

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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1. Chairperson's Foreword



As Chairperson of An Coimisiún Toghcháin, Ireland's independent Electoral Commission, I am pleased to present this Annual Report which gives an overview of our activities in 2025, two years on from our establishment in 2023.

October's Presidential election brought opportunities for An Coimisiún to speak directly to people in new ways and in new places about our democracy and how everyone's contribution counts and is counted. The campaign itself also saw new challenges in our role of ensuring voters understood their choices, and also because we had to deal with an AI-based attempt to mislead voters.

From a first-of-its-kind partnership at Electric Picnic to a vibrant presence at the Ploughing Championships, to being on campus at a dozen university and college freshers' weeks, and going into schools and classrooms, An Coimisiún has sought to go to where people are, to boost voter registrations, to provide direct information about participation and to be on hand to answer questions face to face. An Coimisiún is also pleased to have delivered a campaign that contributed to 60,733 new voter applications and 30,424 applications to update existing registrations between the end of August and early October.

The Oversight Report on The Electoral Registers launched in May 2025 was the first ever forensic review of the state of each of the 31 individual registers, and was conducted in each local authority. By this work we have laid a marker for how we propose to engage our statutory role of oversight of Ireland's electoral registers. Our objective is to see increased accuracy and completeness of each register and that this would occur with some urgency.

An Coimisiún Toghcháin is expanding to match the requirements of our statutory and regulatory functions. We now look towards the next electoral cycle with the benefit of considerable experience, allied with our research programmes and developing education and public engagement strategy.

As Chair, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all members and staff of An Coimisiún for their hard work, dedication and infectious enthusiasm in the

cause of Ireland's democracy. I commend this report to the reader and hope that it brings some optimism and encouragement and show that we work and will continue to work to strengthen the vote of the people and democracy in our country.

The Honourable Ms. Justice Marie Baker

Chairperson
An Coimisiún Toghcháin

2. Chief Executive Introduction



As I reflect on 2025, I am proud to present this Annual Report of An Coimisiún Toghcháin, Ireland's Electoral Commission.

The past year has been one of continued growth, consolidation and delivery for our organisation. Since our establishment as Ireland's independent electoral commission in 2023, we have worked to strengthen public trust in democracy, encourage electoral participation, and ensure that Ireland's electoral processes remain transparent, accessible and resilient. Throughout 2025, we have continued to build on these foundations while advancing our mission to protect and enhance Ireland's democratic system.

Democracy depends on public trust. Every citizen must have confidence that elections and referendums are administered fairly, that information is accessible and reliable, and that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate. At a time when democratic institutions across the world face significant challenges, the work of An Coimisiún Toghcháin has never been more important.

During the year, we continued to deliver our statutory functions across a broad range of areas. We strengthened oversight of electoral processes and the modernisation of the electoral register with recommendations which, if implemented, will enhance public confidence in democracy in this country. We maintained the Register of Political Parties, and continued our programme of research into electoral participation and democratic engagement. We also expanded our voter education and public awareness activities, including during the presidential election campaign, ensuring that citizens have access to clear, impartial and accessible information about Ireland's electoral system and are motivated to vote on polling day.

A key priority throughout 2025 was deepening public understanding of democracy and encouraging participation among all sections of society. With new innovations such as partnership with Electric Picnic, attendance at the Ploughing Championships, and the use of content creators, we sought to reach communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in democratic processes. Our work has reinforced a simple but powerful message: every vote matters, and every voice deserves to be heard.

Research and evidence remain central to our approach. During the year, we continued to develop our research programme and, with the National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS), strengthen our understanding of voter behaviour, public attitudes and emerging challenges to democratic participation. This work enables us to make informed recommendations and contribute constructively to the national debate on electoral reform.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and professionalism of the Commission members and staff, whose expertise and dedication have enabled us to deliver an ambitious programme of work. I also wish to thank our many stakeholders, including local authorities, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and other government departments, electoral administrators, civil society organisations, academic partners and community groups, for their continued collaboration and support.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Ireland. A healthy democracy depends not only on institutions but on citizens who engage, participate and contribute to public life. An Coimisiún Toghcháin remains committed to supporting that participation and to safeguarding the integrity of our democratic processes for future generations.

As we look ahead, we will continue to build a modern, trusted and inclusive electoral system that serves all voters and strengthens democracy across Ireland.

Art O'Leary

Chief Executive
An Coimisiún Toghcháin

3. Commission Members



Commission members of An Coimisiún Toghcháin. Left to right: Peter Finnegan, Alex Attwood, John Curran, The Honourable Ms. Justice Marie Baker, Maura Quinn, Ger Deering, Caroline Fennell.

An Coimisiún Toghcháin is a statutory, independent body, established on 9 February 2023 with responsibility for a broad range of electoral functions set out in the *Electoral Reform Act 2022*.

