

SUSTAINABLE CORK PROGRAMME

Strengthening Institutions for Sustainable Competitiveness

*A Business Perspective on SDG 16 and the 2030
Agenda during Ireland's EU Presidency*

**FRI 18TH SEPTEMBER
10.30AM-12.30PM
THE METROPOLE**

Why you should attend:

- ➔ Hear directly from European Commissioner Michael McGrath on his portfolio and how SDG 16 links to business confidence and competitiveness.
- ➔ Gain practical perspective on how strong institutions, good leadership and sustainability intersect with today's geopolitical landscape to shape competitiveness, resilience and long-term enterprise growth.
- ➔ Connect with like-minded professionals at the heart of sustainability in Cork's business community.



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**Keynote address by
EU Commissioner,
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