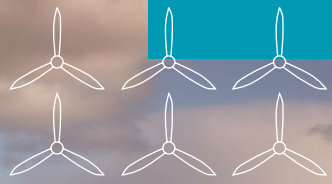




Powering Europe's Clean Energy Future

SSE's priorities for Ireland's
Presidency of the Council of
the European Union





A renewable energy pioneer in Ireland

Galway Wind Farm



Presence in selected EU markets

Chainrix-Bierges and Vélye Wind Farm, France



Powering Europe's energy future

Building Dogger Bank, the world's largest offshore wind farm

A defining moment for Europe's energy future

Ireland's Presidency is an opportunity to power on with delivery.



Europe is at a critical point in its energy transition. The decisions taken in the coming years will determine whether the European Union can meet its climate ambitions while maintaining energy affordability, security and competitiveness.

Against this backdrop, Ireland will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, placing it at the centre of EU decision-making for six months as it helps steer complex negotiations that shape policy for around 450 million people.

Recent global events have underscored the importance of accelerating Europe's

energy transition. Reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels will be essential to strengthening competitiveness and economic resilience, with clean electricity providing the foundation for a more secure, affordable and sustainable energy system.

Through its AccelerateEU agenda, the EU has signalled a strong commitment to bolstering energy infrastructure and accelerating decarbonisation. However, translating ambition into delivery will require sustained political focus and coordinated action across Member States.

As a long-term investor and operator of electricity infrastructure across Ireland and Europe, SSE believes Ireland has a unique opportunity during its Presidency to help drive that delivery. The following priorities set out where focused action can accelerate progress and help deliver the future energy system Europe needs.

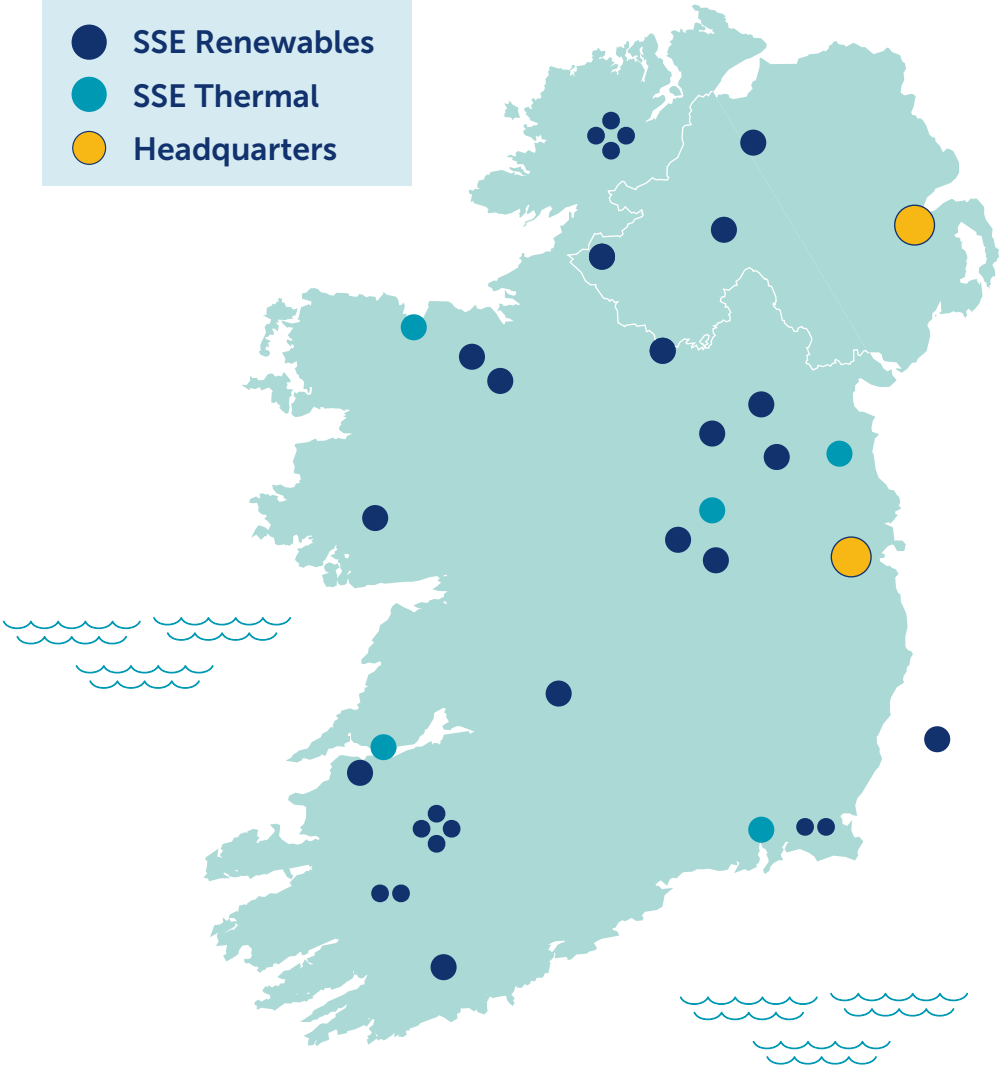


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SSE is delivering clean energy infrastructure across Europe

We have deep roots in Ireland and a presence in select markets across Europe.

