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Practical Information Note
International AI Summit

Royal Dublin Society (RDS), 14 October
2026



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Introduction

The Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026 looks forward to welcoming you to Dublin for the International AI Summit on 14 October 2026. We are pleased to share this Practical Information Note (PIN) to assist you in preparing for the Summit.

Please note that the information contained in this PIN may be subject to change. Updated information, including any updates to the programme, practical arrangements or Summit documentation, will be shared through the online Accreditation Platform. Registered delegates will receive email notifications when updated material is shared on the Accreditation Platform.

If you have any queries, please contact AISummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie.

Deadlines

Date	What you need to do	Where to go/Who to contact
July 2026	Accreditation platform opens	AISummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie
25 September	Deadline for accreditation of delegations	Via the Accreditation Portal
14 October	International AI Summit	Royal Dublin Society (RDS)

Location

The International AI Summit will take place in Dublin. Located on the east coast of Ireland, the history of Ireland's capital city dates back over 1,000 years when the first known settlement was built in what is now the city centre. Dublin's streets reflect the many changes it has gone through since then, from the cobbled medieval streets of Temple Bar to the Georgian townhouses and Victorian parks dotted throughout the city, and the modern architecture in the Docklands district. The iconic River Liffey flows through the heart of the city and connects it to the bustling Dublin Port.

Royal Dublin Society (RDS)

The International AI Summit will take place in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS). On 25 June 1731, a group of patriots and visionaries met for the first time and formed what is now called the RDS. They were radical thinkers who believed in the power of ideas, and of turning these ideas into action.

From its earliest years, the Society focused on practical initiatives to stimulate development — particularly in agriculture, industry and the applied arts — through research, innovation and incentive schemes such as grants and prizes for new ideas.

Over the course of the 18th and 19th centuries, the RDS became a central institution in Irish intellectual and cultural life. It played a key role in establishing major national



bodies including the National Museum, National Library and National Gallery, and helped promote advances in science, education and agriculture.

Granted royal patronage in 1820, the organisation took its current name and continued to expand its influence through exhibitions, public lectures and flagship events such as the Dublin Horse Show, first held in the 1860s.

Today, based at its campus in Ballsbridge, the RDS remains a philanthropic organisation dedicated to promoting Ireland's cultural and economic development, while also serving as one of the country's venues for conferences, exhibitions and international events.

Details of the International AI Summit

The [International AI Summit](#) will take place on **14 October 2026 at the Royal Dublin Society as part of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the EU (9am – 6.00pm).**

The Summit will bring together approximately 1,500 global and EU leaders to shape strategic dialogue on Europe's AI and digital future.

The overarching theme is **“Harnessing AI to Revolutionise Europe's Competitiveness”**. Discussions will focus on three strategic themes:

- Applied AI & Sectoral Value Creation;
- Infrastructure – Building Europe's AI Capacity; and
- The AI Opportunity Ahead.

The Summit will showcase Ireland as a leading European AI innovation hub. It will highlight the strength of Ireland's ecosystem, bringing together multinational companies, start-ups, scale-ups, innovators and investors.

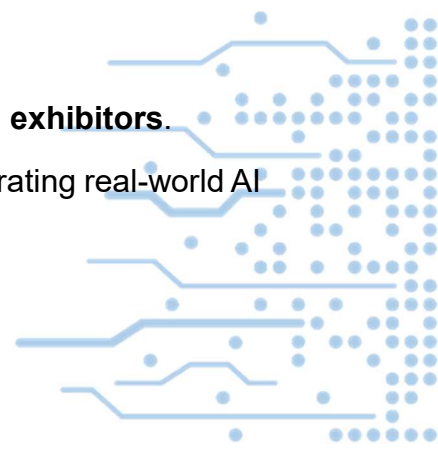
The Summit will officially launch [European AI Innovation Month | Shaping Europe's digital future](#), a month-long programme of AI events taking place across Europe. Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen will provide the opening address for the International AI Summit.

The Summit will provide a platform for significant Irish Government and EU announcements aligned with the implementation of Ireland's and the EU's AI agendas. It will also feature an Innovation Spotlight Exhibition showcasing more than 50 innovative AI applications from Ireland, Europe and the US.

Innovation Spotlight Exhibition

The Summit will feature an **Innovation Spotlight Exhibition of 50 exhibitors.**

The exhibition will provide an experience-led environment demonstrating real-world AI applications from Ireland, Europe and the US.





The exhibition list will be published on the [International AI Summit website](https://www.ai-summit.eu) on 4 September 2026.

