

Ireland

Dimension Context & Principles

Area	Analysis
Context	Ireland is considered a small country. The need for national interoperability is therefore less urgent, since it will be reasonably easy to have all the involved stakeholders in the same room. There is an E-Governance strategy that outlines that public bodies should provide their services also via the online channel. However, there is no technical coordination available for the involved public bodies.
Principles	Regarding standards – the 'market' is considered as leading. In Ireland there is standardisation on the area of digital signatures and (government) infrastructure.
Effectiveness	In the past there was an initiative on the area of interoperability called Reach Interoperability Guidelines (RIG). Some of these guidelines are in use. However, most of them have not been institutionalised.

Dimension Interoperability

Area	Analysis
Political	Interoperability is not high on the political agenda.
Legal	Not mentioned specific legal interoperability aspects.
Organisational	There are standards set for the central coordination on the area of procurement.
Semantic	The RIG provides standards on the area of terminology, formatting of data, etc.
Technical	The RIG provides information on technologic standards. However, technology is the individual responsibility of the government bodies. There are no central (IT) services currently deployed in Ireland.

Dimension Services Support

Area	Analysis
General	There is an interest in interoperability initiatives / e-governance in other countries and on an EU-level.
Tool Support	Not mentioned specific tool support.
Integration	Not mentioned specific integration initiatives.
Security	Not mentioned specific security issues.