

## Budget Perspectives

The ESRI and the FFS are holding the Twelfth Budget Perspectives Conference on Tuesday, 13 October 2009. The Conference will examine some of the key economic and public finance issues that need to be considered in framing policy for the forthcoming Budget and the medium term. There are four papers covering:

1. The broad macroeconomic environment and public finance position;
2. Issues and options in the restructuring of the tax base
3. How to assess increased pressures for protection via regulation and competition rules which can be expected to increase during the recession.
4. Irish perspectives on the debate about the EU budget.

This year's conference will also include a round table discussion on the Commission on Taxation.

# BOOKING FORM



## Budget Perspectives 2010

The half-day Budget Perspectives Conference, organised jointly by The Economic and Social Research Institute and the Foundation for Fiscal Studies, has become an established part of public debate about budgetary issues. Speakers at the conference present findings from macroeconomic and microeconomic research and draw out their implications for key policy issues. The attendance includes important decision-makers in both the private and public sectors, who contribute to a lively discussion of the papers.

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**Venue:** ESRI  
Whitaker Square  
Sir John Rogerson's Quay  
Dublin 2

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 October 2009  
**Time:** 08.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Note new venue:  
Access to ESRI through archways at Cardiff Lane  
(beside Quality Hotel) and  
Sir John Rogerson's Quay (beside O2)  
Public car park at Grand Canal Square  
(see website map of Docklands for details)*

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## Programme

08.30 Registration and coffee

09.10 Opening Address  
*Frances Ruane, Director, ESRI*

### SESSION 1: MACROECONOMICS

*Chair: Frances Ruane, Director, ESRI*

09.15 Macroeconomic Background to Budget 2010  
*Alan Barrett, Ide Kearney and Jean Goggin (ESRI)*

09.45 Restructuring Taxes  
*Tim Callan, Claire Keane, John R. Walsh*

10.25 Round Table on the Report of the Commission on Taxation  
*Donal de Buitleir (FFS)  
Philip Lane (IIIS, TCD)  
Richard Tol (ESRI)*

10.50 Tea/Coffee

### SESSION 2: MICROECONOMICS

*Chair: Donal de Buitleir (FFS)*

11.20 The Recession, Budgets, Competition, and Regulation: Should the State Supply Bespoke Protection?  
*Paul Gorecki (ESRI)*

12.00 The Future of the EU budget: Irish Perspectives  
*Alan Matthews (IIIS, TCDI)*

### SESSION 3: PANEL DISCUSSION

*Chair: Donal de Buitleir (FFS)*

12.40 Discussion

13.00 Close

## Speakers

**Alan Barrett** Research Professor, ESRI  
**Tim Callan** Research Professor, ESRI  
**Donal de Buitleir** Chairman, FFS  
**Jean Goggin** Research Assistant, ESRI  
**Paul Gorecki** Research Professor, ESRI  
**Philip Lane** Professor of International Macroeconomics, TCD

**Claire Keane** Research Assistant, ESRI  
**Ide Kearney** Associate Professor, ESRI  
**Alan Matthews** Director, IIIS, TCD  
**France Ruane** Director, ESRI  
**Richard Tol** Research Professor, ESRI  
**John Walsh** Research Analyst, ESRI

The *ESRI's QEC team* will present the macroeconomic context for the Budget, drawing on the forecasts and assessment in the *Autumn Quarterly Economic Commentary*. The analysis will pay particular attention to the state of the public finances and the resulting expenditure options for Budget 2010.

*Tim Callan, Claire Keane and John Walsh* will examine a selection of issues in tax policy, taking account of the need for a broader and more stable tax base.

*Donal de Buitleir (FFS), Philip Lane (TCD) and Richard Tol (ESRI)* will contribute to the round table on the Report of the Commission on Taxation.

*Paul Gorecki (ESRI)* will show that recessions tend to lead to increased pressure for protection via off-budget methods such as regulation and relaxation of rules on competition and assess the case for such "bespoke protection"

*Alan Matthews (TCD)* will consider Irish perspectives on the debate about the EU budget framework after 2013

## Booking Form

The Conference may be booked in the following ways:

- Online – by visiting the ESRI website on [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie) and clicking on the Budget Conference link to book online and pay by credit/debit card.
- By telephoning the ESRI at the number below with credit/debit card details.
- By completing this form and returning it to the ESRI with appropriate remittance. Cheques should be made payable to: **The Economic and Social Research Institute**. Please do not send cash by post.

### Conference fee:

**Members, FFS & QEC Subscribers: No Charge**

**Others: €100 including VAT**

(Conference fee includes a book containing the conference papers and information folder.)

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