Government Collaboration

The Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment is working closely with Government partners, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Taoiseach.

IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland are key stakeholders of the Summit.

AI SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

Ireland

- **Position Ireland as Europe's Premier AI Innovation Hub**

Domestically, the Summit will show Ireland's ability to enable rapid innovation while maintaining regulatory integrity.

- **Demonstrate Ireland's leadership as a trusted and agile digital regulatory hub, with strong influence on EU AI and digital policy implementation**

It will also be a platform to show Ireland as a forward-looking, trusted digital regulatory hub of excellence.

Europe

- **Illustrate that Europe's AI Infrastructure and Talent is a Strategic Advantage for Applied AI Leadership**

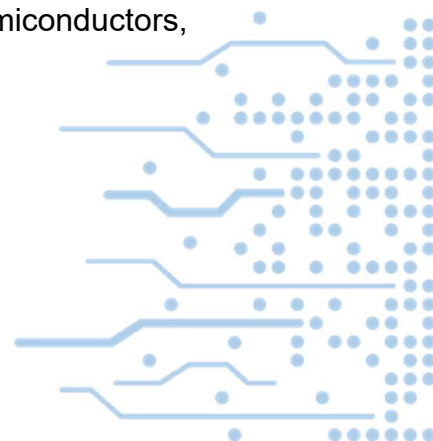
The Summit will showcase Europe's: critical infrastructure (semiconductors, processing powers, sustainable energy, digital connectivity); commitment to building sovereign AI infrastructure; and commitment to AI talent and skills development

- **Ensure Inclusive AI Opportunity Across All Business Sizes**

It will also show that Europe's AI ecosystem benefits companies at every stage from home-grown SMEs to tech giants.

- **Position Europe's AI infrastructure and talent base as a strategic advantage**

The Summit will highlight investments in compute capacity, semiconductors, digital connectivity, energy resilience, and skills.



Speakers announced to date- 1 September

Updates on [International AI Summit website](#)

#	Speaker	Title	Organisation
1	Henna Virkkunen	Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy	European Commission
2	Michael McGrath	EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection	European Commission
3	Cristiano Amon	President and Chief Executive Officer	Qualcomm Incorporated
4	Dorothy Creaven	Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer	Jentic
5	Sarah Friar	Chief Financial Officer	OpenAI
6	Robert Gentz	Co-Founder and Co-CEO	Zalando SE
7	Dr. Philipp Herzig	Chief Technology Officer	SAP SE
8	Francine Katsoudas	Executive Vice President and Chief People, Policy & Purpose Officer	Cisco
9	Dr. Jarek Kutylowski	Founder and Chief Executive Officer	DeepL
10	Jason Lynch	Chief Executive Officer	Equal1
11	Eileen O'Mara	Vice Chair	Stripe
12	Donal O'Shea	Founder and CEO	Deciphex
13	Vincent Roche	Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors	Analog Devices



#	Speaker	Title	Organisation
14	Anil Saggi	Head Corporate Strategy and AI Transformation	Novartis
15	Edmond Scanlon	Chief Executive Officer	Kerry Group
16	Brad Smith	Vice Chair and President	Microsoft
17	Niall Twomey	Chief Information Officer	Fenergo
18	Joanne Wright	SVP Transformation and Operations	IBM
19	Amit Zavery	President, Chief Product Officer, and Chief Operating Officer	ServiceNow

Interpretation

This Summit will be conducted through English. Simultaneous interpretation will not be provided.

Delegation

Delegation size and format

Delegations will be limited to the 1 + 3 format (Head of Delegation plus max. three accompanying delegates).

Registration and accreditation

For security reasons, each delegate/participant must register and be accredited in advance in order to gain access to the Summit venue.

A **Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO)** must be appointed by each invited delegation. Please send the DAO's full name, phone number and email address to AIsummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie to receive log-in details. The DAO must register all members of the delegation on the Irish EU Presidency Accreditation Platform, in line with the instructions below.

Please note that in compliance with data security requirements, the Accreditation Platform requires Two-Factor Authentication. You will require access to an



authenticator application such as Microsoft Authenticator or Google Authenticator in order to access the Accreditation Platform.

Please ensure that all details are completed correctly before submitting the registration request, as certain information (for example, the delegate's/your name) will be printed on their/your accreditation badge.

All personal information provided for accreditation will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Full details can be found in the Privacy Notice on the Accreditation Platform.

If you have any queries about the registration process, please email AISummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie.

Accreditation badges

Details of the collection of the accreditation badges, with the date and time will be confirmed in due course.

