

Eionet Ireland Network

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The European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet)

The European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet) is a partnership network of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and around 3,000 experts from 40 countries.

Eionet offers valuable opportunities to collaborate, exchange knowledge and network with thousands of experts across Europe.

Eionet plays a key role in supporting actions under European policies (such as the European Green Deal and implementing the 8th Environmental Action Programme), and Europe's global commitments.

Eionet is a well-established and trusted provider of policy-relevant environmental data for European insitutions, the partnership network and wider stakeholders.

National Focal Point

Ireland's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acts as the primary link (National Focal Point) between the European Environment Agency (EEA) and Ireland. We manage Ireland's Eionet membership and coordinate environmental information exchange between the EEA and national organisations.

Interested in becoming an Eionet Member?

If you work in the environmental sphere, particularly in any of the member organisations listed here, and are interested in participating in Eionet, contact the National Focal Point Team by email at nfp@epa.ie

Join the network:

- Share your expertise
- Learn from Europe's experts
- Help shape Europe's environmental future.



Eionet consists of the EEA and its member and cooperating countries

Ireland's current member organisations
Atlantic Technological University
Central Statistics Office
Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
Department of Health
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Department of Transport
Environmental Protection Agency
European Movement Ireland
Geological Survey Ireland
Health and Safety Authority Ireland
HSE - Health Protection Surveillance Centre
Marine Institute of Ireland
National Parks & Wildlife Service
National Transport Authority of Ireland
National Economic and Social Council
Office of the Planning Regulator
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
Teagasc
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
University College Cork
University College Dublin

About the Eionet Network

✓ European Cooperation

Eionet brings together hundreds of organisations across Europe, linking national expertise to support shared environmental goals and EU policy development.

✓ Environmental Knowledge

The network strengthens public awareness of environmental issues and supports evidence-based decision making at national and European levels.

✓ European Topic Centres (ETCs)

Topic Centres work with the EEA and national Eionet partners on various topics (for example, circular economy and resource use; human health and the environment; climate adaptation and LULUCF) to support the EEA in the evolving policy and organisational landscape. Topic Centres carry out essential tasks for managing the collection, verification, and assessment of environment and climate data that EU Member States report to the EEA under EU legislation and other requirements.

The EEA is currently seeking new Topic Centres to partner with for the period 2027-2030. Further information is available at: [Becoming a Topic Centre Organisation](#)

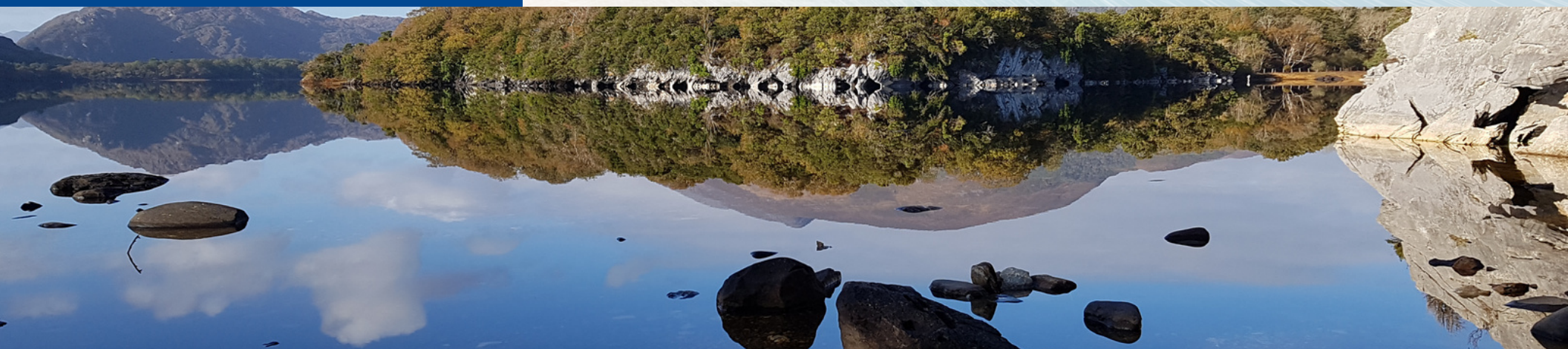
Environmental challenges and the solutions to them do not stop at national borders. Issues such as air and water quality and climate change are inherently shared, requiring cooperation across countries.

