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Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh 2026

Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026

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Strength with unity

Presidency Logo



Ireland's Presidency logo features the spiral structure of galaxies, first identified in Ireland in the 1840s using the Great Telescope at Birr Castle. The spiral also symbolises growth and suggests dynamism and movement – reflecting Ireland's desire to drive positive change.

Each individual arm of the spiral features 27 discs which symbolise the 27 EU Member States.

The resulting space at the centre forms a five-point star, a symbol from the EU flag. In the colour version of the logo, blue, green and orange symbolise both the Irish state and the European Union.

Policy Priorities

Ireland's 2026 EU Presidency will be defined by action and by delivery

- On **competitiveness** – fostering prosperity and wellbeing
- On **values** – upholding the indispensable foundation of our Union
- On **security** – protecting our citizens

Policy Priorities

COMPETITIVENESS

In order to deliver a secure economic future which meets the needs and expectations of its people, Europe must act urgently to enhance its competitiveness and productivity.

The **One Europe, One Market Roadmap**, agreed by the Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament, provides a blueprint to achieve decisive progress in 2026. We will treat the Roadmap's objectives as core priorities for the Irish Presidency.



Competitiveness

Major areas of work will include:

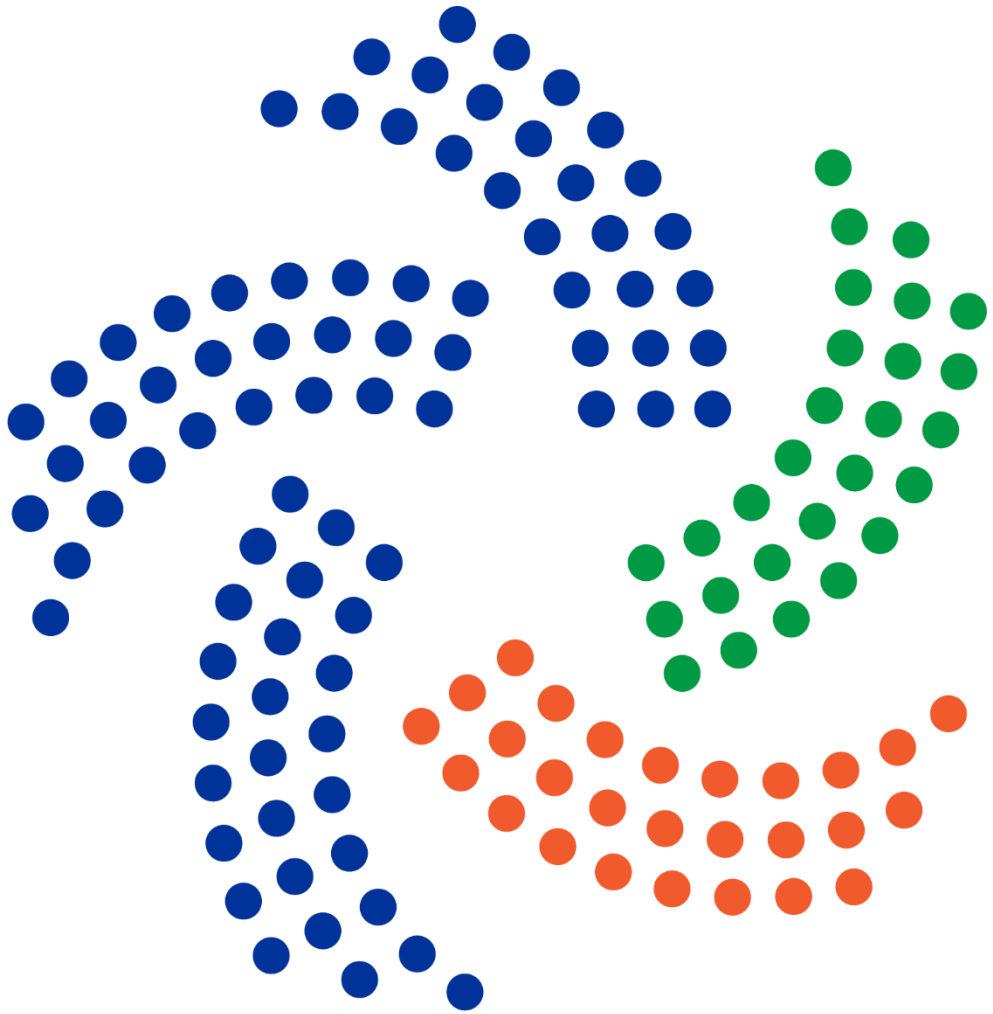
- **Simplifying rules**
- **A more integrated Single Market**
- **Championing strong trade**
- **Energy transition**
- **Digital / AI**
- **Health innovation**

Policy Priorities

VALUES

Our Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, as reflected in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

Our shared values, including those contained in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, are the bedrock which makes Europe a good place to live and work, and they underpin our competitiveness and our security.