Delegates will be requested to provide the photo I.D. document used on the Accreditation Platform when collecting their badge. Delegate badges are strictly personal and non-transferable and must be visible at all times within the Summit venue and at all events within the Summit programme.

If you lose your accreditation badge, please immediately notify your Summit host at AISummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie. Please also notify the accreditation team by sending an email to EUPresidency.accreditation@dfa.ie

Types of accreditations

Heads of Delegation (HoDs) will receive a lapel pin. Other delegates will receive an accreditation badge (details below). All delegates must always visibly wear their valid lapel pin or badge, including during the official welcome reception, dinner and site visit.

Heads of Delegation and accompanying delegates will be given their lapel pin and accreditation badges upon arrival at their hotel. Delegates arriving separately from the HoD will be given their badges by their DLO at the earliest opportunity.

Delegates will be requested to provide a photo I.D. document when receiving their badge. Delegate badges are strictly personal and non-transferable. Floater badges can be transferred as required between delegates.

Badge type	Participant Type	Access
Lapel pin	Head of Delegation	Allows access to all areas
Blue badge	Delegate	Allows access to the plenary room and

		Innovation Spotlight Exhibition
Floater badge	Delegate All Access	Allows access to the plenary room, the delegates' lounge, bilateral meeting rooms and the press area

Diplomatic Clearances

Diplomatic clearances are required in a number of cases as set out below. In all cases, the relevant accredited Embassy to Ireland must send a Third Party Note (TPN) to the relevant Department at the email address provided below. DAOs are requested to advise their Embassy to Ireland to submit the diplomatic clearance request at the earliest opportunity, in order to facilitate the timely processing of requests.

Scenario	Required documentation	Timeline	Contact email address
Overflights or landings of military or state aircraft	TPN and a completed diplomatic clearance form (available from diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie)	As early as possible, and no later than 48 hours in advance	diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie
Permission to bring firearm into Ireland (incl. for armed security protection officers)	TPN which includes details of the firearms which will be used, the personnel who will carry them	As early as possible	diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie If travelling on a commercial or chartered flight, also: exemptwm@transport.gov.ie
Protection officer requiring radio frequency	TPN which includes details of the radio frequencies proposed	As early as possible	diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie
Requests to wear a military uniform while in Ireland	TPN and a completed Uniform Clearance form (available from diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie)	As early as possible	diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie

If you have questions about the diplomatic clearance process, please email diplomaticclearance@dfa.ie

Delegation Flight Arrivals and Departures / Transport Arrangements

DAOs are asked to provide all requested information about arrival and departure flights through the Accreditation Platform.

Delegations and/or their Diplomatic Missions accredited to Ireland are kindly requested to ensure that all arrangements are in place as necessary for the transfers of their participating Heads of Delegation and all accompanying delegation members from Dublin Airport to their hotel on arrival and likewise for their return to Dublin Airport upon departure.

For those who wish to avail of it, Irish EU Presidency transport will be available to Heads of Delegation and delegates on the morning of Wednesday 14 October for the purpose of their transfer from the Herbert Park Hotel (Ballsbridge Terrace, Dublin 4, D04 R2T2) to the RDS Summit venue. Heads of Delegation and delegates availing of this transport option will be exempt from security screening upon entry.

It will not otherwise be possible to offer Irish EU Presidency transport and protocol support (including access to Irish EU Presidency facilities at Dublin Airport's Old Central Terminal Building) on 13-14 October.

Entering Ireland

Please note that Ireland is not part of the Schengen Area. Therefore, **EU citizens must present a valid passport or national identity card to enter Ireland.** Full details are available [here](#).

Citizens of other countries must present a valid passport or recognised travel document to enter Ireland and may also need a visa. You can find out if you need a visa to enter Ireland [here](#).

Accommodation

The Irish EU Presidency has reserved rooms for the Heads of Delegation and one delegate, for the night of 13 October, in the hotel indicated below.

The Irish EU Presidency will cover the cost of accommodation and breakfast for the night of 13 October for the Head of Delegation and one delegate (1+1). Any additional expenses arising from use of the hotel's facilities (such as meals, drinks, room service etc.) must be covered by the delegation.

All other delegates will be required to book their own accommodation, through the accommodation link provided on the Accreditation Platform. The DAO must indicate which delegate should be assigned the pre-paid room, along with the Head of Delegation, and which delegates are availing of the other hotels.



The cost of the rooms to be paid by the delegation must be paid in advance using the link provided on the Accreditation Platform. The DAO can make payment on behalf of the delegates or can send an invitation link to each applicable delegate to invite him/her to make the payment for his/her room directly.

