

## Country Information Guide



### Ireland

**A guide to information sources on the Republic of Ireland, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites**

#### Contents

Information sources in the ESO database .....	2
General information.....	2
Agricultural information.....	2
Competition policy information.....	2
Culture and language information.....	2
Defence and security information .....	3
Economic information .....	3
Education information .....	3
Employment information .....	3
Energy information.....	4
Environmental information .....	4
European policies and relations with the European Union .....	4
Geographic information.....	5
Health information .....	5
Human rights information.....	5
Intellectual information.....	6
Investment information.....	6
Justice and home affairs information.....	6
Living and working information .....	6
Media information .....	7
Political information (including Elections).....	7
Public management information .....	7
R&D information .....	7
Regional and local information .....	8
Social information .....	8
Statistical information.....	8
Tourism information .....	9
Transport information .....	9
Weather information.....	9

To navigate around this Information Guide click on the 'Bookmarks' icon on the left

## Information sources in the ESO database

- [Ireland – External / Internal / Regions](#)

## General information

- Ireland: Government portal: [Ireland](#)
  - [Department of Foreign Affairs \(Roinn Gnothai Eachtracha\)](#)
  - [Discover Ireland](#)
- European Union: European Countries: [Ireland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Ireland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Ireland](#)
- United States: CIA World Factbook: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Ireland](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [Ireland](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Ireland](#)
- Find websites on Ireland through [Google](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Ireland](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Ireland](#)

## Agricultural information

- Ireland: [Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food](#) (An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia)
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Rural Development Plans 2000-2006: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [Ireland]
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: [Ireland](#)

## Competition policy information

- Ireland: [The Competition Authority](#) (An tÚdarás Iomaíochta)
- Ireland: [Commission for Communications Regulation](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Ireland](#)

## Culture and language information

- Ireland: [Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht](#) (An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta)
- Ireland: [The Arts Council](#)
- European Commission: Languages: Euromosaic: [Irish](#)
- European Commission: DG Education and Culture: Europe and Culture: National cultural sites: [Ireland](#)
- CRAMLAP: [Celtic, Regional and Minority Languages Abroad Project](#) [Select Language Provision]

- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Ireland](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: [European Minority Languages](#) [Irish]
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: [Ireland](#)

## Defence and security information

- Ireland: [Department of Defence](#) (An Roinn Cosanta)
- Ireland: [Irish Defence Forces](#) (Oglaigh na hÉireann)
- Ireland: [Irish Civil Defence](#) (Cosaint Shibhialta)

## Economic information

- ESO: Ireland: [Economic situation](#)
- Ireland: [Department of Finance](#) (Roinn Airgeadais)
- Ireland: [Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation](#) (An Roinn Post, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta)
- Ireland: [Central Bank of Ireland](#) (Banc Ceannais na hÉireann)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxes in Europe Database](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Ireland](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Ireland](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Ireland](#)
  - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2013.]
  - [Overview](#) [Latest edition, 2013.]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Ireland](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Ireland](#)
- WTO: [Ireland](#) and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: [Ireland](#)

## Education information

- Ireland: [Department of Education and Skills](#) (An Roinn Oideachais Agus Scileanna)
- European Commission: Study in Europe: [Higher Education in Ireland](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Ireland](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Ireland](#)
- Eurydice: EURYBASE Database on Educational Systems in Europe:
  - [National System Overview](#) (2014)
  - [Ongoing Reforms and Policy Developments](#) (2014)
- OECD: Education: [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO: Country profiles: [Ireland](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- Council of Europe: Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Ireland](#)
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: [Structure of Educational system in Ireland](#)

- Higher Education in Ireland: [Universities in Ireland](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Ireland: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in The Republic of Ireland](#)

## Employment information

- Ireland: [Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation](#) (An Roinn Post, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Employment: [Ireland](#)
- European Industrial Relations Profile: [Ireland](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Ireland](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Ireland](#)

## Energy information

- Ireland: [Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources](#) (Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [ManagEnergy Map](#):
- European Commission: DG Energy: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [Select Country]
- International Energy Agency: [Ireland](#)
- International Energy Agency: Review of Ireland's Energy Policies: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Ireland](#)
- NationMaster.com: Energy: [Ireland](#)

