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Programme of the 39th EPSO Conference, 24 & 25 September 2025, Dublin

Republic of Ireland

Working towards better supervision in a changing world with a view to high quality of care, looking forward and adapting to future demands; learning from recent research and from our EPSO colleagues.

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- the Mental Health Commission Ireland &
 - Tusla Children's Services Regulation Ireland
- with participation of the EPSO - APAC (Asia-Pacific) network

Venue: The Royal Dublin Society ADDRESS:

RDS, Merrion Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4
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Conference Presenter: Carry Maria klein Gunnewiek (EPSO)

Opening **keynote from: John Farrelly** Chief Executive MHC -Mental Health Commission Ireland on determinants of regulatory Compliance

Working group Opening Session **Guest of Honor speaker prof Ben White**
Australia (online)



39TH EPSO CONFERENCE
DUBLIN - IRELAND
SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2025



Wednesday 24th of September 2025

8.30-10.00 Start of day with a brief visit to Trinity College (founded 1546)

Thursday 25th of September 2025
Morning 8.45 – 13.00
Lunch 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.00 – 16.50.
Closing session & prepare for next conference 16.45 - 16.50
17.00-18.00
Whiskey Museum or Distillery
18.30 Dinner at own costs at a local

Restart of the EPSO Working Group EoL/AD Tuesday 23rd of September 2025
13.30- 17.00
Drinks at NN

EPSO Conference Dublin: Evolving Regulation for High-Quality Care in a Changing World

This conference will address key challenges for health and social care regulators, emphasizing the importance of learning from recent research, looking to the future and adapting to future demands.



Main Conference Themes

Theme 1. Compliance and Enforcement -

- How to build a sustainable inspection and regulatory practice based on effective compliance and enforcement?
- Challenges and learnings around various ways and models of enforcement.
 - 'Trust' versus Control mechanisms. Trust or Control, what is the best means to enforce our regulatory principles and standards?
 - Effective yet less costly and less labour-intensive systems of regulation: what are conceivable applications of the various risk driven models including risk-driven AI models?

Theme 2 Evidence based and updated Standards for regulatory practice in health- and long-term care

Theme 3 Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises

- challenges for the healthcare sector to be prepared for crises including military and war related crises and cyber-attacks,
- preparedness by working based on the idea of 'One Health' – Cooperation between sectors to improve preparedness for a new health pandemic
- preparedness for health-related effects of 'climate change'.

Restart of the EPSO-working group: 'Regulation of care for End-of-Life /AD, chaired by Dr Kristin Good, Registrar (assisted dying) and Chief Clinical Advisor, Regulatory Assurance Regulation and Monitoring, Ministry of Health, New Zealand.

(The agenda for the End of Life/Assisted Dying working group will be shared on request with those interested to participate - please ask at info@epsonet.eu).

39th EPSO conference in Dublin, Ireland

About the EPSO Conferences in general

- EPSO sessions will be introduced from the various perspectives around the world by
- EPSO sessions will be introduced from the various perspectives around the world by Regulatory Leaders from our EPSO Network and other speakers invited by EPSO. The sessions aim to be interactive and will be followed by one or more break-out sessions; the sessions alternate with group discussions.
- EPSO conference and conference dinner are free of charge for EPSO delegates, (invited) partners from the EPSO-APAC network, speakers and other (invited) guests.
- Participation in-person in the conference is in principle limited to a maximum of 3 participants per EPSO-partner organisation/country and a maximum of about 50 delegates in total.
- In-person participants are requested to complete the online registration form for our 39th EPSO Conference in Dublin, Ireland. **To register for this conference (24-25 September please [click here](#)** Registration will be closed when the maximum number is reached
- Travel and hotel must be organised by yourself; all costs are at your own expense.
- Participation online is limited to EPSO partners and - by EPSO- invited guests; please use the link to our Microsoft Teams meeting that will be sent to you. All online participants -except speakers – are requested to have their cameras on and microphones muted.
- If you want to join us online in the conference, please let us know in advance at info@epsonet.eu who you are (name/ country/ organisation) and which sessions you want to follow.
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39th EPSO Conference in Dublin (online and in person)

With a view to high quality of care,
to the future oriented and responsive to future requirements, learning from recent research, working towards better
supervision in a changing world.

