



Irish District Energy Association

Governance

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Vision

In 2050 Ireland is utilising its excess and renewable energy to supply district heating and cooling where it is technically and economically viable in residential, commercial and industrial applications.

Mission

Ireland is supplying 30% of its heat demand with district heating by 2050.

Governance/Decision-Making

Below is a simple governance and decision-making structure for IrDEA to ensure the organisation can operate effectively. This will be reviewed when the number of members in IrDEA exceeds 25.

- i. IrDEA has a Board of Directors, which currently contains two people: David Connolly (Independent Chairperson and elected until 2020) and Donna Gartland (Codema and elected until 2021).
- ii. IrDEA will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year, at which the members can nominate and elect Directors to the Board. A single term for a Director is three years. Considering the current size of IrDEA, the maximum number of Directors is set at three. To be elected, Directors must be supported by at least half of existing members.
- iii. IrDEA's daily activities are coordinated by the Board, but where a contentious issue arises, it will be brought to the members for discussion.
- iv. For contentious issues, the aim will be to resolve by consensus. However, where no consensus can be found, then all members will be invited to vote on a decision.
- v. For final decision-making, each Member and Director will be entitled to one vote. If a decision will impact the legal or economic viability of IrDEA, a Director may VETO the decision.
- vi. The result of a decision-making vote will be based on a simple majority. In the case of a tie, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.
- vii. Decisions can be made remotely (e.g. via email or online) or at a meeting.
- viii. The quorum for a decision is a response rate of at least 50% from members.
- ix. Meetings of the Board and Members will be chaired by the Chairperson, or someone nominated by the Chairperson of IrDEA.