**EU Innovation Fund - Member state workshop 10 December 2019 – Ireland
Department of Communications Climate Change and Environment (DCCAE)**

Welcome and Opening
DCCAE welcomed some 80 participants and outlined the objectives of the Workshop to:
- Raise awareness of the Fund.
- Highlight the NCP resource in the DCCAE (innovationfund@dccae.gov.ie).
- Offer an opportunity to engage with the Innovation Fund Team at DG CLIMA
- Showcase potential Irish projects

Presentation by DG Climate Action
Maria Velkova, DG CLIMA, described the vision of the Fund towards a clean, climate neutral economy by 2050. She presented the key features of the Innovation Fund, including:
- At least €10bn from the ETS, at current carbon prices
- First project call mid 2020 with regular calls thereafter up to 2030
- Support up to 60% of additional innovative technology
- Comprehensive and continuing support.

Presentation by Saipem
The presentation summarised the AFLOAT Prototype project for Floating Wind turbines currently being tested in Killybegs, Ireland. It includes development of the Test Site connected to the \grid and the fabrication and operation of the floating turbine.

Presentation by Ervia
The presentation outlined Ervia's proposed project for carbon capture and storage (CCS). It highlighted potential components of an Innovation Fund application including development studies on CO2 networks; development studies on full business models in the electricity market, Industry and Hydrogen; demonstration infrastructure for Larger scale CCs for refinery; slip strem for CCS for a CCGT; CCS with Hydrogen.

Discussion and questions
The workshop was completed with a lively discussion between the audience and in particular DG CLIMA about topics including:
- Selection criteria
- Project Milestones
- Project development assistance
- Knowledge-sharing requirements
- Types of projects that could be considered for inclusion including some not covered by the EU ETS.