

## **COST TU1401 – Training School Preparatory Meeting 2015, Dublin**

**Local Organiser:** Ken Boyle (DIT) and Pat Brereton, Dublin City University

**Meeting Venue:** Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Bolton Street, Dublin, Ireland

**Meeting Date:** 14–16 October 2015

### **14<sup>th</sup> of October, Wednesday**

After the discussion and introduction to the general outline of objectives and outcomes for a RELY training school, there were five presentations by invited speakers outlining the renewable energy sector and identifying key landscape issues related to renewables in Ireland, followed by a general discussion at the end. The introduction to the meeting was presented by Michael Roth and Ken Boyle who also welcomed the participants on behalf of the local organiser.

#### **Local presentations on renewable energy and landscape**

- TU1304 WINERCOST Wind energy technology reconsideration to enhance the concept of smart cities: 2013-2018, 3WG, 50 MC members; 29 countries,
- Conor Norton, Head of Environment and Planning, DIT  
*“Planning and renewable energy in Ireland”*
- Des Cox, EIRGRID
- John McCann, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland
- Deiric O’Broin, Communities and RE
- Mary Stack, Failte Ireland (“Welcome to Ireland”)  
*“Visitor Attitudes to Developments in the Landscape”*
- Deiric O’Broin, Communities and renewable energy

#### Afternoon session

Detailed discussion on content, participants, organization and speakers to invite for the training school, which was scheduled to the end of August 2016: Discussion on content of the school, what are the learning objectives and outcomes for the TU1401 training school? The school is looking at participation/communication and building on skills in GIS and landscape assessment techniques, how is this to be achieved. Panel of possible teachers/presenters

### **15th of October, 2015, Thursday**

A study tour in Wicklow, south of Dublin, allowed the team to see and discuss the issues that arise in protected landscapes and areas adjacent to these landscapes and consider the scale of field work that might be necessary in the training school.

Day long study tour of Wicklow Uplands National Park, stored energy at Turlough Hill, Wicklow County Council Renewable Energy Strategy

In the morning there was a meeting with the staff of the Wicklow Uplands Forum to discuss The Wicklow Wind Renewable Energy Strategy, followed by a tour of Wicklow Uplands NP, and a visit to Turlough Hill.



*Figure 1.* RELY Core Group in front Upper Lake, Glendalough in the Wicklow Mountains; 15th of October, 2015 (photo: A. Kruse)



*Figure 2.* Discussion with a National Park Ranger about RE in the Wicklow Uplands National Park; 15th of October, 2015 (Photo: A. Kruse)

**16<sup>th</sup> of October 2015, Friday**

## Morning session

During this session a working document/plan for the COST training school was developed with an outline programme for the school:

- techniques and methodologies to be used,
- key experts and instructors,
- recruitment of the participants.

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