Country Information Guide
Iceland

A guide to information sources on Iceland, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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Information sources in the ESO database

Iceland – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Iceland: Official Gateway to Iceland
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Iceland
- European Union: European Countries: Iceland
- United States
  - Department of State: Iceland
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: Iceland
- Wikipedia: Iceland
- BBC News: Country Profile: Iceland
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: Iceland
- The Guardian: World News: Iceland
- Google: Search for Websites on Iceland

Agricultural information

- Iceland: Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Atvinnuvega- og nyşköpunarráðuneytíð)
- OECD: Agriculture & Fisheries: Iceland
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: Iceland

Competition policy information

- Iceland: Icelandic Competition Authority (Samkeppnisefthlitíð)
- OECD: Competition: Iceland
- CUTS International: Competition Regimes in the World: Iceland

Culture and language information

- Iceland: Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (Mennta- og Menningarmálaráðuneytíð)
- European Commission: Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desks: Iceland
- Council of Europe: Culture, Heritage and Nature: Country Profiles: Iceland
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Iceland
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of Iceland
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: European Minority Languages: Icelandic

Defence and security information

- Iceland:
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Utanríkisráðuneytíð)
  - Defence and Security Affairs
  - Icelandic National Police
  - Icelandic Coast Guard
- Iceland and NATO
Economic information

- ESO: Iceland: Economic Situation
- Iceland:
  - Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (Fjármála- og efnahagsráðuneytið)
  - Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Atvinnuvega- og nýskópunarráðuneytið)
  - Central Bank of Iceland (Seðlabanki Íslands)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Iceland Database
- OECD:
  - Iceland
  - Overview [Latest edition, 2015]
- FAO: Economic Situation: Iceland
- International Monetary Fund: Iceland
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Iceland
- WTO: Iceland
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in Iceland

Education information

- Iceland: Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (Mennta- og Menningarmálaráðuneytið)
- Council of Europe
  - Youth Partnership: Knowledge / EKYP: Background Information on Youth Policy in Iceland
  - Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: Iceland
- European Commission: Education & Training: European Higher Education in Iceland: Study in Iceland
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Iceland
- ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: Iceland
- OECD: Education: Iceland
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education in Iceland
- Nation Master: Education in Iceland
- World Bank: World DataBank: Country Profile: Iceland [Select country, series, time]
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: Structure of Educational system in Iceland
- Wikipedia: Education in Iceland

Employment information

- Iceland:
  - Ministry of Welfare (Velferðarráðuneytið):
  - Employment
  - Icelandic Confederation of Labour (AȘÍ) (Alþýðusamband Íslands)
- European Commission: EURES: Living & Working: Iceland
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: Iceland
- OECD:
  - Key Employment Statistics: Iceland
  - Employment: Iceland
• International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Iceland

Energy information

• Iceland:
  o Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
  o National Energy Authority (Orkustofnun)

• European Commission
  o DG Energy: ManagEnergy Map: Iceland
  o DG Energy: ManagEnergy: Energy Agencies & Events Iceland

• International Energy Agency
  o Iceland
  o Statistics and Balances: Iceland

• United States: Energy Information Administration: Iceland

Environmental information

• Iceland:
  o Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources (Umhverfis- og auðlindaráðuneytið)
  o The Environment Agency of Iceland (Umhverfisstofnun)

• European Environment Agency:
  o EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Iceland
  o SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: Iceland
  o EPANET - European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: Iceland

• Food & Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  o Specialized Country Profiles: Iceland
  o Food Security and Safety: Iceland
  o Forestry Sector: Iceland
  o Water Management: Iceland

• Greenpeace International: Iceland

European policies and relations with the European Union

• Iceland: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Utanríkisráðuneytið):
  o Policies: Iceland in Europe
  o Policies: Iceland in NATO

• Embassy of Iceland in Brussels: Mission to the EU

• European Commission
  o European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations: Iceland
  o Enterprise Europe Network: Iceland

• Council of Europe: Member States: Iceland

• European Union External Action: EU Relations with Iceland

• European Union: Delegation in Iceland

• OECD: Iceland and the OECD

Geographic information and maps

• European Union: DG Press and Communication: Iceland
• FAO: Country Profiles and Mapping Information System
• Map of Iceland: Geography
• Map of Iceland: Forestry
• Lonely Planet: Map of Iceland
• Maps of the World: Iceland
• University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Iceland

Health information

• Iceland: Ministry of Welfare (Velferðarráðuneytið)
• European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in Iceland
• World Health Organization:
  o Statistics & Profile: Iceland
  o Regional Office for Europe: Iceland
  o European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: Iceland HIT
• OECD: Health: Iceland

