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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.

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

Venue: The Royal Dublin Society , Royal Dublin Society, **Minerva Suite**, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 AK83 [View in Google Maps](#)

Conference Presenters: **Fiona McDonnell** (National Service Director Children Services Regulations TUSLA); **Carry Maria klein Gunnewiek**(EPSO)

Opening introduction by Executive Management TUSLA

Opening speech by **John Farrelly** Chief Executive MHC -Mental Health Commission Ireland on determinants of regulatory Compliance.

Keynote Opening online by **prof. Stratos Zouridis**, Tilburg University, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Opening Session Working group Guest of Honor speaker **prof. Ben White**, Queensland University , 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) guided tour by prof Jim Lucey, Inspector MHC & clinical prof of Psychiatry at Trinity College

Morning sessions conference 10.30 – 13.00

Lunch 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon sessions conference 14.00 – 17.30

All delegates are invited to join the Conference dinner at the Dylan Hotel @ 18.30

Thursday 25th of September 2025
Morning 8.45 – 13.00
Lunch 13.00 – 14.00
Afternoon 14.00 – 17.50.
Closing session & prepare for next conference 16.45 - 16.50
18.15-19.30
Whiskey Museum
19.30 Dinner at own costs at Fitzers a typical local Irish pub/ restaurant

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

39th EPSO conference in Dublin, Ireland - 24th & 25th of September 2025
EPSO EoL/AD working group - afternoon 23rd of September.

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 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.
- Participation in the conference means that you accept the exclusion of all liability from EPSO and from our hosts for loss or theft of your assets and for possible liability resulting from damage caused by shortcomings of the organization; however, as usual with our EPSO conferences, the organisation does everything it can to ensure that the conference runs smoothly and safely.

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.

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 @ Group Photo session & welcome coffee at Royal Dublin Society - Minerva Suite – Ante room
- Opening & welcome by Tusla & MHC
- Welcome by EPSO & Introduction and housekeeping
- Roundtable introduction in-person delegates
- 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 Q&A Session and Discussion in groups – including 1 online group
 - Session 1.4 Enforcement in a regulatory risk-based approach
 - OECD
 - Session 1.5 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 1.6 Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility
 - Ireland
 - Session 1.7 Compliance and Enforcement - a Singapore perspective
 - Singapore
 - Session 1.8 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 1.9 Strength in Enforcement: Upholding Trust and Quality Care in Malta
 - Session 1.10 Discussion in groups around Compliance and Enforcement
 - End of Day 1 and Seated Conference Dinner at the Dylan Hotel Dublin – all delegates are invited

¹Day 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 professor of psychiatry at Trinity college	All delegates are invited.
10.00-10.30	By bus from Trinity to the Conference venue: The Royal Dublin Society - View in Google Maps RDS, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 D04AK83	All delegates Transport is organised by TUSLA
10.30 – 10.50	- Registration of delegates – name cards - Group Photo session & welcome coffee in Royal Dublin Society - Minerva Suite – Ante room	All delegates Photos by TUSLA /MHC
- 10.50 – 11.20	- Introduction & welcome by Executive Management TUSLA - Opening speech by John Farrelly Chief Executive MHC -Mental Health Commission Ireland on determinants of regulatory Compliance	Executive Management Tusla - Anthony O’Leary (in-person) Mental Health Commission Ireland - Gary Kiernan (in-person) - John Farrelly (in-person)
11.20 – 11.30	- Welcome by EPSO board - housekeeping messages by Conference speaker	Chair EPSO Board - Jooske Vos
11.30 – 11.40	Roundtable introduction of all delegates by themselves.	All in-person delegates (name, function, country/ region)
11.40– 11.50	Break - Introduction online delegates change to online link	
Theme 1 11.50-13.00 Session 1.1 and 1.2 - Start theme 1 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch 14.00-17.30 Session 1.3 – Session 1.8 - Follow-up theme 1	Compliance and Enforcement - 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) 11.50 – 12.10	Keynote introduction speech and setting the stage: ‘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)

