

# CIEEM POLICY ACTIVITIES IN IRELAND 2020



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Consultation responses submitted.



Building relationships with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) through liaison meetings.



Invited to join The Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime Ireland (PAW Ireland).



Meeting with National biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) and CEDaR in order to work together to increase and improve data submission by CIEEM members.



Supported members with our COVID-19 response, publishing *Guidance on Ecological Survey and Assessment in Ireland During the COVID-19 Outbreak*, and contacting Ministers for clarification on restrictions for ecology and environmental management work.



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Meeting with the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) to introduce CIEEM and its work, explore opportunities for future work between IPI and CIEEM, and gain an understanding the IPI's perspective on the ecological and environmental profession in Ireland and any need for support of IPI members on ecological/biodiversity decision issues.



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Sub-groups formed for priority policy focus areas: Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis, Protection of Biodiversity in Planning, and Agriculture and Land Use.



Joined the Northern Ireland Environment Link to foster partnership working and knowledge sharing.



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Workshop held on cross-border ecology at the BES Annual Meeting in Belfast.



Wrote to newly appointed Ministers in the Republic of Ireland to build relationships between CIEEM and the Irish Government.



Facilitating NIEA getting input from our members to inform the ongoing review of the Biodiversity Checklist.



Completed CIEEM's actions for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan by:

Producing a briefing for members highlighting technical issues relating to pollinators to be considered in projects.

Held a workshop, attended by 63 ecologists and environmental managers, with discussions on the role of ecologists and landscape architects in protecting pollinators, issues and solutions in meadow creation, and experiences of wildflower creation on road projects.