Draft Programme Day 1

Wednesday 24th of September 2025


- Guided Tour at Trinity College by prof Jim Lucey, Inspector MHC & clinical prof of Psychiatry at Trinity
- Registration @ Tusla HQ
- Group Photo session & welcome coffee.
- Introduction and housekeeping
- Roundtable introduction in-person delegates
- Keynote Opening & welcome by Tusla & MHC
- Welcome by EPSO
- Opening Keynote speech and setting the stage for conference for Theme 1

Conference theme 1. Compliance and Enforcement

- How to build a sustainable inspection and regulatory practice based on effective compliance and enforcement?
- Challenges and learnings around several ways and models of enforcement.
- ‘Session 1.1 ‘Trust’ versus Control mechanisms. Trust or Control, what is the best means to enforce the principles and standards that the regulator wants to uphold?
 - Netherlands
- Session 1.2 Effective yet less costly and less labour-intensive systems of regulation in health and social care: What needs to change? Cooperation & Trust in social domain; Culture - preventing unnecessary care; Data driven learning; Financial incentives. What are conceivable applications of the various models?
 - Netherlands
- Session 1.3 Enforcement in a regulatory risk-based approach
 - OECD
- Session 1.4 Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility-Wales: a different approach to Enforcement, without threatening punitive measures such as fines and closure of institutions but using other instruments such as publicity and persuasiveness.
 - Wales
- Session 1.5 Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility
 - Ireland
- Session 1.6 Challenges & Learnings around inspection and enforcement in Malta –Explaining the recently introduced Well-being concept in correspondence to inspection and enforcement the well-being acts as a middle agent between OPSA and the licensed Service Providers in Malta
 - Malta
- Session 1.7 Challenges & Learnings around enforcement Learning and Compensation (reparatory mechanisms) as a way of Enforcement versus classical ways of enforcement such as punishment. What is the best means to enforce the principles and standards that the regulator wants to uphold?
 - New Zealand
- Session 1.8 discussion in groups around Compliance and Enforcement
- End of Day 1 and Seated Conference Dinner at the Dylan Hotel Dublin

¹ Day 1	Agenda	Presenters
8.30-8.45	Gather at a meeting point near Trinity	All delegates
9.00-10.00	Guided Tour at Trinity College by prof. Jim Lucey, Inspector MHC & clinical prof of Psychiatry at Trinity	All delegates are invited.
10.00-10.30	By bus from Trinity to Brunel building–Tusla HQ	All delegates
10.30 – 10.45	Registration – at Brunel Building – Tusla Headquarters - please bring identification	All delegates
10.45 – 11.05	Group Photo Session & Welcome coffee	All delegates Photos by NN
11.05 – 11.10	Introduction and housekeeping messages	Carry- Maria klein Gunnewiek Conference presenter
11.10 – 11.20	Roundtable introduction Session of all in-person delegates	All delegates
11.20 – 11.35	Welcome by EPSO	Indra Dreika ^(in-person) EPSO Board & General Director Medicine Agency Latvia / Jooske Vos Chair EPSO Board
11.35 – 11.50	Welcome by Mental Health Commission Ireland & Tusla Children's Services Regulation Ireland	John Farrelly ^(in-person) Fiona McDonnell ^(in-person) Mental Health Commission Ireland & Tusla Children's Services Regulation Ireland
Theme 1 Session 1.1 ,1.2, 1.3, 1.4 Start 12.00 – 13.00 Follow-up 14.00 – 15.00	Compliance and Enforcement - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to build a sustainable inspection and regulatory practice based on effective enforcement? Challenges and learnings around several ways and models of enforcement. 	
Session 1.1 (Online) introduction speech and setting the stage. 11.50 – 12.10	'Trust' versus Control mechanisms. Trust or Control, what is the best means to enforce the principles and standards that the regulator wants to uphold?	Prof. Stavros Zouridis ^(online) Tilburg University, University of Leiden ^(online)
Session 1.2 12.10-12.30	Effective and Equal yet less costly and less labor-intensive systems of regulation in health and social care: What needs to change? Cooperation & Trust in social domain Culture - preventing unnecessary care; Data driven learning; Financial incentives. What are conceivable applications of the various models?	Prof. Misja Mikkers ^(in-person) Health Systems Engineering, University of Twente
12.30 – 13.00	Q&A session and discussion in (6) groups and one online group in response to questions raised in the presentations of session 1.1 and 1.2	Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Misja Mikkers Martin de Bree ^(in-person) EPSO Advisory Board member (Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam) The Netherlands Prof. Alvaro Moreira da Silva ^(in-person), EPSO Board member, Portugal. Online prof. Stavros Zouridis

