

Practical Information Note

Resilient Europe Conference: Mental Health as a Strategic
Asset for Europe's Strength and Competitiveness

University College Cork (UCC), Cork, Ireland, 15 October 2026

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Introduction

The Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to welcome delegates to the conference “Resilient Europe: Mental Health as a Strategic Asset for Europe's Strength and Competitiveness”, which will take place at University College Cork (UCC) on 15 October 2026. The conference will bring together Ministers, senior officials, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, civil society organisations and international experts to discuss mental health policy, resilience and preparedness across Europe.

Following the conference in Cork, delegates, speakers and senior policymakers will travel to Waterford on 16 October 2026 for “Voices in Recovery: Celebrating Lived Experience”, a Presidency event hosted by Mary Butler, Minister of State for Mental Health and Government Chief Whip. This event will explore how lived and living experience can strengthen mental health policy, service design and delivery, and will provide an opportunity to examine the implementation of the World Health Organization Roadmap for Integrating Lived and Living Experience into Mental Health Policy and Systems.

The programme will bring together policymakers, practitioners, researchers and people with lived experience to exchange perspectives on building more responsive, person-centred and resilient mental health systems across Europe.

Further information regarding the venue, programme and transport arrangements will be provided directly to registered participants in advance of the event.

Please note that the information contained in this PIN may be subject to change. Updated information, including any updates to the meeting programme, practical arrangements or meeting 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 Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie



Deadlines

Date	What you need to do	Where to go/Who to contact
On or before 31 July	Accreditation platform opens	Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie
18 August	Deadline for DAO nominations	Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie
08 September	Deadline for registration of delegates	Via the Accreditation Portal
15 October	Resilient Europe: Mental Health Conference	University College Cork (UCC), College Road, Cork, T12 K8AF
16 October	Voices in Recovery: Celebrating Lived Experience	The Park Hotel, Shandon Road, Dungarvan, County Waterford, X35 CC97

Location

Meeting Venue in Cork

The **Resilient Europe: Mental Health as a Strategic Asset for Europe's Strength and Competitiveness** conference will take place in Devere Hall, University College Cork (UCC), College Road, Cork, T12 K8AF, Ireland.



Evening Reception in Cork

The Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to invite delegates to an official reception on the evening of **14 October 2026** in the historic Aula Maxima at University College Cork.

The reception will provide an opportunity for Ministers, Heads of Delegation, policymakers, researchers, practitioners and invited guests to meet informally ahead of the conference programme. The event will facilitate networking and the exchange of perspectives on the role of mental health in strengthening resilience, preparedness and competitiveness across Europe.

Located at the heart of the UCC campus, the Aula Maxima is one of Ireland's most distinguished academic and ceremonial venues and has served as the symbolic centre of the University since its opening in 1849.

Further details regarding timings and access arrangements will be communicated to accredited delegates in advance of the event.





Meeting Venue in Waterford

Voices in Recovery: Celebrating Lived Experience will take place in the Park Hotel, Shandon Road, Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland, X35 CC97, Ireland.

The Park Hotel Dungarvan is a waterfront hotel positioned on the scenic Colligan River. It offers an ideal blend of professional event hosting and modern amenities and will be the venue for the second day of the programme of events.





Programme

This preliminary programme is subject to change. The final programme will be shared with registered delegation members via the Accreditation Platform in advance of the meeting.

14 October 2026

Irish Presidency Reception – Aula Maxima, University College Cork

16:00 – 17:00: Registration / Delegate Arrivals

17:30 – 19:00: Reception and Networking

15 October 2026

Devere Hall, UCC

08:00 – 09:00: Registration / Welcoming Delegates

09:00 – 09:05: Conference Opening

09:05 – 09:23: Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:30 – 10:00: Opening Keynote – A Population-Level Approach to Mental Health: What's the Next Frontier for Delivering Mental Health in All Policies in Europe?

10:00 – 11:00: Session 1: Mental Health Policies for Everyone – Targeting Vulnerable and Priority Groups Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:20: Coffee Break

11:20 – 11:50: In Conversation – Future Directions: Embedding Youth Mental Health into Europe's Security, Resilience and Competitiveness Agenda

11:50 – 12:10: Crisis Mental Health Response in Europe

12:10 – 13:10: Session 2: Mental Health in Emergencies – Lessons for Future Crisis Preparedness



13:10 – 14:10:	Lunch
14:10 – 14:15:	Afternoon Welcome
14:15 – 14:45:	Building Systemic Mental Health Resilience into Communities
14:45 – 15:45:	Session 3: Rebuilding After Crisis – Workforce, Community Supports and Reintegration
15:45 – 15:55:	Closing Remarks
15:55 – 16:30:	Networking Reception and Refreshments
16:30:	Conference Close

16 October 2026 – Park Hotel, Waterford

Schedule of events to be announced

08:30:	Bus transfer to Waterford
10:30:	Coffee and Welcome Reception
14:00:	Conference Close

Interpretation

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



Delegation

Delegation Size and Format

Delegations will be limited to the **1 + 2 format** (Head of Delegation plus 2 accompanying delegates) for Cork. This does not include speakers and panellists from your organisation (where appropriate), who will be accredited separately.

Delegations will be limited to the **1 + 1 format for Waterford**. This format is fixed and no exceptions can be made.