Our work is focused on ensuring inclusivity, participation and engagement with Ireland's electoral and democratic system so that people across Ireland can continue to have trust in our elections and their outcomes.

4. Vision and Values

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to safeguard and strengthen democracy in Ireland by building public understanding, participation and trust in the electoral system.

Our Ambition

Ireland is a global leader in electoral integrity, participation and trust. The people of Ireland have the highest levels of participation in electoral events, which they recognise and value as fair, free and impartial.

Our Vision

Ireland's electoral process is trusted and valued as being fair, free and impartial. The people are informed, engaged and empowered, leading to the highest turnouts in electoral events. Through enhancing understanding and active participation in democracy, An Coimisiún Toghcháin counteracts potentially negative impacts of misinformation and disinformation on the electoral and democratic process.

Through its innovative programmes, An Coimisiún Toghcháin has fostered democratic oversight in Ireland, for the public good.

Our Values

Particular values and behaviours are required to support the achievement of our ambition, in pursuit of our purpose.

Our values define how we approach our work, how we work as a Commission and how we engage with people. We believe that our values are key to our culture, and critical to our performance as an organisation.

The Civil Service has a strong public service ethos epitomised in its core values of, integrity, impartiality, equality, transparency, fairness and respect which guides

Our Values (continued)

and influences how it does business. These values underpin our approach to our purpose.

In particular, we will ensure we are accountable in our work. This means we will be answerable and transparent in fulfilling our commitments. Accountability is a key factor in building trust in what we do, fostering a sense of reliability and strengthening our independence.

We also see the following values as core to delivering our mandate.

Independence

We will always act in the public interest. We are honourable, impartial and independent. We take the hard decisions, without fear or favour.

Excellence

We will make every effort to operate to the highest professional standards in what we do and in how we do things. We measure our personal and organisational effectiveness and impact and accept accountability for our actions. We will base our decisions on robust, reliable and valid data and evidence.

Innovation

We are a forward-looking organisation, embracing innovation to achieve our ambitions. We learn continuously and seek to make things better. We are agile and dynamic, proactively responding to the world around us.

Collaboration

We value collegiality and collaboration, recognising that the best outcomes are most often achieved in partnership with others.

5. Strategic Priorities



1. Electoral Events

Rigorous and transparent oversight of all elections and referendums to be conducted assuring the highest levels of integrity, transparency, and fairness to maintain and enhance trust in the electoral process.



2. Capacity and Capability Building

Right people in the right place at the right time who are valued, supported and developed in an inclusive workplace supported by the necessary enabling infrastructure.



3. Education and Active Participation

Development and implementation of strategy that is tailored to educate and raise awareness among all to inform and engage in electoral events with measurable impacts.