¹ All timings listed are in Irish Time (GMT). The mentioned times are indicative, and they may change due to unforeseen circumstances. If you have questions, please feel free to ask info@epsonet.eu or office@epsonet.eu or deirdre.myles@mhcir.ie or Grant.Landon@tusla.ie

13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	All delegates
Session 1.3 14.00 - 14.20	Enforcement in a regulatory risk-based approach: Regulatory sandboxes: from safe testing to effective delivery How can regulatory sandboxes help regulators foster innovation while safeguarding the public? Guided by practical examples, as well as OECD principles of risk-based, proportionate, and responsive regulation, this session examines how sandboxes can identify and address emerging risks early, and how those insights can feed into more effective regulatory delivery.	Florian Schmalz ^(in-person) , Policy analyst, OECD, Paris, France
14.20 -14.30	Q&A	
Learning from experiences around Enforcement Trust and Credibility by other EPSO Regulatory Network Partners; what methods & instruments of enforcement are used by our colleagues for regulation and inspection. What are the learnings?		
Session 1.4 14.30-14.50	Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility - Wales: A different approach to Enforcement, without threatening punitive measures such as fines and closure of institutions, but using other instruments such as publicity and persuasiveness	Scott Howe ^(in-person) , - Head of Escalation and Enforcement, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (Arolygiaeth Gofal Iechyd Cymru) Welsh Government (Llywodraeth Cymru)
14.50 – 15.00	Q&A	
15.00 – 15.15	Comfort break	
Session 1.5 15.15– 15.35	Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility Ireland	NN Tusla - Ireland
15.35 – 15.45	Q&A	
Session 1.6 15.45– 16.05	Challenges & Learnings around inspection and enforcement in Malta –Explaining the recently introduced Well-being concept in correspondence to inspection and enforcement the well-being acts as a middle agent between OPSA and the licensed Service Providers in Malta	Christine Sammut ^(in-person) , Manager well-being at Older Persons Standards Authority (OPSA), Malta
16.05 – 16.15	Q&A	
Session 1.7 16.15 – 16.35	Challenges & Learnings around enforcement Learning and Compensation (reparatory mechanisms) as a way of Enforcement versus classical ways of enforcement such as punishment. What is the best means to enforce the principles and standards that the regulator wants to uphold?	Richard Hamblin ^(in-person) Director of Health Quality Intelligence Kaitohu Kounga Hauora/ Health Quality Intelligence, Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand
16.35 – 16.45	Q&A	
Session 1.8 Discussion in groups 16.45- 17.15 Feedback and plenary discussion 17.15 – 17.30	Moderators: Martin de Bree ^(in-person) EPSO Advisory Board member Richard Hamblin , ^(in-person) New Zealand Scott Howe ^(in-person) , Wales Florian Schmalz ^(in-person) , OECD Prof. Alvaro Moreira da Silva EPSO Board member,	Discussion in groups with all in-person delegates in six groups ^(in-person) and 1 Teams ^(online) group with all online delegates (EPSO partners following the conference online)
17.30	End of Conference Day 1	
19.30 - 21.30-Conference Dinner at the Dylan Hotel Official (seated)		All delegates, speakers and guests are invited by our hosts MCC and Tusla to join us for a seated dinner. Dress code: ‘smart casual’ or ‘conference dress’ (no need to change after the conference).

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Draft Programme Day 2 Thursday 25th September 2025

- Introduction and housekeeping
- Opening Keynote speech and setting the stage for conference for Theme 2

Theme 2 Evidence based and updated Standards for regulatory practice in health-mental-, social- and long-term care.

