

**Policy Forum for Ireland conference:
Next steps for AI regulation in Ireland**
Timing: Morning, Monday, 8th December 2025
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Considerations and next steps for implementation of the EU AI Act in Ireland**
Senior representative, policy
- 9.20 **Priorities for developing new legislative and regulatory frameworks, and supporting stakeholder preparation for implementation**
support for stakeholders in complying with the EU AI Act | priorities for the competent authorities in promoting business confidence | preparations for implementing Article 77 on high-risk provisions | obligations for providers and users when assessing risk | assessing measures for possible inclusion in the Artificial Intelligence (Regulation) Bill | impact of new classification and governance obligations | role of the NSAI in standards and certification | voluntary adoption of the ISO/IEC 42001 standard
Colin Rooney, Head, Technology and Innovation Group, Arthur Cox
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, civil society
Senior representative, standards
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Developing the approach to AI deployment - ethical considerations, supporting economic growth, and mitigating risks**
Deputy Malcolm Byrne, Chair, Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Houses of the Oireachtas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Deputy James Geoghegan, Deputy Chair, Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 10.45 **Priorities for AI regulation, standards development, and sectoral approaches**
Senior representative, standards
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Supporting the acceleration of AI adoption in Ireland**
Dr Barry Scannell, Partner, William Fry; and Member, AI Advisory Council
- 11.35 **Considerations for long-term deployment of AI systems - safety, ethics, and economic growth**
priorities for the National AI Strategy Refresh | establishment of the National AI Research Nexus, as well as AI regulatory sandboxes | supporting start-ups and scale-ups | assessing potential economic benefit | investment needed to capture growth opportunities | assessing the infrastructure needed to scale up | promotion of enterprise and maintenance of ethical safeguards | digital upskilling
Dr Rob Brennan, Assistant Professor, University College Dublin; and Senior Research Fellow, ADAPT
Senior representative, SME
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, skills
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for AI regulation moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Deputy James Geoghegan, Deputy Chair, Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Houses of the Oireachtas
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Ireland