

Laura Burke

Laura Burke is the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), appointed in 2011 and served as a Director within the EPA since 2004. As Director General she has the responsibility to lead and strategically manage the EPA.

The EPA is an independent public body under the aegis of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications established under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 to protect and improve the Ireland's environment. Reflecting its reputation for delivering results, the EPA's responsibilities have expanded over time in step with new legislation and EU directives and following the merger with the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland in 2014. As identified by the OECD in 2020, the EPA has established itself as a trusted and respected body for environmental and radiological protection that is recognised for its scientific integrity. With the growing importance and public awareness of issues such as climate change, air quality, water quality and enforcement of environmental legislation, the EPA plays a central role in Irish society.

Laura is the Chair of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management Board. Prior to joining the EPA, she worked in the private sector. Laura is a graduate chemical engineer of University College Dublin (UCD), holds an MSc from Trinity College, Dublin, is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers of Ireland and the Irish Academy of Engineering and is a Chartered Director. In 2016 Laura was awarded the UCD Engineering Graduates Association (EGA) Distinguished Graduate Award.