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

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
Session 1.3 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: • 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 group moderator; prof. Stavros Zouridis
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	All delegates
Session 1.4 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 -14.25	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 1.5 14.25-14.45	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)
14.45 – 14.50	Q&A	
14.50 – 15.05	Comfort break	
Session 1.6 15.05– 15.25	Challenges & Learning - Experiences around Enforcement, Trust, and Credibility Ireland	Mike Corcoran ^(in-person) , Head of Regulatory Enforcement, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, Ireland Grant Landon ^(in-person) , Head of Regulatory Practice & Development
15.25 – 15.30	Q&A	

Session 1.7 15.30– 15.50	Compliance and Enforcement - a Singapore perspective	Ivan KOH ^(in-person) , Director Regulatory Policy & Legislation Ministry of Health (MOH) Singapore Woon Lin LEE ^(in-person) and Gerald LEE ^(in-person) , Surveillance and Enforcement Division (SED),Ministry of Health (MOH) Singapore
15.50 – 15.55	Q&A	
Session 1.8 15.55 – 16.15	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
16.15 – 16.20	Q&A	
Session 1.9 16.20 – 16.40	Strength in Enforcement: Upholding Trust and Quality Care in Malta	Ruth-Rose Sciberras – CEO Social Care Standards Authority SCSA Malta
16.40 – 16.45	Q&A	
Session 1.10 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 – transport to dinner venue	
18.30 - 20.30-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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Programme Day 2 Thursday 25th September 2025

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

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

- **Session 2.1** - The Right-touch regulation framework and the consultation on standards for health and care professionals
 - 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
 - MHC Ireland
- **Session 2.3** - Standard setting in health accreditation in practice by 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 related to COST Better care ; Building a robust system to deliver high quality of home-care: a preliminary outcome of the Better Care Initiative in Europe
 - Japan
- **Session 2.5** – Evaluation of social policies and organization performance leading towards recommendations for adequate standards and good management in France.
 - France IGAS
- **Session 2.6** – Evidence based standard setting with a focus on the risks of risk-based regulation
 - The Netherlands, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
- **Session 2.7** Developing standards for oversight/ supervision in Long-Term Care network collaboration; How do you organize shared practices in long-term care network environments?
 - The Netherlands VILANS
- **Session 2.8** Challenges and Learning around Standards, Enforcement, and Well-being in Malta.
 - Malta OPSA
- **Session 2.9** Learning from experience of EPSO Partners; **Discussion in groups including 1 online group**

Theme 3 Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises

Challenges for the healthcare sector to be prepared for crises including climate change/ cybersecurity/other crises like military and war related crises; Challenges for medicines- preparedness; Challenges in one health approach.

- **Session 3.1** Preparedness for crises including military crises in Estonia.
 - Estonia
 - **Session 3.2** Health Security-preparedness in the medicines sector in Latvia.
 - Latvian medicines Agency
 - **Session 3.3** Medical Preparedness in the Dutch military services
 - Military Health Inspectorate (IMG) (IMG), Ministry of Defence The Netherlands
 - **Session 3.4** Health preparedness – ‘One Health’ – Cooperation between sectors to improve preparedness for a new health pandemic and other crises.
 - The Netherlands
 - **Session 3.5** Panel debate and break-out group-discussion including one online breakout group
- End of Day 2 afterwards visit to Whiskey museum and Dinner at own costs at a local Irish pub.**

Day 2	Agenda	Speakers
8.45 – 8.55	Gathering delegates & Welcome coffee at Royal Dublin Society, Minerva Suite- Ante room	All delegates
8.55 – 9.00	Introduction and Housekeeping	Conference speaker: Fiona McDonnell (in-person) National Service Director Children Services Regulations TUSLA
Theme 2	Evidence based and updated Standards for regulatory practice in health-mental, social, and long-term care	
Session 2.1 Opening speech and setting the stage for conference session 2. 9.00 – 9.20	The Right-touch regulation framework and the consultation on standards for health and care professionals Douglas will talk about the RTR-framework and the review PSA is undertaking of their Standards for regulators and accredited Registers	Douglas Bilton (online), assistant Director of Intelligence and Insight at Professional Standards Authority UK (PSA), UK
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 (in-person) 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 – 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.
10.10 – 10.15	Q&A	
Session 2.4 10.15 – 10.35	Standard setting related to COST Better care Building a robust system to deliver high quality of home-care: a preliminary outcome of the Better Care Initiative in Europe	Shin Ushiro (in-person) - 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 the risks of risk-based regulation	Linda Janssen- Pinkse (in-person) Authority on Nuclear Safety and Radiation protection (ANVS); Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

