

# The AIVP Days

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## “Working Waterfront”: a City-Port mix in progress

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Friday, 29 May 2015: 16:00 - 16:30

Owen P Keegan was appointed as Dublin City Council Chief Executive, in September 2013 having served as County Manager of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council from February 2006. Before joining DLRCC he worked for Dublin City Council, where he was Assistant City Manager and then Director of Traffic. Prior to October 1993 he worked as an economist for DKM Economic Consultants/Davy Stockbrokers. He has also worked in the Department of Finance, the ESRI and for two periods in the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Mr Keegan is from Dublin. He holds degrees in public administration, economics and civil engineering.



**Owen KEEGAN**  
Chief Executive  
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## Dublin City Council CEO Closing Speech Background Notes

Ladies and Gentleman, distinguished guests, Jean-Pierre Lecomte (President of AIVP), Eamon O'Reilly (Dublin Port Company CEO), AIVP Secretary and Executive Committee members, I would like to cordially thank you for what has been an extremely fruitful conference over the past few days.

Given the fact that this is the first time this conference was held in Ireland in the AIVP's 25 year history, this has made the hosting of this event all the more memorable. This has been supported by the participation of delegates from 25 countries, which has served to contribute to the dynamism and insightfulness of the conference.

The role of the port is intrinsic to the functioning of the city and Dublin's economy, whilst its history and evolution has helped shape the city's urban structure. This is exemplified by the Docklands SDZ, where it is proposed to create a new urban quarter in the city, whereby 23,000 new jobs will be created and homes for 6,000 people will be provided. The delivery of this new part of the city in an area formerly characterised by port-related activity will make a significant contribution to the city, but also to Ireland's economy. The development of this part of the city will forever symbolise the opportunities that can be realised through the evolution of port activities and the acute ability of Dublin city to regenerate the Docklands for the future development of the city.

This conference, with its diverse and innovative range of subject matter covered, will help inform the future direction of Dublin city, creating insights and revealing new opportunities, thereby allowing the city to capitalise on the synergies that may be forged between the co-existence of urban and port functions.

I hope that you all have had a pleasant visit to Dublin and have gleaned as much from the conference as we have as a city. I wish you all the best for the future and hope that it won't be another 25 years before we see the AIVP conference held in Dublin!