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National Open Data Conference 2026

Unlocking Impact: Open Data for Trust & Transformation

Tuesday, 24 November

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AGENDA

Registration and teas/coffees from 9.30am

10:00am — **Opening remarks**
Minister of State for Public Procurement, Digitalisation and eGovernment, Frank Feighan TD

10:15am — **Public Service Data Strategy 2030 - Unlocking the value of public service data to deliver better outcomes**
Dr. Sarah Gibney, Public Service Transformation Division, Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation (DPER)

10:30am — **Session 1: Open Data for Better Public Services**

Presentation:
Cécile le Guen and Adrien Carpentier, Interministerial Digital Directorate, France on French Open Data policy and AI initiatives

Panel Discussion:
Moderated by Marianne Cassidy, Assistant Secretary, Public Service Transformation Division, DPER

Panellists:

- Cécile le Guen, Interministerial Digital Directorate, France
- Jean Acheson, Office of the Revenue Commissioners
- Ben King, Head of Digital Innovation and Eircodes, Department of Culture, Communications and Sport

11:15am

Special Session
Presentations from selected projects from Dogpatch Lab's 'Build for Ireland' Open Data Hackathon 2026

11:30am

Networking & Tea/Coffee Break in the Open Data Impact Showcase and Networking Space

12:00pm

Session 2: Open Data for Impact

Presentation:
Dr. Hamda Ajmal, Central Statistics Office (CSO), on the CSO High-Value Dataset Dashboard

Panel Discussion:
Moderated by Aoife Sexton, Chair, Open Data Governance Board

Panellists:

- Clare Dillon, Co-founder, Open Ireland Network
- Dr. Michelle Doran, Research Ireland
- Stefano Francavilla, GeoWox valuation and risk management platform

12:45pm

Session 3: Open Data for Transformation

Presentation:
Beatriz Fernandez Nebreda, Publications Office of the European Union, on European Open Data Developments, High-Value Datasets and Measuring Impact & Re-use

Panel Discussion:
Moderated by Sarah Glavey, Public Service Transformation Policy Unit, DPER

Panellists:

- Beatriz Fernandez Nebreda, Publications Office of the European Union
- Dr. Bahareh Heravi, University of Surrey Institute for People-Centred Artificial Intelligence
- Damien McCallion, CTTO and Deputy CEO, HSE

1:30pm

Closing remarks
Louise McKeever, Government CIO, DPER

1:40pm

Networking Lunch in the Open Data Impact Showcase and Networking Space