11.40 – 11.45	Q&A	
Session 2.7 11.45 – 12.05	Developing standards for oversight/ supervision in Long-Term Care network collaboration; How do you organize shared practices in long-term care network environments?	Marloes Berkelaar ^(in-person) Healthcare consultant Vilans, The Netherlands
12.05– 12.10	Q&A	
Session 2.8 12.10 – 12.30	Challenges and Learning around Standards, Enforcement, and Well-being in Malta - Letizia will speak about standard setting, compliance, and enforcement of regulatory standards in Malta. She will explain how OPSA operates in relation to these standards and discuss their implementation. Christine will introduce the recently established Well-being concept and will describe how this promotes a more collaborative and supportive environment.	Letizia Marmara ^(in-person) Director Quality assurance at OPSA, at Older Persons Standards Authority (OPSA), Malta, Christine Sammut ^(in-person) , Manager well-being at Older Persons Standards Authority (OPSA), Malta.
12.30 – 12.35	Q&A	
Session 2.9 Discussion in groups & Plenary Feedback 12.35 - 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	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 Speakers of theme 2 The online session is online moderated by Martin de Bree ^(in-person)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break – Buffet lunch	All delegates
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 - 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 – 14.55	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises Challenges for the healthcare and social care sector to be prepared for crises in Latvia. 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,
14.55- 15.00	Q&A	
15.00 – 15.15	Comfort break	

Session 3.3 15.15 – 15.45	Health Security -preparedness for civil and military crises - Medical Preparedness in the Dutch military services – challenges for the supervision of operational units	Nanda van Klink ^(in-person) deputy chief of staff- Inspector of Military Healthcare/ Military Health Inspectorate (IMG) and Liesbeth de Stoppelaar ^(in-person) strategic advisor at Military Health Inspectorate (IMG), Ministry of Defence, The Netherlands
15.45- 15.50	Q&A	
Session 3.4 15.50- 16.10	Health preparedness – ‘One Health’ – Cooperation between sectors to improve preparedness for a new health pandemic or other crises	Merel Langelaar ^(online) Director BPRC, former professor One Health Governance, One Health microbial group, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
16.10- 16.15	Q&A	
Session 3.5 16.15- 17.00	Panel debate and break-out group discussion including one online group	All participants; Moderated by speakers Theme 3 Online break-out group moderated online by Bertien Winkel Team manager a.i. Team Public Health Dutch Health and Youth Inspectorate MOH The Netherlands
17.00.- 17.15	Closing session and preparing for next conferences	
17.15 – 17.30	Comfort break	
17.30 – 18.15	Travel to the Whiskey Museum Transport is arranged by TUSLA	All delegates are invited by EPSO.
End of Day 2		
18.15 gather in front of whiskey museum 18.30 guided tour in the Whiskey museum 	Visit to Irish Whiskey Museum – 119 Grafton St Dublin (History of Irish Whiskey) 	All delegates are invited by EPSO. We made a reservation for a private tour with a maximum of 30 – please let us know if you want to participate via the registration form that will be sent to you. Please note : If there are more registrations, we will use the order of registration for admission to the tour.
19.30 Pub -Dinner- time	Dinner (at own costs) at a typical Irish pub for those who want to join. 	All delegates are invited to join at own costs at a typical Irish pub/ restaurant. We made a provisional reservation at Fitzers Bistro and Bar, 33 Exchequer street Dublin at a 5 min walk from the Whiskey Museum. Please let us know if you want to join so that we can make a reservation for our group.