4. Research and Data

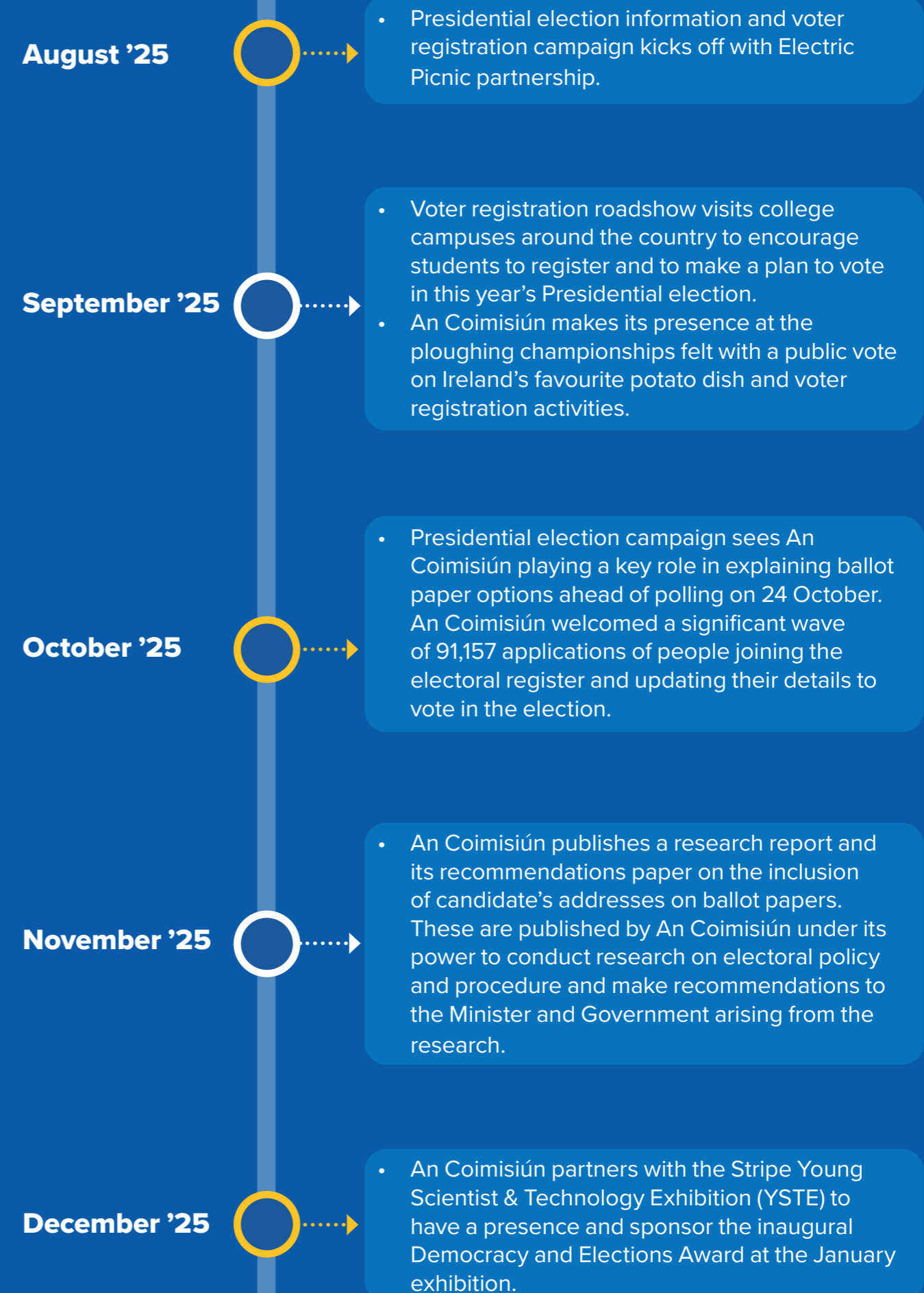
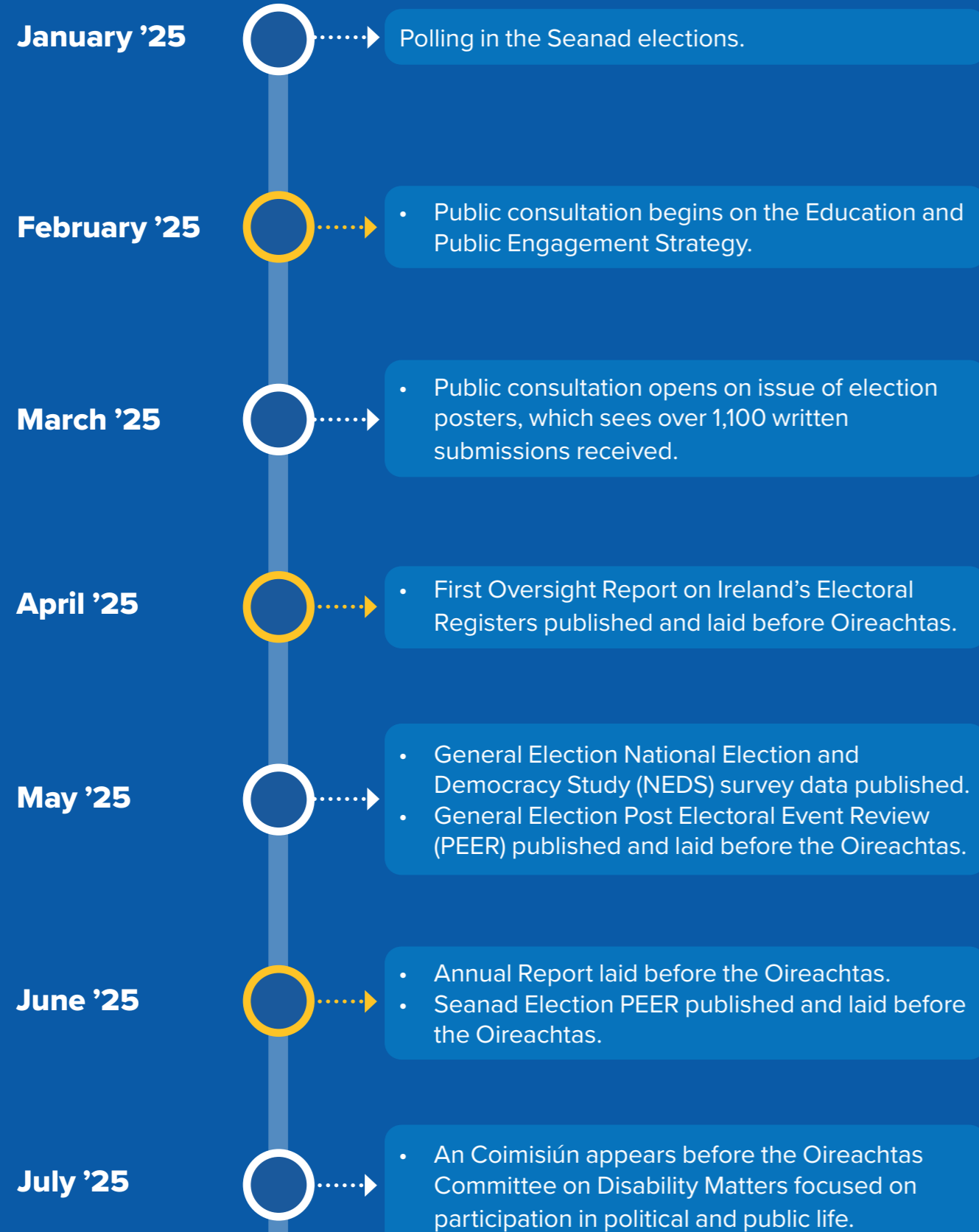
Developing high quality impactful research that sparks informed debate and leads to/informs transformative recommendations to improve our democratic system.