- **Session 2.1** - Right touch regulation and Recent consultation on standards for health and care professionals - 'Professional Standards Authority (PSA) – not yet confirmed.
 - Uk
- **Session 2.2** Evidence based Standard Setting in Mental Health: Reflections on application of a Human Rights Based approach to Regulation by MHC-Ireland ; How MHC has worked with people with lived experience of restraint or seclusion to develop codes of practice and rules and how these new standards have led to a significant reduction in the use of restraint and seclusion in Ireland –
 - MHC Ireland
- **Session 2.3** - Standard setting in health accreditation in practice – ISQua – Challenges and learning from good practice in standard setting; learning from the vast years of experience with internationally comparable standardization in healthcare at ISQua.
 - ISQua Dublin
- **Session 2.4** – Standard setting with a Japanese view
 - Japan - Shin Ushiro
- **Session 2.5** – Standard setting in France
 - France IGAS Louis Charles Viossat
- **Session 2.6** – Evidence based standard setting with a focus on risks of risk-based regulation.
 - Netherlands, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
- **Session 2.7** Standard setting in Malta
 - OPSA Malta
- **Session 2.8** Learning from colleagues – Discussion in groups




Theme 3 Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises

Challenges for the healthcare sector to be prepared for crises including climate change / cyber security / and other crises like military and war related crises; Challenges for the medicines; Challenges and social care sector.

- **Session 3.1** Preparedness for crises including military crises in Estonia.
 - Andras Armväärt, Estonia
- **Session 3.2** Preparedness in Singapore – blood bank and medicines preparedness for crises
 - Raymond Chua and colleagues
- **Session 3.3** Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises Challenges for the medicines sector Latvia.
 - Indra Dreika^(in-person) ; Sergejs Akulics^(in-person), Katrina Luksa^(in-person) Latvian medicines Agency
- **Session 3.4** Medical Preparedness in the Dutch military services
 - Nanda van Klink^(in-person) and Liesbeth de Stoppelaar^(in-person) Military Health Inspectorate (IMG) (IMG), Ministry of Defence Netherlands
- **Session 3.5** Health preparedness – ‘One Health’ – Cooperation between sectors to improve preparedness for a new health pandemic and other crises.
 - Merel Langelaar^(in-person) Netherlands
- **End of Day 2 and afterwards** Whiskey tasting and Drinks at own costs at a local Irish pub

Day 2	Agenda	Speakers
8.45 – 8.55	Gathering delegates at Tusla HQ & Welcome coffee	All delegates
8.55 – 9.00	Introduction and Housekeeping	Carry Maria klein Gunnewiek (in-person)
Theme 2	Evidence based and updated Standards for regulatory practice in health-mental, social, and long-term care	
Session 2.1 Opening Keynote speech and setting the stage for conference session 2. 9.00 – 9.20	Right touch regulation and Recent consultation on standards for health and care professionals - ‘	Dinah Godfree (in-person)- Professional Standards Authority UK (PSA) (not yet confirmed)
9.20-9.25	Q&A	
Session 2.2 9.25– 9.45	Evidence based Standard Setting in Mental Health: Reflections on application of a Human Rights Based approach to Regulation by The Mental Health Commission Gary will explain how MHC has worked with people with lived experience of restraint or seclusion to develop codes of practice and rules and how the introduction of these new standards have led to a significant reduction in the use of restraint and seclusion in Ireland.	Gary Kiernan The Mental Health Commission MHC (in-person) Ireland
9.45– 9.50	Q&A	
Session 2.3 9.50– 10.10	Standard setting in health accreditation in practice by ISQua-Dublin – ISQua International Society for Quality in Health Care – Challenges and learning from good practice in standard setting; learning from the vast years of experience with internationally comparable standardization in healthcare at ISQua.	Carsten Engel (in-person) CEO of ISQua (International Society for Quality in Health Care) Dublin, Ireland. Elaine O’Connor (in-person), Head of Strategic Partnerships of ISQua, International Society for Quality in Health Care, Dublin, Ireland.
10.10 – 10.15	Q&A	
Session 2.4 10.15 – 10.35	Standard setting related to COST Better care	Shin Ushiro- Japan Deputy Director, Professor and Director of the Division of Patient Safety at Kyushu University Hospital Executive board member Japan Council for Quality Health Care
10.35 – 10.40	Q&A	
10.40 – 10.55	Comfort break	
Session 2.5 10.55 – 11.15	Evaluation of social policies and organization performance leading towards recommendations for adequate standards and good management in France. Fabienne will talk about examples of recommendations by IGAS, some followed by regulatory authorities and others not.	Fabienne Bartoli (in-person) IGAS/INSPECTANTS, France
11.15- 11.20	Q&A	
Session 2.6 11.20 – 11.40	Evidence based standard setting with a focus on risk and the risks of risk-based regulation	Linda Janssen- Pinkse (in-person) - Authority on Nuclear Safety and Radiation protection (ANVS-

