Path for the Public Finances 2022

Ramping up public investment and getting better value for money

Mon 7th and Tue 8th February 2022

Day 1 - Mon 7th Feb 2022

Dublin time

2:00pm - 2:10pm Opening address - SEBASTIAN BARNES, Chairperson of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council
2:10pm - 2:40pm Ireland's next ramp up in public investment - NIALL CONROY, Irish Fiscal Advisory Council

2:40pm - 3:10pm Public investment in Europe after Covid - DEBORA REVOLTELLA, European Investment Bank

3:10pm - 3:40pm Public investment experiences in the Netherlands - PIETER HASEKAMP, CPB Netherlands

3:40pm - 4:10pm Cost escalation in Ireland's public investment spending - DONAL PALCIC, University of Limerick



The Irish Fiscal Advisory Council welcomes you to its sixth annual conference focusing on long-term public finance issues.

This year's conference will focus on the theme of ramping up public investment and getting better value for money.

The conference has two parts: the first day looks at national experiences and specific public investment needs. The second takes a "big picture" look at how public investment is monitored internationally, before concluding with a panel exploring the potential macroeconomic and fiscal implications of a ramp-up in public investment.

Day 2 - Tue 8th Feb 2022

Dublin time

2:00pm - 2:40pm Assessing Public Investment Management: Reflections on Europe, Climate Change Efforts and Ireland - CAROLINA RENTERÍA, IMF

2:40pm - 3:15pm Public Investment Management in the EU: Key Features - CRISTIANA BELU MANESCU, European Commission

3:15pm - 4:00pm Panel: Is the ramp-up in public investment achievable; should it occur quickly; and what will it mean for the economy and public finances?

COLM MCCARTHY, Former Economist at the ESRI, the Central Bank of Ireland, University College Dublin, and DKM

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