5. Oversight of Electoral Registers

Robust reporting mechanism in place that gives the Houses of the Oireachtas and the public clear understanding of the operation of the Register, confidence in its accuracy and improved completeness.

6. 2025 Highlights

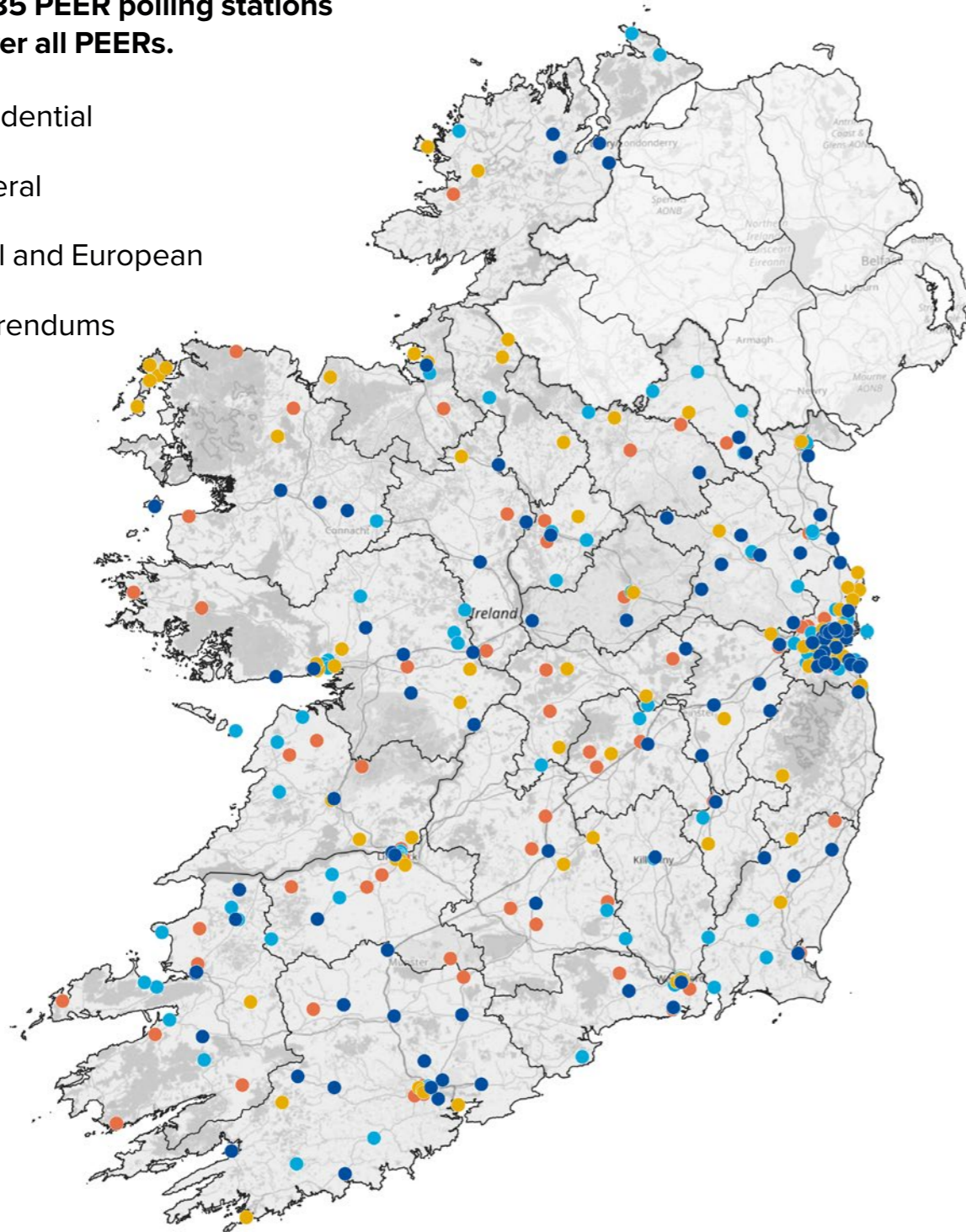


7. Strategic Priority One – Electoral Events

Post Electoral Event Reviews

Map of 385 PEER polling stations visited over all PEERs.