		Autoriteit Nucleaire Veiligheid en Stralingsbescherming) PHD-student at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
11.40 – 11.45	Q&A	
Session 2.7 11.45 – 12.00	Standard setting Malta Compliance and Enforcement of Standards in Malta,	Letizia Marmara ^(in-person) Director Quality assurance at OPSA, Malta
Session 2.8 Discussion in groups & Plenary Feedback 12.00 - 13.00	Learning from experience of colleagues Regulatory Network Partners; what methods & instruments of evidence based standard setting are used by our colleagues for regulation and inspection. What are the learnings? Discussion in-person in six groups with all delegates and online in one group Standard setting question 1, question 2 and question 3	All in-person delegates in six groups ^(in-person) All online delegates (EPSO partners following the conference online) - 1 Teams group ^(online) in-person moderated by NN 3x . The online session is online moderated by NN
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break – Buffet lunch	All delegates
Theme 3	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - challenges for the healthcare sector to be prepared for crises including climate change / cyber security / and other crises like military and war related crises. - Challenges for the medicines - Challenges and social care sector - Climate change challenges for health and social care services 	
Session 3.1 14.00 – 14.20	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises -challenges for the healthcare and social care sector to be prepared for crises including military and war related crises. New approaches, methods, and instruments to build and improve preparedness in Estonia	Andras Armväärt ^(in-person) Head of Public health emergencies preparedness department at Terviseamet, Estonian Health Board, Estonia
14.20- 14.25	Q&A	
Session 3.2 14.25 – 14.45	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises - Preparedness in Singapore –Blood bank and medicines preparedness for crises	NN MOH Singapore ^(in-person) – MOH Singapore
14.45- 14.50	Q&A	
Session 3.3 14.50 – 15.10	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises Challenges for the healthcare and social care sector to be prepared for crises in Latvia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges for the medicines sector 	Sergejs Akulics, ^(in-person) Deputy Director in Pharmaceuticals, State Agency of Medicines of Latvia, Katrina Luksa, ^(in-person) Head of Medicines Distribution Information Division, State Agency of Medicines of Latvia, Indra Dreika, ^(in-person) Director - general Latvian Medicines Agency and colleagues' Latvian medicines Agency, Latvia
15.10- 15.15	Q&A	
Session 3.4 15.15 – 15.35	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises	Nanda van Klink ^(in-person) deputy chief of staff- Inspector of Military Healthcare/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Preparedness in the Dutch military services – challenges for the supervision of operational units 	Military Health Inspectorate (IMG) and Liesbeth de Stoppelaar ^(in-person) strategic advisor at Military Health Inspectorate (IMG), Ministry of Defence, The Netherlands
15.35- 15.40	Q&A	
15.40 – 15.55	Comfort break	
Session 3.5 15.55- 16.15	Health preparedness – ‘One Health’ – Cooperation between sectors to improve preparedness for a new health pandemic or other crises	Merel Langelaar ^(in-person) , Director BPRC, former professor One Health Governance, One Health microbial group, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
16.15- 16.20	Q&A	
16.20- 16.50	Panel debate and break-out group discussion	All participants moderated by NN
16.50- 17.00	Closing session	
End of Day 2		
17.00- 18.00 17.00-17.30 by taxi bus / metro red line or hire a Dublin bike via red click app. 17.30-18.30 guided tour	<p>* Whiskey tasting at Pearse Lyons Whiskey Distillery 11 min walk or by taxi -Bus to Irish Whiskey Museum Dublin – 119 Grafton St Dublin (History of Irish Whiskey up and down and up again), or</p> <p>* Whiskey tasting at Jameson / Guinness Distillery</p> 	<p>All delegates are invited by EPSO.</p> 
18.30 Pub Dinner- time -	<p>Dinner at own costs at a local Irish pub for those who want to join. The Bank on College Green is at a 3 min walk from the Whiskey Museum</p> 	<p>All delegates are invited to join at own costs.</p> <p>All are invited at the iconic pub/ restaurant: the Bank on College Green</p> <p>Please let us know if you want to join so that we can make a reservation for our group.</p>

Restart of the EPSO Working Group End of Life/AD

Afternoon 23rd September 2025 Dublin- Restart of the EPSO Working Group End of Life/AD

Tuesday 23rd of September 2025

Venue to be announced later; Tusla Head Quarters, the Brunel building Dublin, Ireland or Royal Dublin Society - 13.30- 17.00

Chaired by Dr Kristin Good, Registrar (assisted dying) and Chief Clinical Advisor, Regulatory Assurance Regulation and Monitoring, Ministry of Health, New Zealand.