Values

Major areas of work will include:

- **Promotion of EU's founding values**
- **EU's role as a principled global actor**
- **Support for Ukraine**
- **Future of development cooperation**
- **EU enlargement**
- **Rule of law**
- **Democratic resilience**
- **Protection of children online**
- **Societal resilience, inclusion and cohesion**

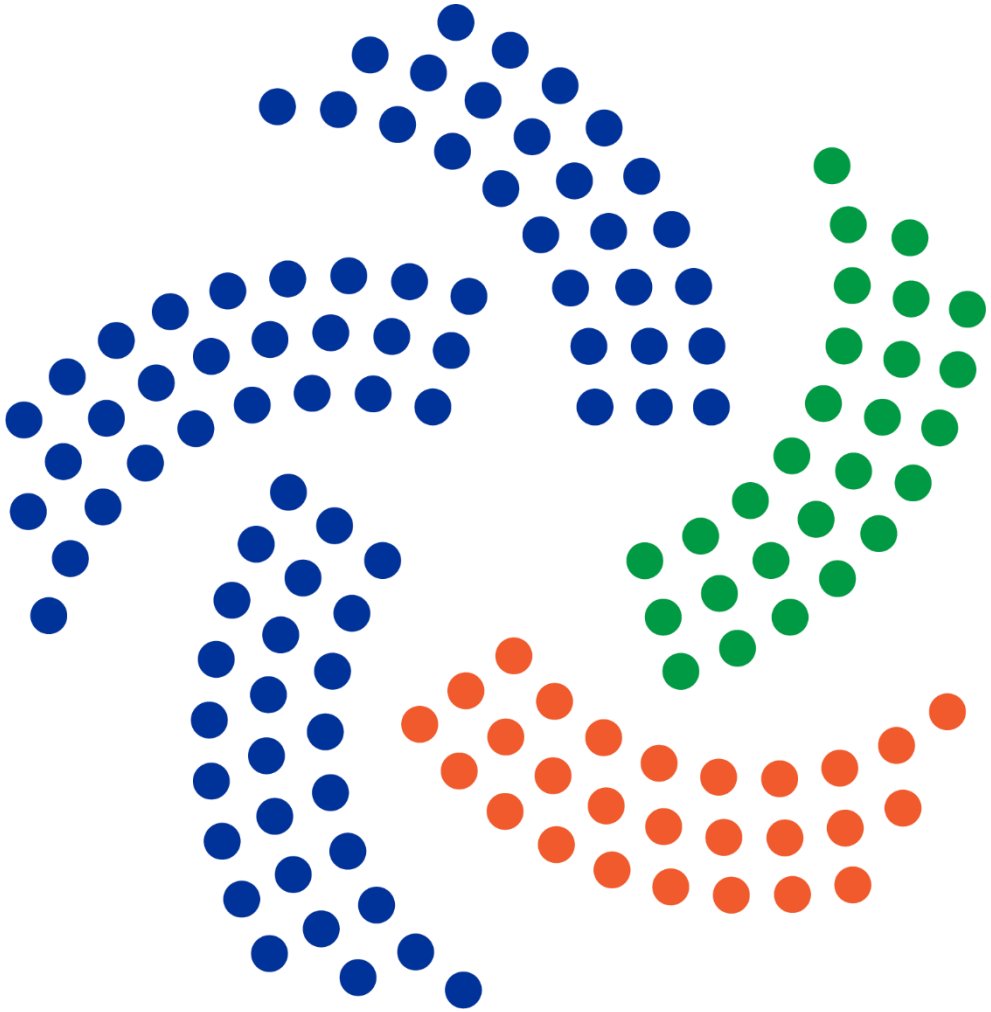
Policy Priorities

SECURITY

Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, the conflicts in the Middle East and the Gulf, and the evolution of new threats, including cyber and hybrid threats, and new forms of warfare present serious challenges for all member states.

We must work together to address these challenges, which have highlighted the need for Europe to invest in all dimensions of our own security and develop our defence capabilities.

The Irish Presidency will work to advance measures that contribute to the strengthening of European security and defence.



Security

Major areas of work will include:

- **Strengthening European security and defence**
- **Active support for Ukraine**
- **European Security Strategy**
- **Common Security and Defence Policy**
- **Cross-border cooperation against crime**
- **Environmental security and climate action**
- **Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum**

Foundations for the Future

MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

The Irish Presidency will intensively pursue agreement among Member States on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2028 to 2034, laying the financial foundations for the Union's actions in the decade to come.

We will work in a spirit of openness, resolve and transparency to ensure the Union has a balanced and strong budget to achieve its goals, which provides for our citizens and communities, while ensuring the Union's competitiveness, security and values.



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