- Presidential
- General
- Local and European
- Referendums



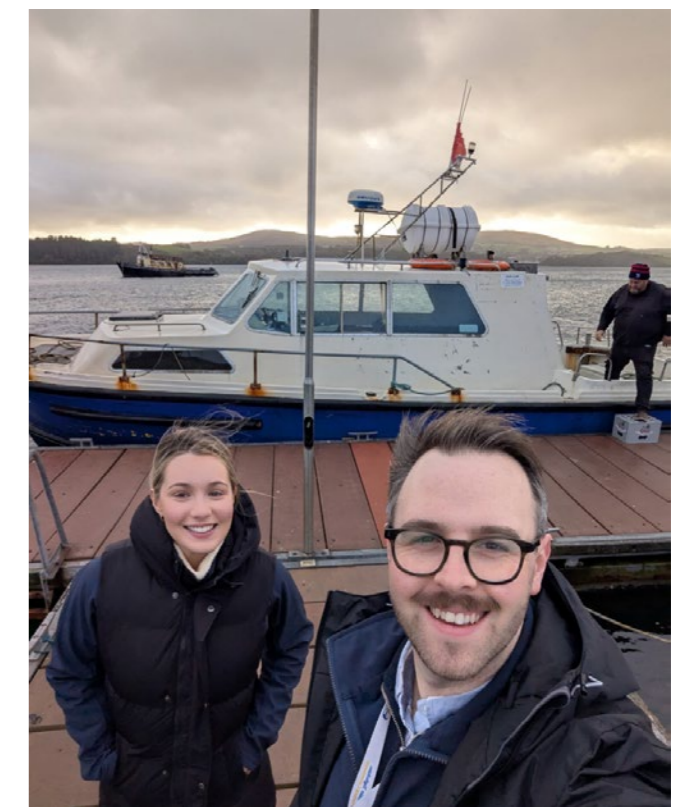
As provided for under section 68 of the *Electoral Reform Act 2022*, An Coimisiún may prepare Post Electoral Event Reviews (PEERs) on the administration of each electoral event. Such reports must be published within six months of polling day and feature a description of the assistance given to voters with disabilities by election officials.

The PEER report on the 2024 General Election was published by An Coimisiún on 29 May 2025. An Coimisiún also published a PEER report for the 2025 Seanad Election on 20 June 2025. Given the distinct nature of Seanad elections, in which polling is conducted entirely by postal vote, this PEER adopted a new methodology and focus. We took the opportunity to describe the roles and functions of the Seanad, as well as the features of the Seanad electoral process. An Coimisiún's staff attended all key stages of the 2025 election and maintained contact with the relevant returning officers and other stakeholders throughout. Both reports feature recommendations aimed at improving the administration, integrity and accessibility of the electoral system, stemming from our observations.

An Coimisiún's members and staff conducted observations at 100 polling stations across every county and Dáil constituency on 24 October 2025 for the Presidential Election, bringing to 385 the total number of PEER polling station visits. All PEER observers underwent election observation and disability awareness training and

were provided with a PEER checklist based on international best practice, to be completed at each station. We accompanied service users of the Irish Wheelchair Association as they voted in Co. Donegal, as well as service users of Down Syndrome Ireland in Co. Kerry.

Building on the methodology used for previous PEERs, we visited some of the polling stations with the largest electorates designated to them, areas with the highest concentrations of residents over 80, polling stations reported to us by the public, and a range of stations to ensure adequate representation of the Gaeltacht, islands and disadvantaged areas. We also maintained regular contact with returning officers and other officials and stakeholders throughout the year. This PEER report was published in April 2026, including a set of recommendations.

