

## Agenda for Launch of BATTERIE

'Better Accessible Transport to Encourage Robust Intermodal Transport'

On

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 1 – 2 pm

Offices of the EU Commissioner, 74 – 76 Dublin Road, Belfast

## **Agenda**

1pm Registration and light lunch

1:30 Welcome by Collette Fitzgerald, EU Commissioner

1:35 Michael Doran, Executive Director Action Renewables; BATTERIE

Alex Atwood MLA

1:40 Minister of the Environment

Danny Kennedy MLA 1:50 Minister for Regional Development

Finish at 2pm

BATTERIE (Better Accessible Transport to Encourage Robust Intermodal Enterprise) is a strategic EU funded project, led by local company Action Renewables. It is a 14 strong collaboration bringing together partners from across the Atlantic Area Regions in the UK, Ireland, France and Portugal. The project receives funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the Atlantic Area Programme, and will look at innovative ways to integrate alternative fuels and smart technology into international air, road, rail and sea transport networks. With rising utility prices and energy security issues topping national and regional agendas, BATTERIE will focus on providing answers to the most pressing issues affecting member states. This will include hot topics such as the future impact of rising fuel costs and fuel shortages, and identifying how smart technologies and alternative fuel use can rise to meet future challenges.

The project will run for three years, and has a truly international and 'triple helix' (partners from the academic, public and private sectors) composition.



