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Aoife is lawyer and economist with deep environmental expertise. After qualifying via a commercial law firm in Dublin where she focused on renewable energy deals, she moved into the not-for-profit sector. She worked with and advised various NGOs on the environmental impacts of international shipping and aviation, EU environmental governance and UK community energy, including writing legal analyses of the interaction between the different jurisdictions at national, regional (especially European Union) and international (especially the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization) levels. After supplementing her skills with an economics degree, she brings an additional focus on the incentives that can bring about positive environmental outcomes while also providing for investment opportunities in developing countries. She is the chair of Rethinking Economics (a charity campaigning to reform the economics curriculum in the UK) and a board member of Economy (a charity working to make economics more understandable). She is on the Advisory Board of the Lloyd's Register Decarbonisation Hub, the Advisory Board of the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping and sits on the UK Government's Clean Maritime Council.