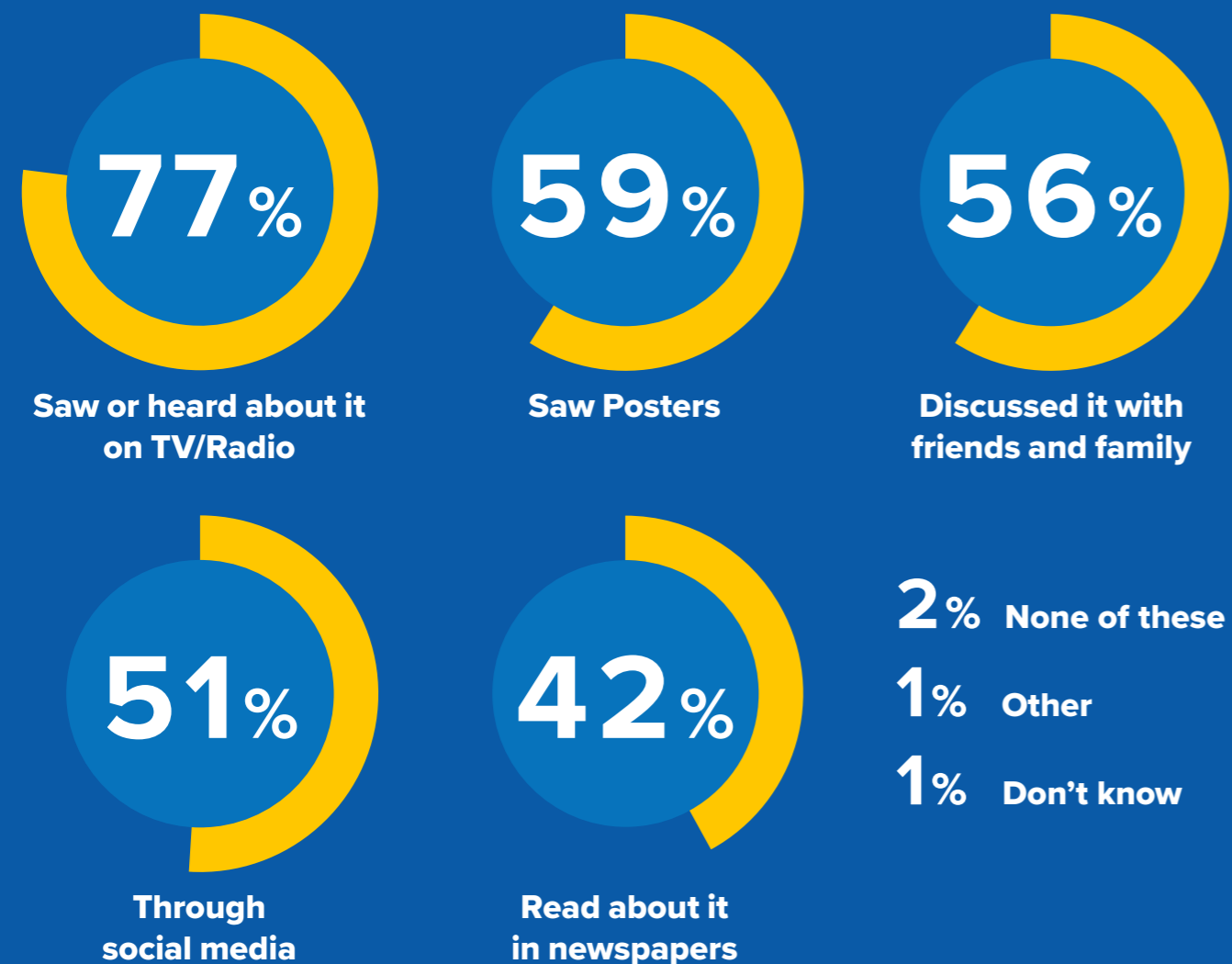


Communications and Public Engagement Campaigns

The National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS) shows the importance of a media campaign in advance of elections.

Awareness of the Presidential Election

NEDS
National Election & Democracy Study



Q.9: In which of the following ways have you heard about the presidential election?

Base: All Respondents: 1,312

Datasets in this Annual Report are from the 2025 Presidential National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS).



Voter Registration - 2025

Ploughing, Picnicking & Pounding Pavements

Registrations and Register Updates



We made a significant contribution to over **91,000** new applications for or updates to existing registrations with our programme of campus and public events, including our Electric Picnic Partnership in August and exhibition tent at the National Ploughing Championships in September.

Education and Voter Awareness



4,046 votes were cast in our Electric Picnic and National Ploughing Championships mock-elections educating people how to vote with two social media explainer videos explaining the count.

Programme of college and school visits, public events and webinars.

Strong Advertising Profile



TV - Significant marketing visibility with some high-profile hits such as The Traitors and weekend take-overs of TG4 programming.



Social - Over 52M impressions served across Meta, TikTok and Snapchat.



Print and Out of Home - From 17 – 24 Oct, digital displays nationwide updated daily to reflect the countdown to polling day.

Significant Media Profile



79 national and regional broadcast interviews completed across TV, podcasts and radio focused on voter registration, with a range of newspaper and online coverage of our activities.