## Environmental information

- Ireland: [Department of Environment, Community and Local Government](#) (An Roinn Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil)
- Ireland: [Environmental Information Service](#) (Eolas ar angComhshaol)
- Ireland: [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Ireland](#)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles: [Ireland](#)
- FAO: Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: [Ireland](#)
- FAO: Forestry Department: Country Information: [Ireland](#)
- FAO: Water Management: Country Information: [Ireland](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Ireland](#)
- State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Ireland](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: [Ireland](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Ireland](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Ireland](#)

## European policies and relations with the European Union

- Ireland: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Policies: [Ireland in the European Union](#)
- Ireland: [Central Bank of Ireland](#) (Banc Ceannais na hÉireann)
  - [Eurosystem](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Ireland](#)

- European Union: Europe Direct Network: [Ireland](#)
- European Parliament: Parliament information office in: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: Representation in [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Ireland and the Euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2007-2013: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [Ireland](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts Signed in [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Ireland](#)
- Ireland: [Permanent delegation to the OECD](#)
- OECD: [Ireland](#)

## Geographic information

- European Union: DG Press and Communications: [Ireland](#)
- Forest and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: [Map of Ireland](#)
- Maps of the World: [Ireland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Ireland](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Ireland maps](#)

## Health information

- Ireland: [Department of Health](#) (An Roinn Sláinte)
- World Health Organisation: [Ireland](#)
- World Health Organisation: Regional Office for Europe: [Ireland](#)
- World Health Organisation: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Ireland](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Drug treatment profiles: [Ireland](#)
  - Legal Profile: [Ireland](#)
  - Country Overview: [Ireland](#)
  - National drugs strategies: [Ireland](#)
  - [Legal Topics Overview](#): [Select Country]
- OECD: Health: [Ireland](#)

## Human rights information

- Ireland: [Irish Human Rights Commission](#) (An Coimisiún um chearta an duine)
- Council Of Europe: European Social Charter: [National Reports](#)
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on [Ireland](#) (2012)
- Council of Europe: Venice Commission: [Ireland](#)
- Amnesty International: Country Report: [Ireland](#)
- Refugee Council: [Ireland](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Ireland](#)
- USA: State Department: 2010 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Ireland](#)
- USA: State Department: International Religious Freedom Report for 2010: [Ireland](#)
- The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Ireland](#)
- European Court of Human Rights: [Country Fact Sheets](#) (Ireland, page 29)

- European Court of Human Rights: [Violation by Article and By State 1959-2013](#)
- European Court of Human Rights: [Statistics on Judgments by State](#)

## Intellectual property information

- Ireland: [The Irish Patents Office](#) (Oifig na bPaitinní)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Ireland](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Ireland](#)

## Investment information

- Ireland: [Investment and Development Agency Ireland](#)
- Ireland: [Enterprise Ireland](#)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing business in [Ireland](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profile: [Ireland](#)
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living abroad: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Ireland](#)

## Justice and home affairs information

- Ireland: [Department of Justice and Equality](#) (An Roinn Dlí Agus Cirt Agus Comhionannais)
- Ireland: [The Courts Service](#) (Seirbhís Chúirteanna na hÉireann)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: [Ireland's documents](#)
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law/ Venice Commission: Documents on [Ireland](#)
- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [Select Country]
- European Court of Human Rights: [Statistical Information](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Ireland](#)
- International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Ireland](#)

## Living and working information

- Ireland: Citizens Information: [Coming to Live in Ireland](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: [Homepage](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): National Surveys: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]
- JustLanded.com: [Ireland](#)
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Embassy of Ireland: [Living & Working in Ireland](#)

## Media information

- Ireland: [Broadcasting Authority of Ireland](#) (Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann)
- European Journalism Centre: European Media Landscape: [Ireland](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): [Broadcasting organisations](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Ireland](#)
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Ireland](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: [Ireland](#)
- [Radiomap.eu](#): [Select Country]
- Onlinenewspapers.com: [Ireland](#)

## Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Ireland: [Political situation](#)
- Ireland: Government Portal: [Ireland](#)
  - [Constitution](#)
  - [Government system](#)
  - [Departments](#)
- Ireland: [Head of Government \(An Taoiseach\)](#)
- Ireland: [Houses of the Oireachtas \(Tithe an Oireachtais\)](#)
  - [Irish Senate \(Seanad Éireann\)](#)
  - [House of Representatives \(Dáil Éireann\)](#)
- Ireland: [President of Ireland \(Uachtarán na hÉireann\)](#)
- Ireland: [Supreme Court \(Chúirt Uachtarach\)](#)
- Ireland: [Standards in Public Office Commission \(Coimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí\)](#)
  - [Elections](#)
  - [Reports](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Ireland](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Ireland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Ireland](#)
- ESO: Ireland: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Regulatory reform: [Ireland](#)

## Public management information

- ePractice: eGovernment Factsheet: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Ireland](#)
- PSI Navigator (Directory and search engine for the public sector information of Europe): National reports: [Ireland](#)

## R&D information

- Ireland: [Department of Education and Skills](#) (An Roinn Oideachais Agus Scileanna)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation: Research 2004-2009: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Innovation: [Ireland](#)

- OECD: Science and technology: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Green growth and Sustainable development: [Ireland](#)

## Regional and local information

- Ireland: [Department of Environment, Community and Local Government](#) (An Roinn Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil)
- Ireland: [The Irish Regions Office](#) (Oifig Réigiún na hÉireann)
- Eurostat: Portrait of the Regions: [Ireland](#)
- Committee of the Regions: 'Country' Regions: Europe in my Region: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: [Ireland](#)
- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network: ERRIN Members: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]
- The West: [Regional Authority](#)
- The Mid-West: [Regional Authority](#)
- The South-West: [Regional Authority](#)
- The South-East: [Regional Authority](#)
- The Mid-East: [Regional Authority](#)
- The Midlands: [Regional Authority](#)
- The Border: [Regional Authority](#)
- Dublin: [Regional Authority](#)

## Social information

- Ireland: [Department of Health](#) (An Roinn Sláinte)
- Ireland: [Office for Social Inclusion](#) (An Oifig um Cuimsiú Sóisialta)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your rights in [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Social and welfare issues: [Ireland](#)
- Social Protection Systems in EU Member States and the European Economic Area: MISSOC-Info Bulletin: [Ireland](#)
- World Bank: [Gender Statistics](#) [Select]
- United States: Social Security Online: Research and program description about [Ireland](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Ireland](#)
- UNICEF: [Ireland](#)

## Statistical information

- Ireland: [Central Bank](#) (Banc Ceannais na hÉireann)
  - [Statistics](#)
- Ireland: [Central Statistics Office](#)
  - [Statistics](#)
  - [Databases](#)
  - [Releases and Publications](#)
  - [Census](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Ireland](#)
- Eurostat: Country profiles: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Ireland](#)
- World Bank: Data: [Ireland](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Ireland](#) [Select Country]



- Nation Master: [Statistics on Ireland](#)
- Eurostat: Publications: [Eurostat Yearbook 2011](#)

## Tourism information

- Ireland: [Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport](#) (An Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt)
- Ireland: [National Tourism Development Authority](#) (Failte Ireland)
- Ireland: [Discoverireland.ie](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: [Ireland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Ireland](#)
- The Telegraph: [Ireland](#)

## Transport information

- Ireland: [Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport](#) (An Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt)
- Ireland: [National Roads Authority](#) (An tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta)
- Ireland: [Aer Lingus](#)
- Ireland: [National Railway](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Statistics: [Statistical Pocketbook 2014](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: [Scoreboard: Road Safety "How is your country doing?"](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Road safety Country Profile: [Ireland](#) (2012)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Ireland](#)
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: [Ireland](#)

## Weather information

- Ireland: [Irish National Meteorological Service](#) (Met Éirann)
- BBC: Weather Centre: [Ireland](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Ireland](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: [Ireland](#)

## Luke Brett ESO Editorial Assistant

Original compilation: 2001 (Ian Thomson)

Revised: 2010 (Christopher Langen); 2011 (Johanna Kämäräinen), 2012 (Ewelina Bruździak), 2013 (Iliyana Nikolova)

Latest revision: February 2015



European Documentation Centre  
Canolfan Ddogfennau Ewropeaidd

