

SUMMARY

3 x Workshops

Enhancing EIA

Enhancing the value of Scoping

Workshop Facilitators:

Paul Scott (National Parks & Wildlife Service)

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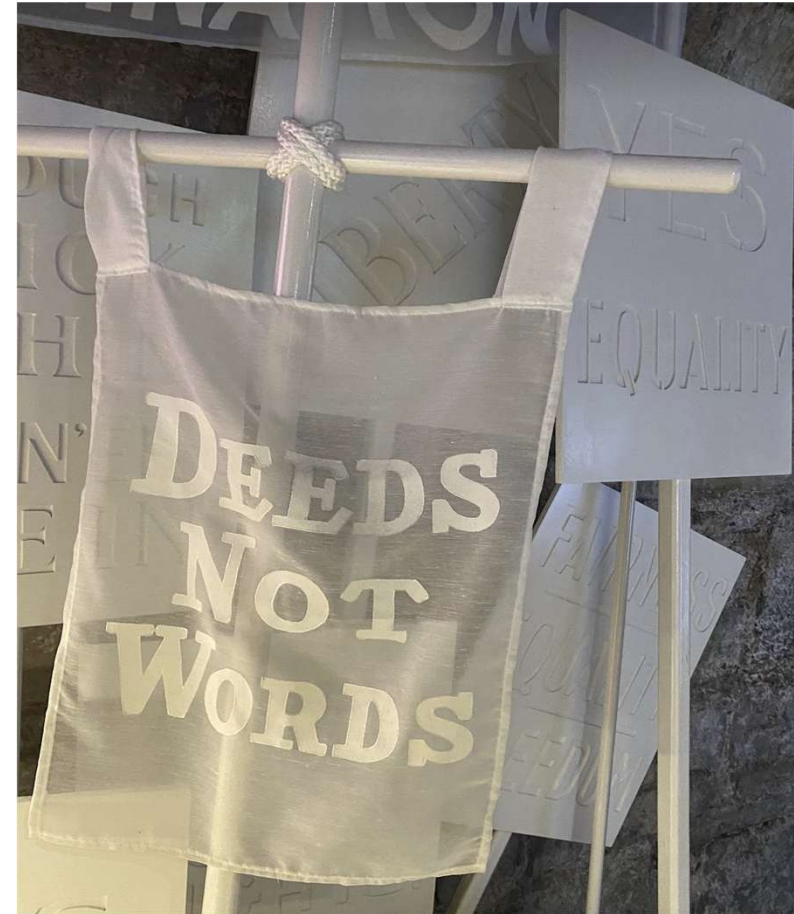


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Workshop Approach & Summary Contents

Ireland's EIA
Conference 2025

Workshop Approach

- The conference involved 3 rounds of workshops enabling all attendees to participate in discussions on effective scoping in EIA
- The workshop Facilitators - *Paul* and *Elaine* – provided a short contextual presentation before 20mins of delegate discussion in groups and 10mins of feedback

Summary Contents

- In each workshop delegate groups brainstormed ideas for improving scoping practice, the feedback from this discussion in each workshop are set out on slides 3, 4 and 5.
- Each round of the workshop concluded by defining a **Top 5 Actions List** set out on slides 6, 7 and 8. [Note: In the 1st round of this workshops (Slide 6) each group set out their own top 5)

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Workshop Summary = Round 1

Brainstorm of improvements to EIA Scoping

Delegate Feedback:

- Continuous Collaboration
- Short and focused - not a mini EIAR
- Key sectoral issue workshops with ??????
- Carry out review when JR's are taken
- Increased capacity and capability in statutory consultancies
- Agreed guidance methods to be used
- Continuous engagement with consultees
- Pre-planning meeting with consultees
- Targeted scoping requests
- Stakeholder engagement
- Data sharing
- Access to data
- Standardised approaches
- Automated approaches to workstreams
- Change the legislation - not easy but should start
- Focus on improving skills (like NI - Department of Infrastructure)
- Develop checklists (if not templates) for what should be included
- Focused workshops of all participants (developer, ???, committees and public)

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Workshop Summary = Round 2

Brainstorm of improvements to EIA Scoping

Delegate Feedback:

- Earlier pre-engagement
- LD before issue of report
- Format of information, need to be concise, clear, an improvement on current situ
- Resource/Capacity
- Increase in tech specialists
- Availability of specialists
- Improve developer understanding of scoping
- Consistency of advice of scoping

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Workshop Summary = Round 3

Brainstorm of improvements to EIA Scoping

Delegate Feedback:

- Early Engagement
- Resourcing and training
- Standard list of topics which allows stakeholder to see all issues and escalate in their area
- Developer sending and selecting relevant parts to stakeholder for efficiency
- Interactive human and digital at all stages/levels

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Round 1 - Improving EIA Scoping

Top 5 Actions

Grp 1 Feedback:

1. More targeted site-specific scoping
2. Scoping should be a process not a fixed stage
3. Change pre-op engagement to workshop-based approach
4. More resources and training for consultees
5. More targeted consultee list

Grp 2 Feedback:

1. More Resources
2. Competency
3. Scope out
4. Milestone scoping meeting
5. Educate

Grp 3 Feedback:

1. More Digital security platform
2. Resourcing
3. Tailored precise scoping
4. Ditch scoping or have multi-phase scoping

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Round 2 - Improving EIA Scoping

Top 5 Actions

Delegate Feedback:

1. Resourcing in Councils - Increase funding for renewables in local authorities
2. Collaboration - Increase collaboration between consultants, LA's and consultees
3. Templates/toolkits - consistency across LA's across Ireland
4. Early scoping - consult with community before issueing scoping report. Fine tune report based on community feedback
5. Clear guidelines are required for the scoping process

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Round 3 - Improving EIA Scoping

Top 5 Actions

Delegate Feedback:

1. Refine and target scoping
2. Workshops every 6 to 12 months
3. Priority studies list
4. Pre-EIA scoping
5. Capacity building in consenting authority

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