2025 Presidential Election Campaign

Campaign delivery 28 August - 24 October:

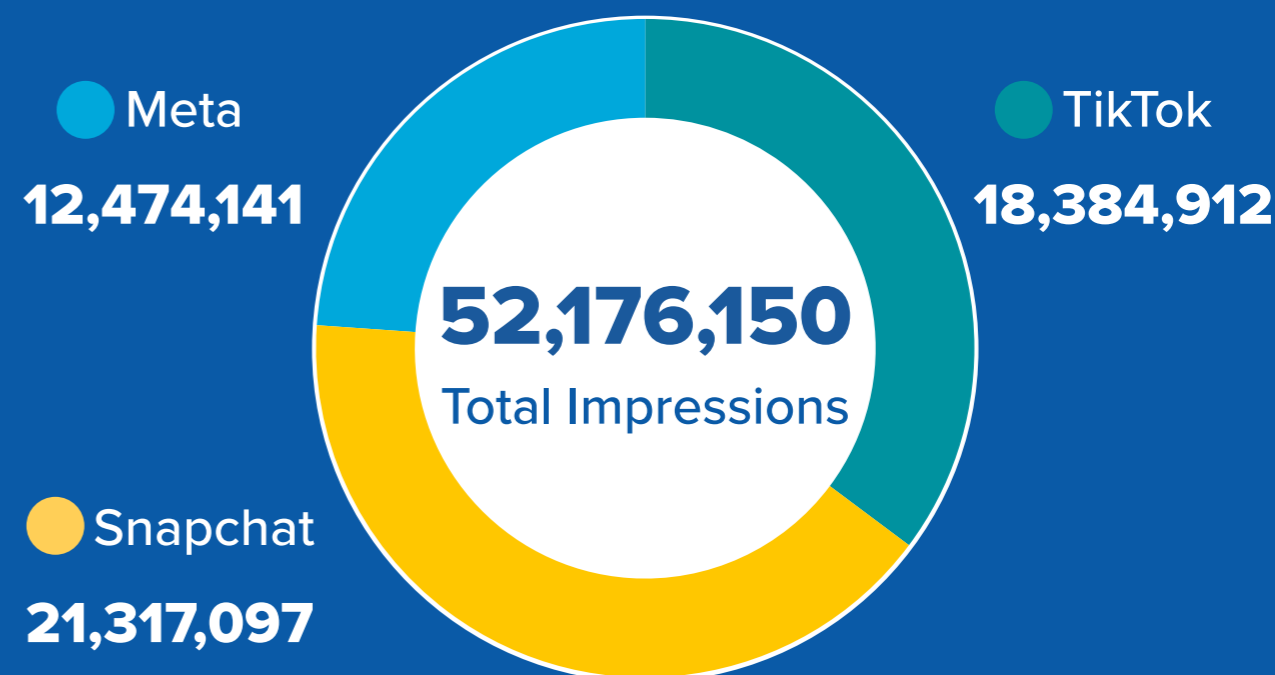
3 Phase Presidential Campaign



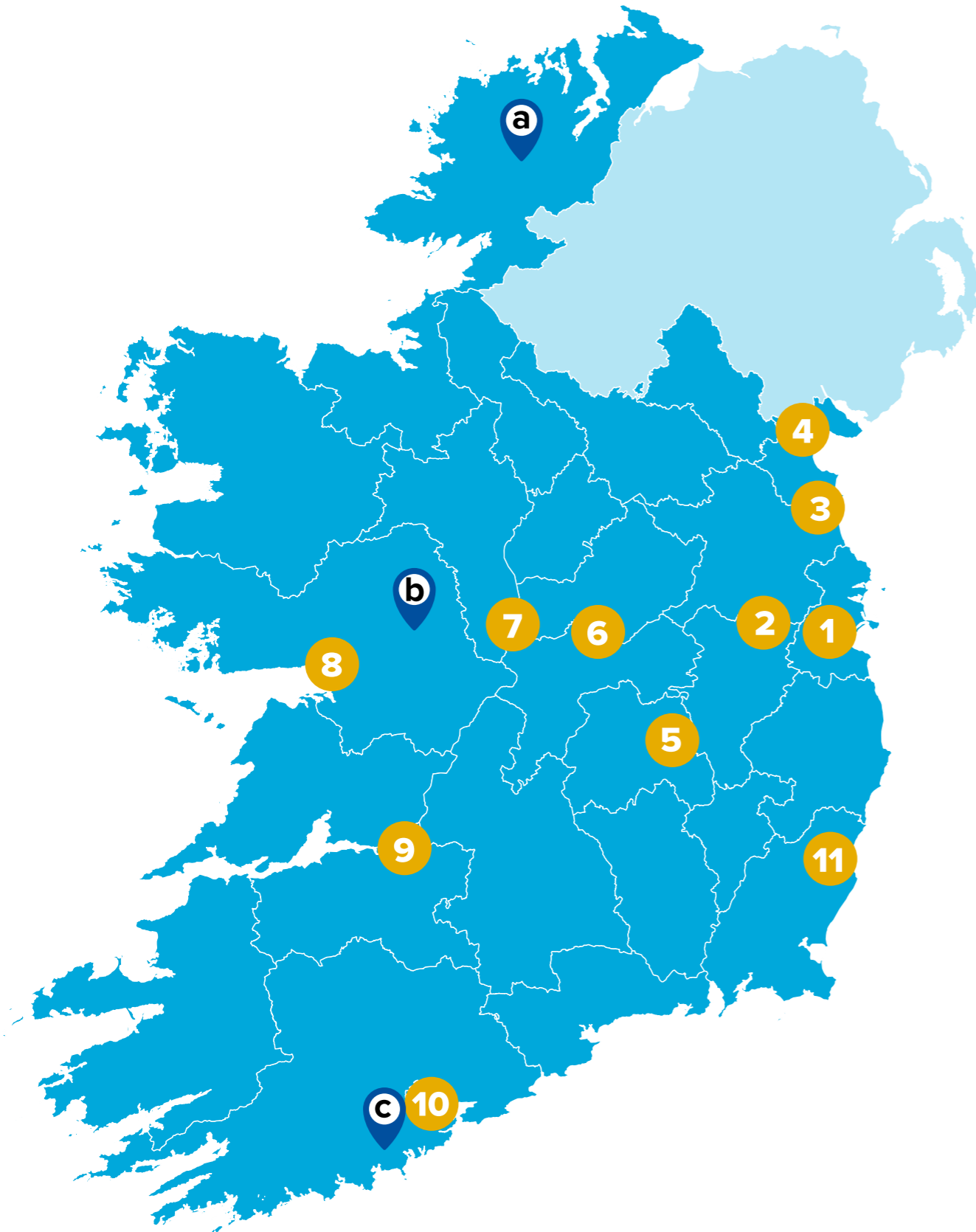
Our Advertising Campaign - Highlights and Insights

