in pay between men and women. At the same time, it would be short-sighted to reduce questions of equality to pay, but other aspects, such as childcare options, are also part of the question of how equal opportunities can be made possible. It is precisely these aspects that we want to explore at our conference.</p> <p>Still, both issues can only be resolved if they are also accepted in society. In our last topic area, we will therefore bring them together and talk about the Irish Citizens' Assembly and the German Bürgerrat. The Irish Citizens' Assembly has just dealt with the points mentioned above.</p> <p>We are investigating whether and how these citizens' committees can support legislation and ensure broader acceptance of measures among the population.</p> <p>We are looking forward to your participation and to fruitful dialogues, networking and 'the craic' in the charming setting of Kilkenny.</p>	

From 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde St, Kilkenny
10:30	Words of Welcome and Introduction Dr Michael Hördt, Board of Directors, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA) Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, Member of the European Parliament
11:00	Session 1: Climate, environment and Law Chair: Anna Hickey, Advisory Board, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA) Presentation: The Honourable Mr Justice Brian Murray, Supreme Court of Ireland Panel discussion: Niamh McGovern, Partner, Arthur Cox Alan Doyle, Barrister Sadhbh O'Neill, Assistant Professor DCU School of Law and Government The Honourable Mr Justice Brian Murray, Supreme Court of Ireland
12:30	Light Lunch & Networking
13:30	Session 2: Gender Equality Chair: Enya Levy, Advisory Board, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA) Presentation: Siobhan McKenna, Department for Public Expenditure and Reform's Public Sector Workforce Division, Leading Equality Diversity & Inclusion policy for the civil & public sector Panel discussion: Dr Hans-Hermann Aldenhoff, LLM Country Head for Germany and Head of European Client Relation, Simmons & Simmons (Düsseldorf) Sinéad Gibney, former chief commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Darragh Mackin, Director, Phoenix Law Karol Balfe, Chief Executive Officer, ActionAid Ireland Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, Member of the European Parliament
15:00	Coffee Break & Networking

15:20	<p>Fire Side Chat: Citizen Participation and Environmental Law</p> <p>Dr Mary Doobs, Associate Professor, Maynooth University</p> <p>Chair: Enda Jordan, Board of Directors, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA)</p>
15:40	<p>Session 3: Citizen Participation</p> <p>Chair: Marcus Metz, Board of Directors, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA)</p> <p>Presentation: Dr Oran Doyle, Professor in Law, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p>Panel discussion: Cathal O'Regan, Principal Officer, Department of the Taoiseach Megan Wolf, Public Sector Consultant for Citizen Participation, Deliberation and Democracy, ifok GmbH Luisa Welke, Stabstelle Bürgerräte, German Bundestag Dr Oran Doyle, Professor in Law, Trinity College Dublin</p>
16:50	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Elmar Conrads-Hassel, Honorary Chairman, German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association, Laureate of the 2024 Ambassador of Ireland Award</p>
17:00	<p>End of conference</p>

<p>POST CONFERENCE EVENT (please let us know via email if you will join)</p>	
20:00	<p>Post conference event</p> <p>Petronella Restaurant, Butterslip Lane, Kilkenny</p>

REGISTRATION FORM

Conference fees:

non-members	75 Euro
members of DIJW / GILBA	50 Euro
Students, Trainees	20 Euro

This will include to join the Conference incl. beverages and the light lunch, as well as a welcome-drink at the post-conference event.

Drinks and meals at the post conference event are not included.

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