- SSE Renewables
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As part of Ireland's EU Presidency, Irish counties will be paired with EU Member States. SSE is proud to have a presence in each of the pairings below.

EU Member State	Irish County
France	Cork
Netherlands	Mayo
Spain	Wicklow
Italy	Meath
Poland	Donegal
Greece	Dublin

SSE's priorities for the Irish Presidency

How can Ireland use its Presidency to help power progress? We have identified five priorities to help accelerate delivery.



Deliver grid transformation

Electricity networks are now the primary constraint on Europe's clean energy transition. Investment in transmission and distribution infrastructure has not kept pace with the growth in renewable generation.

Ireland should show leadership in advancing a strong European Grids Package, focused on strategic regional planning, forward-looking investment and more efficient planning processes. Stronger cross-border coordination and enhanced interconnection, can deliver improved consumer outcomes, strengthen resilience and support energy security.



Accelerate infrastructure delivery

Lengthy and complex permitting processes continue to slow the delivery of critical energy infrastructure across Europe. In many cases, major projects take a decade or more to complete.

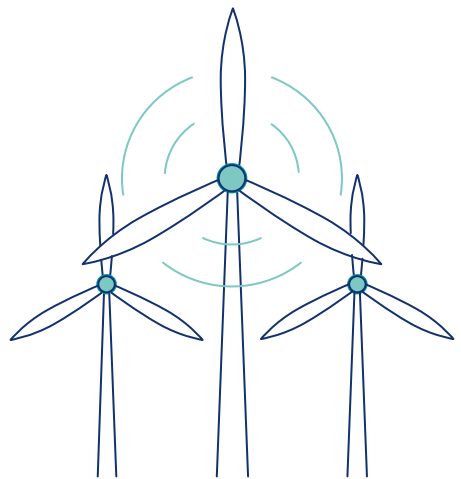
Ireland should prioritise work on a framework that supports more efficient delivery while maintaining appropriate regulatory standards. This should include well-resourced permitting authorities, streamlined processes and the use of digital tools. Maintaining effective market signals, including continued progress on emissions trading and renewable energy, will also be essential.

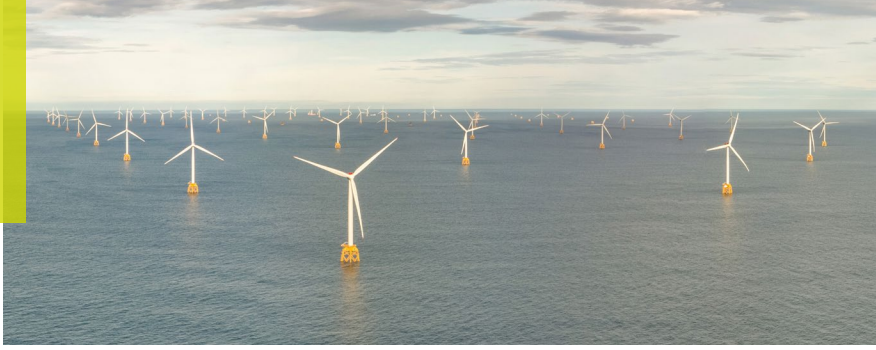


Enable electrification at scale

Electrification, alongside energy efficiency, is the most effective pathway to decarbonising homes, transport and industry. It can deliver lower emissions, improved energy security and greater long-term affordability.

Securing agreement on a strong Electrification Action Plan during Ireland's Presidency would provide a clear signal of intent. Progress is also needed on EU-level measures to remove barriers to electrification, including reducing the cost of industrial decarbonisation.





Champion offshore wind

Offshore wind will play a central role in Europe's clean energy future.

Ireland can build on growing international political alignment by helping to translate commitments into delivered projects. Supporting supply chain development and measures to improve cost competitiveness will be important to ensure offshore wind can be deployed at scale in the years ahead.



Strengthen regional energy cooperation

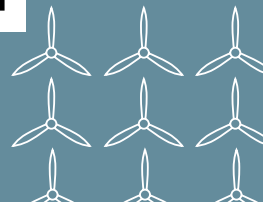
Closer regional cooperation will be critical to delivering a secure, competitive and decarbonised energy system. Ireland is well placed to support stronger collaboration between the EU and neighbouring markets, including the UK.

Progress on market integration, infrastructure planning and supply chains can strengthen resilience and efficiency across the system. Advancing agreements on emissions trading and addressing potential barriers to electricity trading will also help to support a more coordinated European energy market.

The opportunity for Ireland's Presidency is clear. By focusing on practical actions that enable delivery, it can help power the transition to a cleaner, more secure and more competitive European energy system.

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