

Sustainability Newsletter



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ONE THING TO CHECK OUT

In the weekly [My Job column](#) in the Irish Examiner, Dr Caroline Roche, Offshore Environment & Consents Manager for Energia, discusses how she travels the country, meeting people in all the localities where potential offshore wind energy sites may be found.

QUOTE CORNER

"As a Floridian, as a Florida man, I'm here to tell you that the climate crisis isn't some far off threat. It is here."

Speaking at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Florida Rep. Maxwell Alejandro highlighted the urgent need to tackle the climate crisis.

THE IRISH VIEW



- The amount of people to die in Ireland due to [excessive heat and cold](#) is expected to significantly increase, according to a major study published by the Lancet Public Health journal.
- The highest number of [corncrake territories](#) have been recorded in Ireland for 25 years, according to data from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).
- Ireland will have the [highest taxes on diesel in the EU](#) under plans for Budget 2025, heightening pressure on businesses, Fuels for Ireland has said.
- Motorists in the commuter belt are slowly [moving towards electric vehicles](#) but efforts to get rural drivers out of petrol and diesel cars are stalling.
- Ireland is one of 20 countries that has [decreased greenhouse gas emissions](#) in the first quarter of this year compared with the same time last year, but the numbers are still not shifting quickly enough, a leading climate scientist has warned.

EU NEWS



- Just ten EU countries have submitted their [long-term climate action plans](#) to Brussels, as large countries like Germany and Spain continue to disregard the June 2024 deadline.
- The EU Commission remains committed to a [strategic partnership on raw materials](#) with Serbia despite recent protest.
- The EU has co-ordinated more [responses to wildfires](#) this year than ever before, highlighting the impact of climate change on the world's fastest warming continent.

BRAND NEWS



- Hungarian low-cost airline Wizz Air announced its ["All you can fly"](#) membership at a temporary price of €499, triggering criticism from climate activists.
- Maersk has agreed to take part in a study that aims to explore the potential for [nuclear-powered container shipping](#) as a low carbon maritime solution across Europe.
- Sainsbury's has launched a new [agroforestry initiative](#) in collaboration with the Woodland Trust, to work with farmers and growers who supply Sainsbury's to create planting plans that fit their farming systems.

PERSPECTIVES

- In a long read for the [Financial Times](#), Susannah Savage, Alice Hancock and Michael Pooler investigate how the global agriculture lobbying industry is adept at securing subsidies and exemptions from environmental measures.