Information Guide

Ireland

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Ireland.

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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](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: [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](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Ireland](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Ireland](#)
- Google: Search for websites on [Ireland](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Ireland](#)
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Ireland](#)

**Agricultural information**

- Ireland: [Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food](#)
- European Commission: Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural development 2014-2020: Country files: [Ireland](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD): Country Information: [Ireland](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Ireland](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: [Ireland](#)

**Competition policy information**

- Ireland: [Competition and Consumer Protection Commission](#)
- Ireland: [Commission for Communications Regulation](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Ireland](#)

**Culture and language information**

- Ireland: [Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht](#)
- Ireland: [The Arts Council](#)
- European Commission: Languages: Euromosaic: [Irish](#)
- European Commission: Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desks: [Ireland](#) [select country]
- CRAMLAP: [Celtic, Regional and Minority Languages Abroad Project](#) [select language provision]
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Ireland](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Ireland](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Ireland](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: [European Minority Languages](#) [in Irish]
Defence and security information

- Ireland: Department of Defence
- Ireland: Irish Defence Forces
- Ireland: Irish Civil Defence
- NATO: Relations with Ireland

Economic information

- ESO: Ireland: Economic situation
- Ireland: Department of Finance
- Ireland: Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
- Ireland: Central Bank of Ireland
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: Ireland
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: Ireland
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes [select year and country]
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Europe Database [select country]
- International Monetary Fund: Ireland and the IMF
- OECD: Countries: Ireland
- UNIDO: Ireland [select country]
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Ireland
- World Trade Organization: Ireland and the WTO
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in Ireland

Education information

- Ireland: Department of Education and Skills
- Council of Europe/ European Union: Youth Partnership: Knowledge/ EYCYP: Countries: Background information on youth policy: Ireland
- European Commission: Education and Training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in Ireland
- European Commission: Programmes: Erasmus+: Tools: National-agencies [select country]
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Ireland
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC - Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: Ireland
- OECD: Education: Ireland
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: Ireland
- World Bank: World DataBank: Education Statistics: All Indicators [select country, series and time]
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: Structure of Educational system in Ireland
- Wikipedia: Education in The Republic of Ireland

Employment information

- Ireland: Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: Ireland
- European Commission: EURES: Living and Working: Ireland
• Eurofound: Home: Observatories: European Observatory of Working Life-
  EurWORK: Industrial Relations Country Profiles: Ireland
• European Trade Union Institute: Reforms Watch: Ireland
• European Trade Union Institute: Worker Participation: National Industrial
  Relations: Ireland
• Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe:
  Ireland
• OECD: Employment: Ireland
• International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Ireland

Energy information

• Ireland: Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
• European Commission: DG Energy:
  o Statistics by country
  o Energy Statistical Pocketbook [select year and country]
  o National Renewable Energy Action Plans [select year and country]
• European Commission: ManagEnergy: Ireland
• International Energy Agency:
  o Countries: Ireland
  o Statistics and Balances: Ireland
• United States: Energy Information Administration: Ireland

Environmental information

• Ireland: Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
• Ireland: Environmental Information Service
• Ireland: Environmental Protection Agency
• European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE Programme: Ireland
• European Environment Agency:
  o EIONET- European Environment Information and Observation Network:
    Ireland
  o SERIS- State of the Environment Reporting Information System: Ireland
• European Environment Agency: EPANET- European Network of the Heads of
  Environment Protection Agencies: Ireland
• European Environmental Bureau: Members: Ireland
• FAO: Country Profiles: Ireland
• OECD: Environment: Ireland
• Friends of the Earth International: 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
  o Eurosystem
• European Union: Countries: Ireland
• European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: Ireland
• European Commission: Representation in Ireland
• European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: Ireland
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  o Economies of Member States: Ireland
  o Ireland and the Euro
• European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Ireland
• European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural
  Development Policy 2014-2020: Ireland
• European Parliament: EP Information Offices [click on map to select country]
• European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts Signed in Ireland
• Council of Europe: Member States: Ireland
• OECD: Countries: Ireland

Geographic information

• FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: Ireland
• Lonely Planet: Map of Ireland
• Maps of the World: Ireland
• University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Ireland maps

Health information

• Ireland: Department of Health
• European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in Ireland
• European Commission: DG Health and Food Safety: Public Health: Ireland [select search for country information]
• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  o Country Overview: Ireland
  o Legal Profile: Ireland [select country]
  o Drug treatment profiles: Ireland
  o National drugs strategies: Ireland
• OECD: Health: Ireland
• World Health Organization:
  o Countries: Ireland
  o Regional Office for Europe: Ireland
  o European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Ireland

