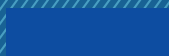




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The European Commission Representation in Ireland is part of the Commission's network of representative offices throughout the Member States of the European Union. We are the Commission's voice in Ireland and we aim to communicate EU affairs at both national and local levels.

We provide information on European affairs to the general public, stakeholders and the media, including through our website, social media channels, publications, events, meetings and educational visits.

We also gather information and keep the Commission in Brussels informed of various political, social and economic developments in Ireland. As part of our listening function, the Representation conducts public consultations on various ideas that the Commission is developing. We organise events to exchange views with the public on European issues. We want to ensure that citizens' voices are heard in Brussels.



Barbara Nolan, Head of  
the European Commission  
Representation in Ireland

## OUTREACH

The European Commission Representation in Ireland regularly organises events in Europe House in Dublin and in locations across the country and online, to keep the public as well as specific interest groups, informed on EU policies and programmes.

We organise public meetings on a variety of policy areas including economics, energy, environment, digital, social and fundamental rights, education and job opportunities in the EU. We also host a number of European themed exhibitions at Europe House. The Representation has also been actively promoting the opportunities arising from the EU's Recovery and Resilience plan, NextGenerationEU and the European Green Deal.

Our events are free and open to the public. They provide an opportunity to engage directly with European Commissioners and senior Commission officials, leading Irish political figures, economic and political commentators and journalists. Information on all events is posted on the Representation's website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, and in our newsletter.

Every September, the Representation moves its activities to a marquee at the National Ploughing Championships, where it is on hand to provide a variety of resources on the European Union to the public, as well as specific information and expertise on the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

The Representation also has a stand at the annual Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition each January where we promote EU opportunities in the area of research, innovation and science.



## EDUCATION

### The European Commission Representation hosts visits from primary and secondary schools and universities.

A typical visit lasts around 90 minutes and can include a presentation on the history and development of the European Union (please indicate at the time of booking any specific topics you would like us to cover), a video presentation on Ireland and the European Union and a quiz based on students' knowledge of the EU.

A visit to the European Commission may be of particular interest to secondary school teachers of CSPE, Transition Year, Leaving Cert History or Business.

Students can learn about the European Union policies and institutions, the EU decision-making process and the

impact of EU membership in Ireland. A wide range of publications and classroom materials are available free of charge from the Representation.

The Representation also provides information on career opportunities for Irish graduates in the EU institutions.

To arrange a visit for your group, contact the Representation with your preferred date and time.

Virtual visits are also available.

**Email:** [eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu)

The Model Council of the EU is an annual debating competition for secondary schools organised by the Representation. It is a simulation of a meeting of the Council of the European Union. Teams from secondary schools around Ireland represent the 27 EU Member States on a chosen topic. This event takes place in the Spring.



## EUROPEAN PUBLIC SPACE

The European Public Space offers an attractive city-centre venue for conferences, meetings, exhibitions, and cultural events. All of the facilities are available for non-commercial EU related events and are free of charge.

The European Public Space provides free information and publications on the history and development of the EU, the EU institutions and various EU policy areas.

*"The European Public Space provides free information and publications"*

## About the European Public Space

- Two meetings rooms available on the ground floor: a large conference room and a small (boardroom) meeting room
- The small meeting room is available for groups of up to 14 people
- The large meeting room has a total capacity of 70 people, depending on the layout chosen

## Facilities

- Removable seating
- Permanent drop-down audio visual screen and equipment
- Brochure stands
- Free Wi-Fi
- Wheelchair accessible

If you would like to book a meeting room, please send an email to [eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu)



## PRESS

The Representation's Press Office works to keep the Irish press informed on European matters and to increase awareness of the role of the European Union in the life of Irish people. The Press Office does this by giving assistance to the Irish national, regional and local media in their coverage of the EU.

The Office responds directly to a wide range of press and media enquiries on EU issues. In addition, it actively promotes media coverage of the EU by initiating regular contacts with the media and publishing press releases on current EU topics of interest to an Irish audience. It also organises information and communication events and represents the Commission at press conferences in Ireland.

The Press Office also manages the Representation's website as well as its Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages. Website and the social media are becoming more and more important in

the daily media work. All press releases issued by the Representation are posted to its website and also made public via Twitter and Facebook.

The Office arranges for visiting European Commissioners to meet with the Irish press. This helps to promote the Commission's policies in Ireland. Another major task of the Press Office is to report back to Commissioners and officials in Brussels on EU-related aspects of political and business life in Ireland.

The Representation gives interviews to give a Commission perspective on news and events in Ireland, or to respond to media coverage about the European Union.

