



20th April 2026

Open Letter: Membership in the Shaping Our Electricity Future Advisory Council

To whom it may concern,

EirGrid and SONI are currently inviting Expressions of Interest for the Shaping Our Electricity Future (SOEF) Advisory Council Membership. This forum has an integral role in supporting delivery of the commitments established in the SOEF Roadmap and has emerged as a key forum to address the challenges of achieving the Ireland and Northern Ireland 80% RES-E ambition and decarbonisation targets.

Since its formation in May 2022, it has demonstrated that effective and open exchange of information is essential to coordinating the efforts of stakeholders in our industry. The SOEF Advisory Council functions to discuss a variety of issues and concerns which impact on the successful implementation of the SOEF vision, promotes the sharing of relevant related information, and gathers input, advice and assistance on matters related to the SOEF programmes and their implementation.

The existing Council Members were selected following a previous call for expressions of interest in 2024 and selection was based on their wide range of knowledge and expertise in their relevant areas and comprises of varied stakeholders spanning renewables, large energy users, regulators, academia, industry and related sectors across Ireland, Northern Ireland and Europe.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Existing Advisory Council Members who have been instrumental in delivering the key achievements to date.

EirGrid and SONI are now seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to become members of the SOEF Advisory Council from September 2026 – 2028. EirGrid and SONI would particularly welcome expressions of interest from those with experience in renewable energy, artificial intelligence, offshore, heat & transport electrification and customer-centric strategic thinking.

(If you are currently an Advisory Council member, you will be contacted directly by email to seek expression of interest in remaining on the Council.)

All Advisory Council membership applications will be reviewed. The SOEF Advisory Council will continue to convene every four months and encourages in-person attendance. At each meeting, the Programme progress will be discussed, and Members will be asked for their insight and counsel with respect to specific items to successfully deliver on the SOEF vision. This may take the form of document review, cross-

programme working groups, ad hoc meetings, and problem-based workshops. Members are also encouraged to bring matters to the Advisory Council for presentation and discussion. The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Council may be found [here](#). Please note, as set out in the Terms of Reference, Members are appointed ad personam and primarily for experience and competences. As recognised experts and valued advisors, Members are expected to make every effort to attend meetings of the Advisory Council and to participate in full.

If you are not currently a Member and are interested in being considered for Advisory Council membership, please email the SOEF programme office at SOEF@EirGrid.com or SOEF@soni.ltd.uk

Setting out briefly:

- Current involvement/role in the electricity industry.
- List of relevant experience and/or qualifications.
- List of relevant publications, if any.
- Any company or organisations (including EU stakeholder organisations) you are a member of or affiliated to.
- Any other relevant information.
- Contact details.
- Please limit your submission to **max 3 pages**

Please submit your Expression of Interest by email no later than **Wednesday, 20th May 2026** as applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Following review of the applications received, EirGrid and SONI will issue invitations to suitably experienced candidates to join the SOEF Advisory Council. Should you have any questions about this or related work, please do not hesitate to contact the SOEF Advisory Council at SOEF@EirGrid.com or SOEF@soni.ltd.uk.

With kind regards,

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