Human rights information

• Iceland:
  o Icelandic Human Rights Centre (Mannréttindaskrifstofa Íslands)
  o Office of the Ombudsman in Iceland (Umboðsmaður Alþingis)
  o University of Iceland: Institute of Human Rights
• Council of Europe:
  o European Social Charter: National Reports: Iceland
  o European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: Iceland
  o Human Rights & Rule of Law: Venice Commission: Documents on Iceland
  o Democracy: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Reports on Iceland
• European Court of Human Rights:
  o Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010: Iceland
  o Violation by Article and By State 1959-2012: Iceland
  o Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010: Iceland
• United Nations:
  o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Iceland
  o UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Information Collection: Iceland
• USA: Department of State
• Amnesty International: Iceland
• Reporters Without Borders: Iceland
• Wikipedia: Human rights in Iceland

Intellectual property information

• Iceland:
  o Innovation Centre Iceland (Nýsköpunarmiðstöð Íslands)
  o Icelandic Patent Office (Einkaleyfastofan)
• World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Iceland

Investment information

• Iceland: Invest in Iceland
• OECD:
  o Investment: Iceland
  o Industry and Entrepreneurship: Iceland
• United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Iceland
• United States Commercial Service: Doing Business in Iceland
• World Bank: Iceland
Justice and home affairs information

- Iceland:
  - Ministry of the Interior (Innanríkisráðuneytíd)
  - Supreme Court of Iceland (Hæstriðtur Íslands)
- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Iceland
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Country
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Iceland
- The Library of Congress: Law Online: Research & Reports: Iceland
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: Iceland

Living and working information

- Iceland: Ministry of Welfare (Velferðarráðuneytið)
- The Official Gateway to Iceland: Work and live in Iceland
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel & Living Abroad: Iceland
- United States: Department of State: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: Iceland

Media information

- Iceland: Post and Telecom Administration
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Broadcasting Organisations [Select Country]
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: Iceland
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: Iceland
- Newslink: European Newspapers: Iceland
- Online Newspapers: Iceland
- Radiomap: Radio Stations: Iceland

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Political Situation: Iceland
- Iceland:
  - Government portal
  - Constitution
  - Government system
  - Ministries
  - President
  - Prime Minister
  - Parliament (Althingi)
  - National Electoral Commission
- Political Resources: Iceland
- Wikipedia:
  - Politics of Iceland
  - Elections in Iceland
- OECD:
  - Public governance: Iceland
  - Regulatory reform: Iceland
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Iceland
- Democracy Barometer: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law online: [Iceland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Iceland](#)

**Public management information**

- Iceland: Governance Iceland: [How Iceland is governed](#)
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): National reports: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Iceland](#)

**R&D information**

- Iceland: [Ministry of Education, Science and Culture](#) (Mennta-oog Menningarmálaráðuneytidey)
- European Commission:
  - DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National & Regional: [Iceland](#)
- OECD:
  - Innovation: [Iceland](#)
  - Science and technology: [Iceland](#)
  - Green Growth & Sustainable Development: [Iceland](#)

**Regional and local information**

- Ministry of the Interior: [Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Regions of Iceland](#)
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: [Iceland](#)

**Social information**

- Ministry of Welfare (Velferdarráðuneytidey): [Iceland](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment: Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Rights: [Iceland](#)
- Mutual Information System on Social Protection/Security (MISSOC):
  - [Organisation of Social Protection](#) [Select country & year]
  - [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) [Select country & year]
- Council of Europe: Human Rights & the Rule of Law: [European Social Charter](#)
  - Country Factsheets: [Iceland](#)
- OECD:
  - Social and Welfare Issues: [Iceland](#)
  - Insurance and Pensions: [Iceland](#)
- World Bank: Gender Equality Data & Statistics: [Iceland](#)
- UNICEF: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Administration: Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis:
  - Research & Program Descriptions: Country Index to International Information: [Iceland](#)
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World (2012): Europe: [Iceland](#)
Statistical information

- Iceland:
  - National Central Bank (Seðlabanki Íslands)
  - National Statistical Institute (Hagstofa Íslands)
- Eurostat: Country Profiles: Iceland
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: Iceland
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Iceland
- World Bank: Data: Iceland
- NationMaster: Statistics: Iceland

Tourism information

- Iceland
  - Ministry of Industries and Innovation (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
  - Icelandic Tourist Board
  - The Gateway to Iceland
- Guardian News & Media Ltd.: Travel: Iceland
- Lonely Planet: Introducing Iceland
- Trip-Advisor: Iceland

Transport information

- Iceland
  - Ministry of the Interior (Innanríkisráðuneytið)
  - Icelandair
- Wikipedia: Transport in Iceland
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: Country Profile: Iceland

Weather information

- Iceland: Icelandic Meteorological Office (Veðurstofa Íslands)
- BBC: Weather Centre:
  - Information: Iceland
  - Climate Guide and 5-Day Weather Forecast: Iceland

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