The Representation also produces a weekly e-newsletter. Scan this QR code and sign up.



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Taoiseach Micheál Martin give press conference for the presentation of the Irish Recovery and Resilience Plan in Dublin.



## PROMOTING MULTILINGUALISM

To highlight the importance of multilingualism, the European Commission Representation in Ireland provides speakers to school groups (in person and virtually), provides publications and resources and organises a range of competitions (translation competitions for secondary school students for example), workshops (translation and interpreting) and events (such as the 'Try a new language' event on Culture Night). The Representation also participates in other events such as 'Think Languages'.

## CAREERS IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS

EU citizens can apply for a wide range of careers in the EU institutions. We encourage people to begin with the traineeship opportunities available in the different institutions, but a range of contract positions and permanent jobs are also available. For permanent positions, all EU officials have one thing in common – they must have the ability to work in more than two languages. The Representation provides information about the range of opportunities available including general careers and linguistic careers.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

Email: [eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eu-ie-info-request@ec.europa.eu) with 'Multilingualism' or 'Careers' in the subject.





# SOLVIT



There is a SOLVIT centre in every European Union Member State, including Ireland (as well as in Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). SOLVIT Centres can help with handling complaints from both citizens and businesses. They are part of the national administration and are committed to providing real solutions to problems within ten weeks. Using SOLVIT is free of charge.

SOLVIT Centres work together to solve cross-border problems of citizens/businesses arising from the incorrect application of EU law by public authorities.

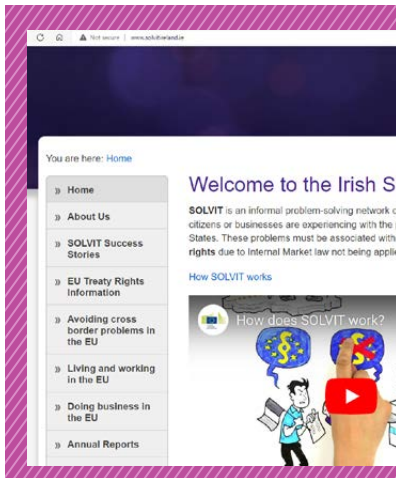
Following the assessment of a complaint and once accepted as a case, SOLVIT aims to resolve the problem within 10 weeks.

SOLVIT requires that two Member States are involved in cases to reflect the cross-border nature of the problem; therefore citizens/businesses should contact their national SOLVIT Centre. Contact details for the national SOLVIT centres can be found at the following link: [https://ec.europa.eu/solvit/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/solvit/index_en.htm)

SOLVIT Centre,  
Department of Enterprise,  
Trade and Employment,  
Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Email: [solvit-ie@enterprise.gov.ie](mailto:solvit-ie@enterprise.gov.ie)  
[www.solvitireland.ie](http://www.solvitireland.ie)

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## EUROPEAN CONSUMER CENTRE

European  
Consumer Centre  
Ireland



The European Consumer Centre Ireland is a member of the Europe-wide European Consumer Centre Network, which offers consumers across the European Union advice on their consumer rights and legal protections when shopping and travelling in another European Union Member State or European Economic Area country.

Learn everything about European Union consumer rights in Ireland here: [eccireland.ie](http://eccireland.ie).

Consumers looking for assistance with their dispute against a trader can contact us at: [eccireland.ie/contact-us](http://eccireland.ie/contact-us)

The services provided by the European Consumer Centres are free of charge.

### European Consumer Centre (ECC) Ireland

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Email: [info@eccireland.ie](mailto:info@eccireland.ie)

Website: [www.eccireland.ie](http://www.eccireland.ie)

Twitter: [@eccireland](https://twitter.com/eccireland)



## EUROPE DIRECT



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If you're looking for advice or help in your neighbourhood, or for a local forum promoting dialogue and awareness about EU policies, you can visit your local Europe Direct centre.

The centres provide information and free resources on the European Union. There are eight centres located around the country. To find the one that's closest to you, visit [www.europedirect.ie](http://www.europedirect.ie).

For more information and all questions about the EU call 00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11.

The European Commission supports a wide network of Information providers in Ireland including the **Europe Direct (ED)**.

The mission of the network is to distribute information and advice about the EU's policies, actively promote local and regional debate about the EU, allow the European institutions to disseminate local and regional information and give the public the opportunity to send feedback to the EU institutions.

There are **8 information points** in Ireland which provide the following services:

- answers to questions on your EU rights, funding, etc.
- invitations to local EU information/networking events
- EU documents and publications
- references to other information sources
- contact details for relevant organisations

For further information on the activities of the EDs in Ireland visit [www.europedirect.ie](http://www.europedirect.ie)





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