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# Electricity Infrastructure The Challenges and Opportunities

Training Webinar – 13 March 2026

## A Guide to the Webinar Recording

You can find the recording and further resources from this training [here](#).

### This webinar covered topics including:

- ✓ The remit and functions of both EirGrid and the ESB
- ✓ The challenges ahead with meeting forecast demand, achieving climate targets and addressing decarbonisation.
- ✓ The scope of EirGrid & ESBN investment programmes (€18.9 billion combined investment) and their importance for housing delivery and socio-economic development.
- ✓ The central role which Local Government & ACP plays in the development of electricity infrastructure and the key planning related challenges being encountered.
- ✓ How Local Authorities, planners and staff working in the wider sector can assist with accelerating delivery.

### These topics were addressed over the following presentations:

- **EirGrid: Planning and Delivering the Electricity Transmission Network** – 02:00 to 26:15  
Jennifer Boyle – Senior Planning and Consents Lead; and Leah Kenny, Senior Planner, EirGrid
- **ESB Networks: Electricity Infrastructure – The Challenges & Opportunities** – 26:25 to 59:10  
Brendan Allen – Planning & Environmental Manager, Engineering & Major Projects, ESB
- **Fingal County Council: Working with ESB Networks** – 59:10 to 1:07:45  
Aoife Sheridan – Senior Executive Officer, Fingal County Council
- **Laois County Council: Progressing Electricity Infrastructure for Portlaoise** – 1:08:00 to 1:15:58  
Nathan Smith – Senior Executive Planner, Laois County Council

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