As numbers for the Waterford event are limited and given that the focus of this event is on lived experience in mental health, we would be grateful if consideration be given to delegates with expertise in, or direct lived experience of mental health difficulties.

Registration and Accreditation

For security reasons, each delegate must be registered and accredited in order to gain access to the meeting venue and the official reception.

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 Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie by no later than 18 August to receive log-in details. The DAO must register all members of the delegation on the 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.

To facilitate the smooth running of the programme, please ensure that all delegates have registered and that all requested information has been provided, including transport and accommodation details *if applicable*, and dietary and accessibility requirements of delegates, by the registration deadline of **08 September**. Please ensure that all details are completed correctly before submitting the registration request, as certain information (for example, the delegate's 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 Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie

Accreditation Badges

Accreditation badges can be collected on campus at University College Cork (UCC) College Road Cork T12 K8AF, at the following times:

- The Aula Maxima building from **16.00 – 20.00** on **Wednesday 14 October**
- Devere Hall from **08.00** on **Thursday 15 October**.

Delegates will be requested to provide a photo ID. document when collecting their badge. Delegate badges are strictly personal and non-transferable and must be visible at all times within the meeting venue and at all events within the meeting programme.

If you lose your accreditation badge, please immediately notify your meeting host. Please also notify the accreditation team by sending an email to EUPresidency.accreditation@dfa.ie.

Transport

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](#).

Transport Options

Cork Airport is the nearest airport to the conference. Information on public transport and taxi options to and from **Cork Airport** are available [here](#). Delegates are invited to make their own travel arrangements for transfer to and from the airport.

Information on public transport and taxi options to and from **Dublin Airport** are available [here](#).



Transport from Cork to The Park Hotel, Waterford will be provided for those attending the conference in Waterford on Thursday 16 October.

Transport from Waterford to airports in Cork and Dublin will be provided after the conference in Waterford has ended at 14.30.

In line with the Irish EU Presidency's sustainability policy, delegates are encouraged to arrive at the meeting venue and other programme elements on foot or by public transport. Information about public transport options can be found at the [Links of Interest](#) section below. Transport will be provided from Cork to Waterford and from Waterford to those travelling to airports in Cork and Dublin after the conference in Waterford has ended.

Accommodation

The Irish EU Presidency has reserved a limited number of rooms for delegates, for the nights of 14 and 15 October 2026, in the hotels indicated below.

The cost of the room must be paid by the delegate in advance, using the link provided on the Accreditation Platform. Rooms are only secured when payment is made in advance, it will not be possible to pay for rooms on arrival at the hotel.

The DAO can make payment on behalf of all 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 delegate wishes to arrive earlier or extend their stay, they must make the necessary reservations directly with the hotel of their choice.

Accommodation will be provided and paid for speakers and panellists attending events in Cork.

Hotels

Delegates are requested to indicate during the accreditation process whether they require accommodation. Allocation of rooms will be subject to availability. Further information regarding reservations, check-in arrangements and cancellation policies will be communicated directly to delegates following accreditation.



Rooms have been reserved in the following hotels:

- The **River Lee Hotel**, Western Road, Cork, Ireland, T12 X2AH. This hotel is located adjacent to University College Cork and is within walking distance of both the conference venue in Devere Hall and the Presidency Reception in Aula Maxima. This hotel is available to pre-book for the nights of 14 and 15 October 2026.
- **Moxy Cork Hotel**, Camden Place, Cork, Ireland, T23 C2RR. This hotel is in Cork city centre and provides convenient access to University College Cork and the official Presidency programme. This hotel is available to pre-book for the nights of 14 and 15 October 2026.

Subject to availability, your preferred hotel can be chosen when confirming your booking during the Accreditation process.

Security

The Irish Presidency will ensure security during the meeting in close cooperation with An Garda Síochána, Ireland's national police and security service.

Media

Social Media

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

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

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

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

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

[@Ireland2026EU](https://www.facebook.com/Ireland2026EU)



General Information

Useful Contacts

For general queries relating to the meeting logistics or content:

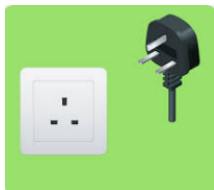
Health_EUPresEvents@health.gov.ie.

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

Internet/WiFi

Wireless internet access is available throughout the meeting 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 meeting-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 meeting venue, please bring it to the attention of your meeting 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 8°C and 14°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 Cork – [Attractions - Cork City Council](#)
Events, attractions, restaurants, and tours in Cork.
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.



Irish Presidency Sustainability Policy

The Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union provides a significant opportunity to demonstrate Ireland's commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. Ireland is committed to embedding sustainable practices across all aspects of planning and delivery of our EU Presidency.

To reaffirm our commitment, Ireland has developed a Sustainability Policy for our EU Presidency, applying it directly to official EU Presidency meetings and events held in Ireland. The objective of the policy is to support the organisation and delivery of EU Presidency meetings as sustainably as possible. We wish to encourage the implementation of initiatives that are environmentally, socially and economically responsible throughout the organisation and delivery stages.

We hope that our efforts will be visible across our meetings and events and that you will be inspired to continue making sustainable and environmentally conscious choices. More information about the Sustainability Policy will be available on the official website of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.



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