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

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Information sources in the ESO database

- Ireland – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Ireland: Government portal: Ireland
  o Department of Foreign Affairs (Roinn Gnothai Eachtracha)
  o 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, lascaigh 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: 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 lomaíochta)
- 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 hEireann)
• 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 Nuálaiochta)
• Ireland: Central Bank of Ireland (Banc Ceannais na hÉireann)
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: 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
• OECD: Country List: Ireland and the IMF
  o 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:
  o National System Overview (2014)
  o 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 Nuáláíochta)
- 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](#) (Roïnn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha)
- 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 Comhshaoil, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil)
- Ireland: [Environmental Information Service](#) (Eolas ar angComhshaoil)
- 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)
  - Eurosistem
- 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):
  o Drug treatment profiles: [Ireland](#)
  o Legal Profile: [Ireland](#)
  o Country Overview: [Ireland](#)
  o National drugs strategies: [Ireland](#)
  o [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)

**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 Press and Communication: Your Europe [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- JustLanded.com: Ireland
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: Ireland
- United Stated: 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
- 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 Chaighdeáin in Oifigí Poiblí)
  - Elections
  - Reports
- Wikipedia: Politics of Ireland
- Wikipedia: Elections in 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
- OECD: Innovation: Ireland
Regional and local information

- Ireland: Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (An Roinn Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Aitiúil)
- 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 Cuimsíú 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
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Ireland [Select Country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: Ireland
- World Bank: Data: Ireland
Tourism information

- Ireland: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (An Roinn lompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt)
- Ireland: National Tourism Development Authority (Fáilte 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 lompair Turasóireachta agus Spóirt)
- Ireland: National Roads Authority (An tÚdarás um Bóithre Nóisiúnta)
- Ireland: Aer Lingus
- Ireland: National Railway
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Scoreboard: Road Safety "How is your country doing?" [Select Country]
- Wikipedia: Transport in Ireland
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: Ireland

Weather information

- Ireland: Irish National Meteorological Service (Met Éirinn)
- BBC: Weather Centre: Ireland
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: Ireland

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