

AgRenew

IRELAND SUMMIT

New Blood. Stronger Farming.



Kilashree Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare - 5th November, 2026

- 10:00: Welcome by Edward Carr, ICOS President.
- 10:10: Opening address by Martin Heydon, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- 10:25: Opening video message by Christophe Hansen, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food.
- 10:30: **Short Scene Setting Presentation by Ruth Fennell, Teagasc**
- 10:40: **Session 1: 'Ag Renew – bringing new blood and renewal into Irish agriculture'**
- Frank O'Mara, Director, Teagasc
 - Karina Pierce, Dean of Agriculture and Head of the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science
 - Sean Molloy, CEO, Tirlán Co-operative Ltd
 - Ksenija Simovic, Principal Policy Advisor, Copa-Cogeca
- Chaired by Damien O'Reilly, ICOS, EU Affairs and Communications Executive
- 11:40: **Short Stories – Farmers in their own words (1st video).**
- Gearoid Slattery, dairy farmer, Co Tipperary
 - David Hallissey, beef farmer, Co Kerry
 - Amanda Mooney, dairy farmer, Co Wicklow
 - Aisling Neville, dairy farmer, Co Westmeath
- 11:45: **Session 2: 'Ag Renew Young Farmer Panel – Generating new blood and stronger farming'**
- Katarina Wolf. LRF Sweden
 - Ciara Ryan, Manager, Mid-Tipperary Livestock Mart
 - Cian Jobe, dairy farmer, Co Westmeath
 - Conor Wynne, dairy farmer, Co Kildare
 - Sean Lyons, dairy farmer, Co Mayo
- Chaired by Mary Delaney, Chair of Dairy Research Ireland

- 12.45 **A message by Maria Walsh MEP, European Parliament Rapporteur on Generational Renewal**
- 12.50: **Short Stories – Farmers in their own words (2nd video).**
- 12.55: Introduction to afternoon workshops by ICOS.
- 1:00- 1.45: **Lunch**
- 1:45: **Session 3: Breakout Workshops**
- Workshop 1: Developing the right environment for both younger and older farmers through the RAISE EIP, chaired by Clare O’Keefe, Succession Ireland.
 - Workshop 2: Co-operative Leadership in Generational Renewal and Gender Equality, chaired by Caroline O’Donovan, Barryroe Co-op.
 - Workshop 3: Shaping the national and EU policy discussion on Generational Renewal, chaired by Maria Dunne, DAFM.
- 2:45: **Session 4: Resumption of the Plenary Session**
- Short stories – Farmers in their own words (3rd video).**
- 2.50: Raise EIP Graduation Event
- 3.10: **Reports by workshop rapporteurs**
- Workshop 1: Ellen Hurley, Carbery Farm Succession Officer
 - Workshop 2: Paul O’Connell, Dairygold Co-op Farm Succession Manager
 - Workshop 3: Prof Brian Leonard, Assistant Professor in Generational Renewal and Rural Viability, UCD
- 3.30: **Short stories – Farmers in their own words (4th video).**
- 3.35: **Session 5: Ag Renew - What are the opportunities?**
- Barry Cowen MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Josephine O’Neill, President, Macra
 - Conor Hogan, Research Officer, People in Dairy Programme, Teagasc
 - Philip O’Connor, Head of Farm Support, IFAC
- Chaired by Damien O'Reilly, ICOS EU Affairs and Communications Executive
- 4:25: Key learnings and next steps by TJ Flanagan, ICOS CEO.
- 4.30: End of proceedings.