The updated Agenda for the Regulation of care for End of Life/Assisted Dying working group will be shared on request with those interested to participate (please ask at info@epsonet.eu). For a preliminary agenda see below.

The EPSO End-of-Life/Assisted Dying Working Group will focus on regulation of care in the areas of End-of-life and Assisted dying. New developments, such as new legislation and related discussions in various countries, including France, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, provide EPSO with opportunities for knowledge exchange and sharing experiences in these sensitive healthcare areas. We are delighted that the group's chair, who brings a wealth of experience in this field from New Zealand, is willing to take on this role.

Dear (online) EPSO friends and in-person participants in this working group please prepare for discussions and take notice of the following documents shared by Kristin Good chair of the EPSO End of Life/AD working group.

- **Regulatory Practice Governance Tool**



Good Regulatory
Practice - Governance

- **Regulatory Practice Governance Guidance**



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Preliminary Agenda – (meeting venue will be announced later)

13.30 – 13.35	Short Intro by the chair of the working group	Kristin Good (chair wg)
13.35 – 14.05	Setting the stage for our working group on: Regulation of Assisted Dying -Theory and Practice	Prof. Ben White (online from Queensland AUS) Professor of End-of-Life Law and Regulation and Australian Research Council Future Fellow 2020-2024 in the Australian Centre for Health Law Research at the Faculty of Business & Law, Queensland University of Technology. His area of research is end-of-life decision-making with a particular focus on voluntary assisted dying. He was a foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Health Law Research for six years (2013-2018) and still co-leads the End-of-Life Research Program within the Centre. He has produced 250 publications (books, book chapters and journal articles) primarily around health law, with a particular focus on end-of-life decision-making.

		His work is interdisciplinary with publications in law, medicine, nursing, psychology, bioethics, social policy, and social science journals as well as those that have an interdisciplinary focus.
14.05 – 14.20	Q&A with prof Ben White	Prof Ben White
14.20 – 14.45	Reflections on 'Regulation of Assisted Dying -Theory and Practice'	All Working group participants
14.45-15.00	Comfort break	
14.45 – 15.15	Introduction Working group members; sharing information re situation in the various countries. Preparing a plan, mission statement and questions for the working group (aim / results / working methods)	Kristin Good, Registrar (assisted dying) and Chief Clinical Advisor, Regulatory Assurance Regulation and Monitoring, Ministry of Health, New Zealand.
15.15 – 15.45	Developments in England/ UK	NN (not yet confirmed)
15.45 – 16.15	Developments Scotland – discussion about upcoming regulation End of Life/AD	Prof. Catherine Calderwood , Consultant obstetrician, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, professor of Health Future research, University of Strathclyde; Hon Professor, University of Stavanger, Norway
16.15 - 15.45	Developments in France	Louis-Charles Viossat ^(in-person) IGAS – France Inspecteur général des affaires sociales – Ancien ambassadeur – Responsable de la mission Permanente Europe International IGAS/INSPECTANTS, France
16.45 - 17.00	Reflections from Malta	George Fenech ^(in-person) , CEO at Older Persons Standards Authority (OPSA), Malta
17.00 - 17.15	* Discussion on proposed Mission Statement of the group - into by chair * Planning for future online and possibly in-person meetings of the group * Wrap up by chair	Kristin Good & all participants
17.15	Drinks at own costs at NN (a nearby pub)	Networking and socializing for those who want to join

REGISTRATION 39th EPSO Conference

IN-PERSON delegates

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Online participation on request via

info@epsonet.eu

CONFERENCE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR IN - PERSON DELEGATES

Online Registration is now open for our 39th EPSO Conference in Ireland. For those EPSO delegates who don't want to miss our next conference, **please do not hesitate and register online for our Dublin conference by using the online- registration form.** To register please [click here](#)

Kindly note that registration is open exclusively to EPSO partners (maximum 3 per EPSO-partner), invited guests and speakers. We have a maximum of 50 delegates per conference. We will stop registration once this number is reached. Unfortunately, we will have to refer those who are late with registration to online participation.

