

**Policy Forum for Ireland conference:
Next steps for AI adoption and regulation in Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 15th December 2026

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Assessing Ireland's AI strategy and priorities for responsible AI adoption**
Deputy Naoise Ó Cearúil TD, Cathaoirleach, Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Houses of the Oireachtas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Scaling AI adoption in Ireland - capabilities, investment, addressing barriers and provider priorities**
Senior representative, AI provider
- 9.45 **Next steps for building Ireland's AI capability - skills, research and infrastructure**
implementation of Digital Ireland: Connecting our People, Securing our Future | delivery of national AI priorities | supporting AI literacy and organisational readiness | data centre capacity, implications of renewable energy requirements, and implementation of LEAP and the CRU's Large Energy Users Connection Policy | supporting innovation and investment | research commercialisation, the AI in Research Transformation Programme, and access to specialist skills and investment | access to computing capacity, data and digital infrastructure | attracting international investment
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, skills
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 10.55 **Priorities for AI regulation, coordination and public trust**
Senior representative, regulation
- 11.10 **Ireland's AI governance framework - implementation, oversight, assurance and redress**
implementation of the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Act 2026 | early operation of the AI Office of Ireland | Digital Omnibus on AI and implications of amended EU AI Act implementation timelines | coordination and allocation of responsibility across competent authorities, including cross-sector cases and complaints | development of guidance, standards and assurance arrangements | testing, monitoring, safeguards for increasingly capable models, and coordination across regulators and developers | transparency, human oversight, complaints and redress | interaction between AI regulation and existing sectoral frameworks, including GDPR and consumer protection requirements | copyright, licensing and use of protected material
Senior representative, data protection
Senior representative, copyright
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, public trust
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **AI adoption, productivity and service transformation**
implementation of the forthcoming sectoral AI Adoption Strategy | implications of differences in the pace and extent of adoption across enterprises, SMEs, public bodies and sectors | approaches to addressing barriers to moving from pilots to scaled use, including procurement and supplier dependence | public service capability and responsible deployment of AI | implementation of AI literacy requirements and strengthening organisational readiness | support for smaller employers and organisations with limited in-house capability | access and scope of the AI Regulatory Sandbox programme | requirements for human review, intervention and challenge in consequential decisions | measuring economic and organisational impact, including differences in gains and costs across firms and sectors | support for workforce transition and public confidence
Senior speaker confirmed from **OpenSky Data Systems**
Senior representative, tech
Senior representative, funding
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Delivering Ireland's AI strategy - implementing Digital Ireland, AI adoption and strengthening governance**
Jean Carberry, Assistant Secretary, Digital Division, Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (*pre-recorded contribution*)
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Harry Nelson, Policy Forum for Ireland