Human rights information

• Ireland: Irish Human Rights Commission
• Council Of Europe:
  o European Social Charter: National Reports: Ireland
  o European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State Documents and Visits: Ireland
• European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on Ireland
• European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission):
  Documents on Ireland
• European Court of Human Rights:
  o Country Profiles: Ireland
  o Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  o Violation by Article and by State 1959-2014 [select country]
  o Statistics on Judgements by State 1959-2010
• United Nations:
  o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in Ireland
  o UNHCR- The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: Ireland
• Amnesty International: Ireland
• Human Rights Watch: Human Rights in Ireland
• Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Ireland
Intellectual property information

- Ireland: [The Irish Patents Office](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Ireland](#)

Investment information

- Ireland: [Investment and Development Agency Ireland](#)
- Ireland: [Enterprise Ireland](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Ireland](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Ireland](#)
- World Bank: Countries and Economies: [Ireland](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profile: [Ireland](#)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing business in [Ireland](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Ireland: [Department of Justice and Equality](#)
- Ireland: [The Courts Service](#)
- European Commission: DG Home Affairs: European Web Site on Integration: [Governance / Indicators](#)
- Council of Europe: o European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Ireland](#)
  o Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) (2012) [select country]
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Ireland](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: [Ireland](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Ireland](#)

Living and working information

- Ireland: Citizens Information: [Coming to Live in Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES- The European Job Mobility Portal: [Living and Working in Ireland](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [select topic]
- Eurofound: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: [Ireland](#)
- European Observatory of Working Life (EUrWORK): [Ireland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Ireland](#)
- United States: Department of State: Countries: [Ireland](#)
- JustLanded: Living, Working or Studying in [Ireland](#)

Media information

- Ireland: [Broadcasting Authority of Ireland](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): [Broadcasting organisations](#)
- European Journalism Centre: European Media Landscape: [Ireland](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Ireland](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Ireland](#) [select country]
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Ireland] (select country)
- Online Newspapers: [Ireland]
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Ireland]

**Political information (including Elections)**

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

**Public management information**

- European Commission: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup:
  - Communities: National Interoperability Framework Observatory (NIFO): eGovernment Factsheets (select country)
- European Data Portal: Reports: [Country] (select country)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Ireland]

**R&D information**

- Ireland: [Department of Education and Skills]
- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: [Ireland]
- European Commission: CORDIS: Projects and Results: Search by Country: [Ireland]
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation:
  - European Research 2004-2009: [Ireland] (click on map to select country)
  - Participants Portal: National Contact Points: [Ireland]
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
  - Research and Innovation Performance in 2014 (select country on map)
- European Commission: DG Growth: Industry: Innovation:
  - European Innovation Scoreboard: [Ireland]
European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN): Ireland [click on map to select country]
OECD: Innovation: Ireland
OECD: Science and technology: Ireland

Regional and local information

- Ireland: Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- Ireland: The Irish Regions Office [2017: website under reconstruction]
- European Commission: Eurostat: Regions
- European Commission: European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF): Ireland
- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: Ireland
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Ireland
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: Ireland
- Northern and Western Regional Assembly
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Southern Regional Assembly

Social information

- Ireland: Department of Health
- Ireland: Office for Social Inclusion
- European Commission:
  - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your social security rights in Ireland
  - MISSOC Secretariat: Organisation of Social Protection [select country and year]
  - MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed [select country and year]
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: Ireland
- OECD: Social and welfare issues: Ireland
- UNICEF: Ireland
- United States: Social Security Administration:
  - Research, Statistics and Policy Analysis: Ireland
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Ireland

Statistical information

- Ireland: Central Bank
  - Statistics
- Ireland: Central Statistics Office
  - Statistics
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Ireland [select country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: Ireland
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Ireland
- World Bank: Data: Ireland
- Nation Master: Statistics on Ireland

Tourism information

- Ireland: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Ireland: National Tourism Development Authority
- Ireland: Discoverireland.ie
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: Ireland
The Telegraph: [Ireland](#)
Lonely Planet: [Introducing Ireland](#)
Rough Guides: [Ireland](#)
TripAdvisor: [Ireland](#)

**Transport information**

- Ireland: [Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport](#)
- Ireland: [National Roads Authority](#)
- Ireland: [Aer Lingus](#)
- Ireland: [National Railway](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport:
  - [EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook 2016](#)
  - [Road Safety: How is your country doing?](#) [select year]
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Ireland](#)

**Weather information**

- Ireland: [Irish National Meteorological Service](#)
- BBC: Weather Centre: [Ireland](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Ireland](#)

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