

# GERMANY & IRELAND'S MIDWEST: ANCHORED IN HISTORY. DRIVEN BY TOMORROW.



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## SPEAKERS

**H.E. Ambassador David Gill**  
Ambassador of Germany to Ireland

**Niall Collins (TD)**  
Minister of State at the Department  
of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and  
the Marine with special  
responsibility for Forestry, Farm  
Safety and Horticulture

**John Moran**  
Mayor of  
Limerick City and County  
(tbc)

**Pat Keating**  
CEO, Shannon-Foynes Port  
Company

**Seán Canney (TD)**  
Minister of State at the Department  
of Transport with responsibility for  
International and Road Transport,  
Logistics, Rail and Ports

**Joe Walsh**  
Director, Siemens Ireland

**Prof. Dr. Joachim Fischer**  
Co-Founder of the Centre  
for Irish-German Studies

## 01

### MOVING MARKETS. DRIVING GROWTH.

- Mary Considine — CEO, Irish Rail
- Caroline Kelleher — Director of Public Affairs, Shannon Airport
- Diarmuid Byrnes — DHL (tbc)
- Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd (tbc)

Moderated by Donnacha Hurley, CEO, Limerick Chamber of Commerce

## 02

### ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MIDWEST

- Oonagh Buckley — Secretary General, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Thomas Kralinski — Director-General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Peter LeFroy — Head of Offshore Development, RWE
- Gary Tobin — Assistant Secretary & Head of Economic and Climate Policy, DETE

Moderated by Torben Maier-Klodt, German-Irish Chamber of Industry and Commerce