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 13.30- 17.00

Venue; Tusla Head Quarters, the Brunel building Dublin, Ireland - ask for our host Grant Landon

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**



Good Regulatory
Practice - Governance

Preliminary Agenda – Venue Tusla Headquarters -Brunel building , Heuston South Quarter, St Johns road west, Dublin 8, D08 X01F

13.30 Welcome by our host Grant Landon ,

NB please note that kindly some sandwiches will be provided at arrival by Tusla

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	Moderated by 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- 16.45	Reflections from Ireland	NN. (Irish Parliamentarian involved in the debate on regulation of Assisted Dying will be asked to provide an update on the state of the debate and the thinking on regulation)
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 a nearby pub (not yet organised)	Networking and socializing for those who want to join

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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

[**View in Google Maps**](#)

24th & 25th September 2025

The Royal Dublin Society



The conference is taking place at the Royal Dublin Society in Dublin - Minerva Suite

A stunning room with polished wooden floors, chandeliers, marble sculptures and artwork make this the ideal venue for any prestigious event. Located at the front of the RDS and accessed through the Merrion Road entrance, the Minerva Suite has hosted a variety of different events including product launches, client receptions, seminars, training sessions and small exhibitions. The self-contained Minerva Suite comes with its own private bar, hallway, toilets, ante-room and boardroom, perfect for receptions and private dining.

**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

Dublin Airport is a dual terminal international airport conveniently located approximately 10km north of Dublin City Centre, near the M50 and M1 motorways. Served by direct routes to/from Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Canada and North America with US Pre-clearance at the airport. There are public transport links to/from the airport by bus and taxi. Taxis are readily available for hire outside the airport. For your journey to the RDS, the Aircoach bus stops directly outside the grounds.

By Taxi

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

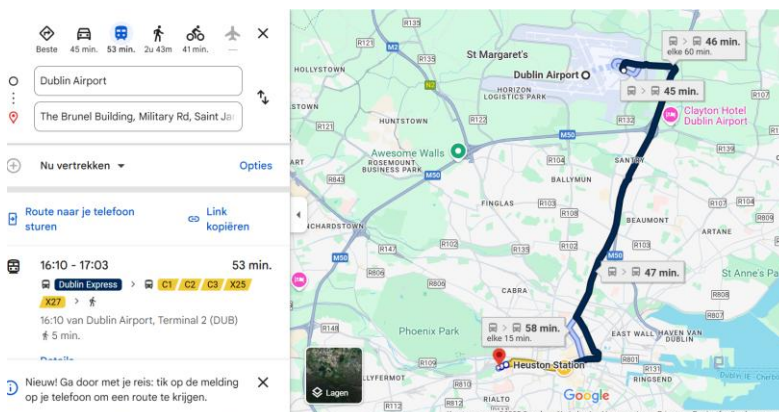
By Public transport Aircoach route 702

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 bus to

From Dublin Airport by Express bus (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

Due to the change in the conference venue, we are considering other hotels than those previously listed. We haven't booked a conference hotel in advance due to high demand and high prices. Therefore, we recommend choosing one of the following hotels, depending on availability and preferences (as consulted on trip.com).

4-star: Premier Suites Dublin Ballsbridge****, 280-meter walk to the RDS, €180; breakfast not included.

4-star: Butlers Townhouse****, 1 km from the RDS, €141; breakfast not included.

4-star: Clayton Hotel Ballbridge****, 340-meter walk - breakfast included, €220.

4-star: Herbert Park Hotel****, 600-meter walk - breakfast included, €221.

4-star: Leonardo Hotel Dublin Parnell Street, 5 km from the RDS, €182, breakfast included.

3-star: Morehampton Townhouse***, 810 meters from the RDS, breakfast included, €165. 3-

star: The Lansdowne Hotel *** 1.3 km walk from the RDS – €209 including breakfast

3-star: Donny Brook Hall *** 1.2 km walk to the RDS €111 – breakfast not included

3-star: Easy The Hotel Dublin *** 5.4 km from the RDS – approximately €138 – breakfast not included

Distances are approximate, and prices may vary depending on the booking site used.

We recommend checking your hotel reservation as soon as possible. Dublin seems to be very busy (for American football) during the week of our conference 😊

Furthermore, since our conference venue unfortunately had to be changed, it might be wise to cancel your booking if possible and change to a hotel closer to the Royal Dublin Society.

However, if that's not a reasonable option, you can keep your hotel reservation and travel to the RDS by public transport or taxi. Dublin has reasonably good public transport and taxis Bolt – Uber – Now free – 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

