

Irish Space Industry Group



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Formation

The “Irish Space Industry Group” was formed on the 8th April 2015 as a membership based organisation governed by a simple written constitution and rules as mutually agreed by its members.



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Purpose of Organisation

To represent and promote the collective interests of companies operating in the space sector in Ireland at national and international level.

Perform activities on behalf of and driven by member companies to preserve and grow a vibrant and sustainable space industry sector in Ireland.

Aims & Objectives

Primary Aims

- Become a credible single representative organisation to lobby the policymakers who influence the investment of government funding for ESA & EU space.
- Provide a forum for members to explore and support joint space business development opportunities in global space markets through “clustering”.
- Support Irish space manufacturing and service companies and encourage development of local supply chains for the space sector.
- Provide members with support & advice to encourage and overcome barriers to investment in technology and innovation with respect to the global space market opportunities.
- Promote the collective image and profile of the Irish space industry through controlled access to local & national media as agreed in advance with members.
- Provide members with easy access to training through the existing Space Industry Skillnet and driven by the training needs of the members.

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Secondary Aims

- Ensure that Enterprise Ireland and IDA promote Ireland's space sector capability on the world stage at conferences, exhibitions and international trade missions.
- Collaborate with other space sector bodies internationally to provide members with access to international best practice in the sector and space industry news.
- Provide a “go-to” point of contact for access to a national database of companies in the Irish Space sector.
- Provide an access point for Enterprise Ireland and IDA for collective Irish space industry related information.
- Provide an access route between the members and the Irish research & education sector.

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Meeting 6th October with the Minister of State at the Department of Education and Skills and Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation - with Special Responsibility for Skills, Research and Innovation

Focus of meeting with Minister Damien English TD

- Introduce ISIG
- Set out Vision for future of Irish space sector
- Present Space Industry Strategic Objectives (SMART)
- Propose specific policy measures required from Government to achieve objectives

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Meeting 6th October will present some of the outputs of Previous Space Strategy Working Group Foresight Exercise conducted back in 2009:

Strategic Objectives for the period to 2025 – What do we want to achieve?

- **Objective 1:** The creation of an “Irish Space Office” – Co-ordinating Body with the power to decide.
- **Objective 2:** Develop the space sector as a significant contributor to the Irish economy.
- **Objective 3:** Develop an internationally excellent & sustainable Irish Space Research Programme
- **Objective 4:** Integrate Space into science & engineering education curricula at all levels.
- **Objective 5:** Establish a long term Irish small satellite programme.

This will be followed by a further consultation exercise with the Space Industry in Ireland before a final strategy is presented/published.

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Outputs of SSWG Foresight Exercise – 2009 - The Vision:

“In 2025, the Irish Space sector will operate **nationally** and **globally** in an active, innovative and technologically-driven way. The space sector will have **strategic importance to the Irish economy** with strong **industry and science research partnerships** and a skilled workforce that responds to commercial market demands and serves the environmental, scientific and technological needs of Irish society and the Irish economy . It will be internationally recognized for the **excellence and high quality of its Space industry, Space Applications & Services, Space Research and the use of space in Education** and public outreach.”

Members?

Curtis Wright
GL Technology
Tecworks
UCC
S3 Group
Daysha Consulting
Cortona 3D
EN Biomaterials
Farran
Realtime
Innalabs
Fibrepulse
Parameter Space

Moog
Eircom
Arralis
Sensl
Treemetrics
Klas Telecom
Radisens
Captec
Silansys
Skytec
Numa
ENBIO Ltd

National Space Centre Limited
UCD
Hollidge Consulting Limited
Faz Technology
OCE Technology
Airtel-ATN
Mandac
Meas-Spec
Microsemi
Software Radio Systems
Eblana Photonics
Irish Precision Optics

Plus More!!



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Governance - Steering Committee Roles & Elected Persons

Chairperson – Danny Gleeson

The Chairperson has a strategic role to play in representing the vision and purpose of the organisation externally.

Vice-Chairperson – Fergal Bonner

To support the role of Chairperson in their absence and share workload.

Secretary – Ronan Wall

The role of the secretary is to support the chair in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Steering Committee, prepare agendas, minutes etc.

Industry Sector Officer – Peter Hollidge (Downstream)

To represent the interests of a particular space sector market – Upstream/Downstream.

Communications Officer – Lorraine Hanlon

To prepare external communications and maintain ISIG website content.

Treasurer – Catherine Lenehan

The overall role of a treasurer is to maintain an overview of the organisation's financial affairs.



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Thank you