

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 Services

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: Working with Communities

This session focuses on local water quality projects delivered in local areas with local communities. It showcases practical examples of how community groups, local authorities and sectoral partners are working together to protect waters and address issues at catchment level.

DAY 2

Session 4: Targeting Action

This session explores the tools, data and approaches used to target action where it is most needed. It highlights how science, characterisation, innovation and nature-based solutions are supporting more effective and targeted decision making.

Session 5: Restoring our Waters

This session centres on restoring rivers and nature, and the multiple benefits this delivers for water quality, biodiversity and communities. It highlights practical restoration initiatives and the wider ecological and societal gains from working with natural processes.

