



The Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability

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National strategies for dealing with Ireland's debt crisis

Exploring the options

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd September

Mont Clare Hotel, Merrion Sq

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Strategies for Ireland's Debt Crisis

Thursday 22nd September

1.00 pm **Registration**

2.00 pm **Joan Burton TD** -*Minister for Social Protection and Labour Deputy Leader* will open the conference

Followed by Opening Remarks

Emer O'Siochru – Architect and Renewable Energy Developer

Will global economic growth solve Ireland's public debt crisis?

Moderator: **Peter Mathews** – Banker and TD

2.20 pm *Balancing austerity with a growth strategy for the economy*

Fergal O'Brien – IBEC Chief Economist

2.40 pm *Austerity programmes will inhibit global economic growth*

Paul Sweeney – ICTU Economic Advisor

3.00 pm *Energy prices, the boom/bust cycle and prospects for global economic growth*

Richard Douthwaite – Economist and Author

3.20 pm **Discussion**

3.45 pm **Coffee Break**

Will economic growth solve our private debt crisis?

Moderator: **Karl Deeter** – Irish Mortgage Brokers

4.00 pm *Adopting a comprehensive approach to dealing with private debt*

Dr. Constantin Gurdgiev – Head of Research, St Columbanus AG and Adjunct Lecturer in Finance, Trinity College, Dublin.

4.20 pm *Debt forgiveness and moral hazard*

Peter Brown - Managing Director of the Irish Institute of Financial Trading

4.40 pm **Discussion**

5.15 pm **Finish**

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Friday 23rd September

9.30 am **Registration**

10.00 am *Opening Remarks*

Deirdre de Burca – Former Green Party Spokesperson on EU affairs

Can the euro-zone survive and what are the implications for Ireland?

Moderator: **David McWilliams** – Economic Commentator

10.20 am *"Toward a true 'United States of Europe' or else Irish Divorce from the Euro"*

Marshall Auerback – Fellow at Economists for Peace and Security, Research Associate at the Levy Institute and former Fellow at the Roosevelt Institute.

10.50 am *The euro-zone should be saved and Ireland is better off within it*

Dan O'Brien – Irish Times Economics Editor

11.10 am *Ireland should pre-empt a break up of the euro-zone and leave on its own terms*

Professor Ray Kinsella – Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business

11.30 am **Discussion**

12.30 pm **Lunch**

Could a parallel currency with the Euro help reduce Ireland's debt burden by giving us many of the advantages of our own currency?

Moderator: **Graham Barnes** – IT and Currency Consultant

2.00 pm *Dual currencies – learning from the Californian solution*

Professor Charles Goodhart – Professor of Banking and Finance, LSE

2.30 pm *The role of regional currencies in a wider currency union*

Bernard Lietaer – Currency systems expert, Research Fellow at the Center for Sustainable Resources of the University of California. Member of the Club of Rome,

3.00 pm *The introduction of a parallel currency will not assist Ireland's economy*

Prof. Terrence McDonough – Economics Dept, NUI Galway

3.20 pm **Discussion**

4.00 pm *Assessing Ireland's strategic options and managing the risks*

David Korowicz – Physicist and Human Systems Ecologist

4.30 pm **Finish**