The European Environment Agency's Eionet network links national expertise at the European level by bringing together hundreds of organisations, including environmental agencies, ministries, public authorities and research bodies.

Its role in widely sharing knowledge on the environment contributes to European Union policies and strengthens public awareness of the relevance of environmental issues to our daily lives.

Eimear Cotter

Dr Eimear Cotter
Director General
Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland



Eionet Ireland Network

Ireland’s national Eionet network comprises 100+ experts from more than 20 national organisations. Irish experts actively participate in Eionet workshops, webinars, co-creation projects and expert meetings by sharing examples of good practice, country viewpoints and knowledge. Participants enhance their own expertise through collaboration with environmental professionals across Ireland and Europe.

Ireland participates in a range of Eionet Groups and Thematic Groups each coordinated by a designated Lead. These groups facilitate the exchange of environmental data and expertise between Ireland and the European Environment Agency.

About Eionet Groups

Each Eionet Group brings together national experts from relevant public bodies, research institutions and environmental agencies (see table, right). The EPA, as National Focal Point, coordinates Ireland's engagement across all groups. Further information on Ireland’s representation on Eionet Groups is available on the [Eionet Ireland webpage](#), which is frequently updated.

How to Participate:

Organisations wishing to participate in Eionet Groups should contact the EPA's National Focal Point Team by emailing nfp@epa.ie

Membership is open to representatives of relevant public authorities, research bodies and environmental agencies.

12 Eionet Groups & Associated Thematic Groups	Eionet Group: Lead organisation for Ireland
1 Nature Restoration and Protected Areas	National Parks & Wildlife Service
Thematic Groups & Lead organisation for Ireland 1.1 Biodiversity monitoring (NPWS) 1.2 Water (EPA) 1.3 Marine/Oceans (EPA) 1.4 Forest Ecosystems (DAFM)	
2 Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Systems	Environmental Protection Agency
3 Climate Change, Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation	Environmental Protection Agency
4 Human Health and the Environment	Environmental Protection Agency
Thematic Groups & Lead organisation for Ireland 4.1 Air pollution (EPA) 4.2 Noise (EPA) 4.3 Chemicals (EPA)	
5 Circular Economy and Resource Use	Environmental Protection Agency
Thematic Groups & Lead organisation for Ireland 5.1 Circular economy monitoring (EPA) 5.2 Waste prevention & management (EPA) 5.3 Sustainable production & consumption (EPA) 5.4 Material flows & resource use/efficiency (GSI)	
6 Foresight	Environmental Protection Agency
7 State of the Environment	Environmental Protection Agency
8 Food Systems	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
9.Land Systems	Environmental Protection Agency
Thematic Groups & Lead organisation for Ireland 9.1 Soil (Teagasc) 9.2 Land systems accounting (EPA) 9.3 Support to Copernicus (EPA)	
10 Mobility Systems	Department of Transport
11 Data technologies & digitalisation	Environmental Protection Agency
12 Communications	Environmental Protection Agency

EIONET IRELAND RESOURCES



Further information is available from the Eionet Ireland webpage, including brochures and newsletters:

[Eionet Ireland webpage](#)

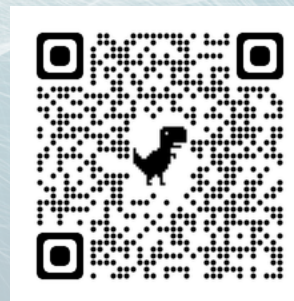
[Eionet Ireland Newsletter](#)

[Help Video: Navigating the Eionet Teams Dashboard](#)

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Ireland's involvement in Eionet:

- 100+ Irish experts participating in Eionet activities.
- Representation across climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, human health and the environment, circular economy and resource use, foresight, and digitalisation themes.
- EPA acts as both the National Focal Point and National Data Flow Coordinator.
- Irish contributions to European environmental assessments and policy development.

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Southwest coast of Ireland
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