

EPA WATER

CONFERENCE 2026

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Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway

Strengthening the Measures

The EPA Water Conference is dedicated to protecting and restoring Ireland's water quality. It brings together scientists, policy makers, local authorities, community groups and industry to share insights, showcase real world case studies and explore practical solutions for our rivers, lakes, groundwater and coastal waters.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



DAY 1

Session 1: Setting the Scene

This session will introduce the overall policy and evidence context for Ireland's water environment, highlighting the key challenges and priorities that shape national and European approaches to water protection.

Session 2: Water Service

This session will explore key operational aspects of water management, covering regulatory responsibilities and core service areas that support water quality. Attendees can expect a practical overview of the systems, inspections and monitoring work that help safeguard Ireland's waters.

Session 3: Emergency Responses and Action

This session will present a range of recent incidents that relate to water quality challenges and emergency situations. It will offer an overview of the issues involved and the types of actions or responses needed when such events occur.

DAY 2

Session 4: Pressures & Measures

This session will outline some of the key pressures affecting Ireland's water bodies and explore innovative and evidence-based approaches to addressing them. It will offer insights on evolving practices, research and restoration work that inform more effective measures.

Session 5: Are the Measures Working?

This session will examine how current measures are performing on the ground, drawing on practical examples, monitoring insights and community or sector led initiatives. It will highlight on the ground learnings, ongoing challenges and opportunities to strengthen delivery through collaboration and targeted action.

