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Ireland and Northern Ireland in world-leading position in relation to integrating renewable energy

Ireland and Northern Ireland now have a total of 2,262 megawatts of renewable electricity capacity, according to a major report published today. EirGrid Group's Annual Renewable Report 2011 was launched in Dublin by Pat Rabbitte, Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources .

The report shows that Ireland and Northern Ireland occupy a world-leading position in integrating large amounts of renewable energy onto the power system. The report details renewable energy policy in Ireland and Northern Ireland, EirGrid and System Operator Northern Ireland's (SONI) role in the renewables sector, research and technological developments in the area and global industry developments.

The report outlines progress made in the area of renewable electricity over the last twelve months and sets these developments in a broader international context.

Ireland and Northern Ireland have huge renewable energy potential and EirGrid and SONI are committed to ensuring this potential is developed throughout the island as a whole.

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