



Irish Centre for European Law

Competition in Energy and Regulated Markets:

Recent Challenges, Anticipated developments and Future Opportunities

*Friday 25 November 2011 from 9.00am - 1pm, St. Stephen's Green Hibernian Club,
9 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2*

This conference will brief delegates on past experiences and new developments in liberalising Energy, Communications and Regulated Markets. Future strategies for opening up regulated markets will be considered from policy, legal, economic and regulatory perspectives and consider approaches favoured by the European Commission. Speakers will also consider transferable experiences and lessons that may be applied across a range of sectors. With the participation of key experts, this conference will provide an invaluable briefing and forum for discussion for all concerned.

PROGRAMME

09.00am *Registration*

09.10 am Welcome *Jonathan Tomkin BL, Director, Irish Centre for European Law*

09.15 am ***SESSION 1*** / ***CHAIR: Ms Isolde Goggin, Chairman of the
Competition Authority***

Overview of the liberalisation of energy markets in Ireland: An update on policy and legislative developments

Mr Garret Blaney, Commissioner, Commission for Energy Regulation

09.40am Competition in the energy sector: challenges, benefits and future developments from a European Union perspective

Philippe Chauve, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Competition, Directorate B, Energy & Environment, European Commission

10.15 am Competition in Ireland's Mobile Telecoms Market – Challenges and Pitfalls

Clíodhna O'Sullivan, Head of Legal, Telefónica O2 Ireland

10.40am Questions and Answers

10.55 am Refreshments

11.10am **SESSION 2 /** **CHAIR:** *Mr Gerald FitzGerald, former
Commissioner, Competition Authority*

Deregulating the Energy Industry - Transferable Lessons

Pádraig Fleming, Director of Strategy & Regulation, Bord Gáis Energy

11.35am **Opening Energy and Utilities Sectors to Competition: Challenges, Experiences and
Insights of a Regulator**

Isolde Goggin, Chairman, The Competition Authority

12.00pm **Competition in Ireland's Energy and Utilities Markets: An Economist's perspective**

Professor John FitzGerald, Research Professor, Economic and Research Institute

12.25pm **Competition in Ireland's Energy and Utilities Markets: Experiences Learnt and Future
Lessons**

Dr Vincent Power, Head of EU and Competition, A&L Goodbody

12.45pm **Panel Discussion / Questions and Answers**

*Mr Garret Blaney, Mr Philippe Chauve, Professor John FitzGerald, Mr Pádraig Fleming, Ms
Isolde Goggin, Mr Kevin Murray, Ms Clíodhna O'Sullivan, Dr Vincent Power*

1.00pm Lunch