Online participation via Teams is available on request only. If you want to join online, please contact us at info@epsonet.eu).



Conference venue for the 39th EPSO Conference in Dublin

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24th & 25th September 2025

The Royal Dublin Society



The conference is taking place at the Royal Dublin Society in Dublin.

**Venue Address: RDS, Merrion Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4
D04 AK83**

Directions from Dublin Airport to the Conference venue : “the Royal Dublin Society”

The Royal Dublin Society can be easily reached by bus or taxi from Dublin Airport

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By Taxi

Taxis are available at the Taxi rank outside Arrivals. Expect to pay between €30 and €40 to get to the RDS.

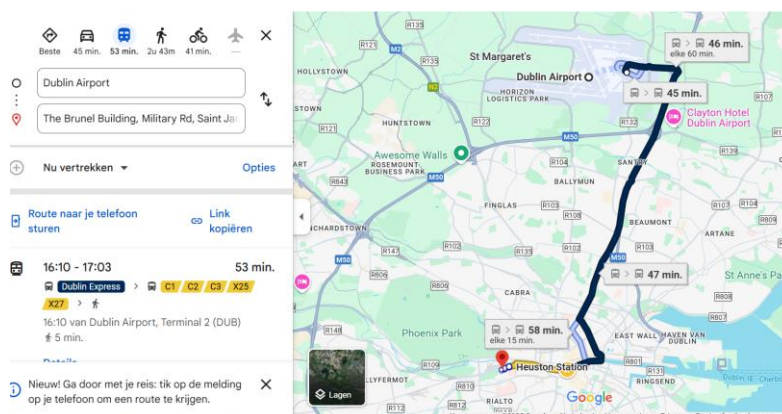
By Public transport Aircoach route 702

Public Transport to/from Dublin Airport

The RDS is serviced by the Aircoach (Route 702) that brings customers directly to and from Dublin airport. Aircoach stops are located on Merrion Road in front of the RDS main complex entrance. Aircoach Bookings for people with disabilities must be made in advance. For more information on timetables visit www.aircoach.ie or call +353 (0)1 844 7118.

By Express train to

From Dublin Airport by Express train (53 min) to Heuston station next to The Brunel Building – Tusla headquarters – Meeting of EoL/AD working group- afternoon 23rd of September.



Hotel and Booking information for the 39th EPSO Conference in Dublin

Conference Hotels 24th & 25th September 2025

Since the Conference venue has changed we will consider other hotels than mentioned before
We do not have one conference hotel since is very busy and prices are quite high. We therefore
advise using one of the following hotels depending on availability and your preferences' looked
via trip.com

4 stars: Premier Suites Dublin Ballsbridge**** 280 meter walking to RDS 180 euro; breakfast
not provided

4 stars: Butlers Townhouse **** 1km from RDS 141-euro breakfast not provided

4 stars: Clayton Hotel Ballbridge ****340 meter walk -including breakfast 220 euro

4 stars : Herbert Park Hotel ****600 meter walk – including breakfast 221 euro

4 stars: Leonardo Hotel Dublin Parnell Street,5 km from RDS3 182 euro including breakfast

3 stars : Morehampton Townhouse *** 810 meter from RDS including breakfast; 165 euro.

3 stars: The Lansdowne Hotel *** 1,3 km walk from RDS – 209 euro including breakfast

3 stars ; Donny Brook Hall *** 1,2 km walk to RDS 111 euro – breakfast not provided

3 stars: Easy The hotel Dublin *** 5.4 km from RDS- about 138 euro– breakfast not provided

¹ distances are as the crow flies and prices may differ depending on the booking site used

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We recommend that you look at your hotel booking as soon as possible it seems to be very busy
in Dublin the week of our conference 😊

Furthermore since – unfortunately - our conference venue had to be changed it might be good to
cancel your booking if that is still an option and change the booking for a hotel closer to the Royal
Dublin Society .

However, if that that is not a reasonable option you might just keep your hotel booking and use
public transport or a taxi to arrive at RDS. Dublin has a reasonably good good public transport
and taxi's Bolt – Uber- Free Now –taxi apps are available in Dublin.

Travel to Dublin

Getting to Dublin airport in Ireland is easy and directly from many airports in Europe and worldwide

Positioning Dublin in Ireland

Positioning of Dublin and the Royal Dublin Society Dublin in Ireland

