



# Seán Kelly (South)

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## Priorities:

- **Sport and Culture:** Seán believes that sport can play a central role in bringing the EU closer to its citizens, that the EU can serve as a vehicle to promote co-operation between bodies responsible for sports and that it could help to protect the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and women, especially the youngest among them. He believes that our vibrant arts and culture sector must be encouraged to expand and diversify in order to create further growth and employment.
- **Regional Development:** Seán believes that EU Structural Funds and the European Social Fund have benefited the economic development of Ireland enormously in the past. He intends to work hard to prioritise the deployment of Cohesion, Structural and European Social Funds to finance our economic recovery and believes that infrastructure and service provision will play a vital role in unlocking Ireland's true tourism potential.
- **Energy:** Seán believes that climate change and energy security are of enormous importance now and in the future. Targeted investment in research and development, coupled with EU funding for grid interconnections, could allow Ireland to become a net exporter of electricity. In this way, he believes that we can reduce our carbon emissions and increase our energy security.

### Committees:

- Member of the Committee on Regional Development
- Substitute Member of the Committee on Culture and Education

### Delegations:

- Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States
- Substitute Member of the Delegation for relations with Canada