If a Head of Delegation or delegate wishes to arrive earlier or extend their stay, they must make the necessary reservations directly with the hotel of their choice. The Irish EU Presidency is not responsible for reserving or paying for hotel stays before or after the night of 13 October 2026.

Hotels

Heads of Delegation plus one accompanying delegate will stay in:

- Herbert Park Hotel - this hotel is 500 meters from the RDS.

Hotels for the other members of the delegation and which are close to the RDS are:

- Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge – this hotel is 400 meters from the RDS
- Sandymount Hotel – this hotel is 1000 meters from the RDS

Security

The Irish EU Presidency will provide security during the Summit through An Garda Síochána, Ireland's national police and security service. Security zones designated by the Irish authorities will only be accessible to accredited vehicles and accredited individuals wearing a valid pin or badge. For this reason, delegates and other accredited participants must always visibly wear their valid pin or badge.

Heads of Delegation have the option to include a security officer in their delegation. This officer must be registered on the Accreditation Platform. Requests for authorisation to carry a weapon, use a radio frequency, and wear body armour and/or a military uniform while in Ireland must be made in line with the instructions in the Diplomatic Aircraft / Security Clearances section above. For any questions related to security, including requests to carry out a security visit to Ireland ahead of the Summit, please contact EU26ETE001.logistics@dfa.ie

Social media

Content from the Irish EU Presidency is available on our social media accounts:

✕ [@Ireland2026eu](https://twitter.com/Ireland2026eu)

 [Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026](https://www.linkedin.com/company/irish-eu-presidency/)

 [@DFATIRL](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDFATIRL)





[@ireland2026eu](https://www.instagram.com/ireland2026eu)



[@Ireland2026EU](https://twitter.com/Ireland2026EU)

General Information

Useful contacts

For general queries relating to the meeting logistics or content:

AISummit.Accreditation@enterprise.gov.ie

Emergency services (police, ambulance, fire): 112 or 999

Internet/WiFi

Wireless internet access is available throughout the Summit venue. The network name and password will be available on signage in the venue.

Electricity



The standard electricity supply in Ireland is 230V at a frequency of 50Hz (the same as in other EU Member States). Three-pin power plugs and sockets of Type G are used. Delegates travelling from EU Member States will require a power plug adaptor in order to use electronic devices safely in Ireland.

Accessibility

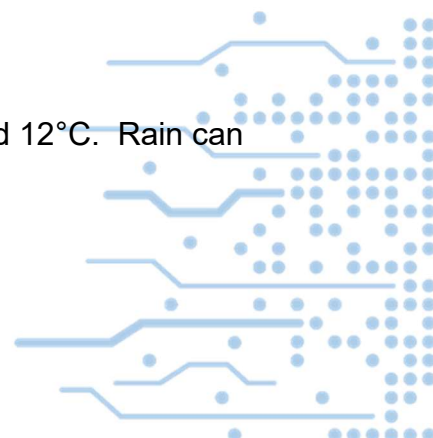
At the time of accreditation, the platform will ask for relevant information on allergies, dietary restrictions and dietary preferences, and invite sharing of any Summit-related accessibility requirements. It is important that this information is provided so that delegates may receive all appropriate supports.

Lost and Found

If you have lost or found an item in the Summit venue or in an Irish EU Presidency vehicle, please bring it to the attention of your Summit host. Please note that the Irish EU Presidency is not liable for personal injuries, losses or damage to the personal property of registered delegates. All delegates should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance for their property.

Weather

Temperatures in Dublin in October typically range between 9°C and 12°C. Rain can be expected at any time of year.





Links of interest

1. 🌐 Tourism Ireland – <https://www.ireland.com>
Official tourism website with destinations, itineraries, and travel inspiration.
2. 🚌 Transport for Ireland – <https://www.transportforireland.ie>
3. 🚆 Iarnród Éireann – <https://www.irishrail.ie>
Train schedules and ticket booking.
4. 🚌 Bus Éireann – <https://www.buseireann.ie>
Regional bus services across the country.
5. ☁️ Met Éireann – <https://www.met.ie>
Official weather forecasts and alerts.
6. 🏰 Visit Dublin – <https://www.visitdublin.com>
Events, attractions, restaurants, and tours in Dublin. *Updated according to relevant location*
7. 🆘 Tourist SOS Ireland – <https://www.touristsos.ie>
Free assistance service for tourists who lose documents or need support.
8. 🦊 Wild Atlantic Way – <https://www.wildatlanticway.com>
Information on Ireland's famous coastal scenic route.