- 189,986** views of our website during campaign period (28 August - 25 October).
- Content creators delivered reach and interaction particularly with non-followers.
- 47,525** website views on polling day itself & 58,218 between 23 and 25 October.
- Connected TVs accounted for majority of digital views.
- 135,719** unique website users, of which, **134,000** are new users.
- 5,634** people scanned the QR code on advertisements to add polling day to their calendars.
- Print and Out of Home countdown to polling day proved to be an effective visual reminder to vote.
- Statutory spending thresholds of 5% of advertising budget on Irish language media and 20% of total advertising in Irish were achieved.

Social Media Advertising Impressions



Our Largest Ever Public Engagement



In-person presence

1. Dublin

- Trinity College Dublin
- TU Dublin, Grangegorman
- Dublin City University
- University College Dublin
- Kingswood Community College, Tallaght
- Malahide Community School

2. Maynooth University

3. Drogheda Schools/Council Workshop

4. Dundalk Institute of Technology

5. Electric Picnic

6. The National Ploughing Championships

7. Athlone

- TUS Athlone
- CSPE Teachers Conference/Workshop

8. Galway

- ATU Galway
- University of Galway

9. University of Limerick

10. University College Cork

11. Local Authority Members Association

Materials sent

- a. ATU Donegal
- b. ATU Mountbellew
- c. MTU Cork



Bringing Voter's Voices to the Fore

We interviewed four different voters who explained why voting is important to them.

These videos were used in the final five days of the campaign across our social media channels as a call to action encouraging people to get out and use their vote.

An Coimisiún Toghcháin @ElecCommIRL Oct 24, 2025 ...

Get out and vote today and don't let others speak for you!

We spoke to Martin, a student at @dalcdublin, about what voting means to him.

Polling stations are open until 10pm tonight 🗳️

More info: electoralcommission.ie
@dalcvote @nalairerand




An Coimisiún Toghcháin @ElecCommIRL Oct 23, 2025 ...

"I always believe if you're not in you can't win and you can't have your say"

Charlene, DP for Education at @ATUSUGalwayMayo is encouraging students and young people to have their say tomorrow in the Presidential Election 🙌

Polling stations open tomorrow from 7am - 10pm 🗳️



Our Voter Voices series attracted

132,567 views

in the final week of the campaign

An Coimisiún Toghcháin @ElecCommIRL Oct 22, 2025 ...

Popping in to vote while your wife is in the early stage of labour? Meet Karl.

Cabinet maker, part-time farmer, and fireman 🚒

Karl spoke to us about what voting means to him and making the time to vote on polling day

The Presidential Election is this Friday, October 24 🗳️



An Coimisiún Toghcháin @ElecCommIRL Oct 23, 2025 ...

"It's something I've wanted to do for so long and I'm very excited"

Louisa, a student at @uniofgalway, will be voting for the very first time in tomorrow's Presidential Election 🙌

Polling stations open tomorrow 7am - 10pm 🗳️

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Media Engagement

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Media Interviews

Proactive

Two phases of interviews

- ▶ **28 Aug to 7 Oct**
Media push on registration.
- ▶ **13 Oct to 24 Oct**
Media push to get voters out.

Responsive

Explainer videos and podcasts in relation to the ballot paper with The Irish Times, RTÉ, Newstalk and TheJournal.ie among others.

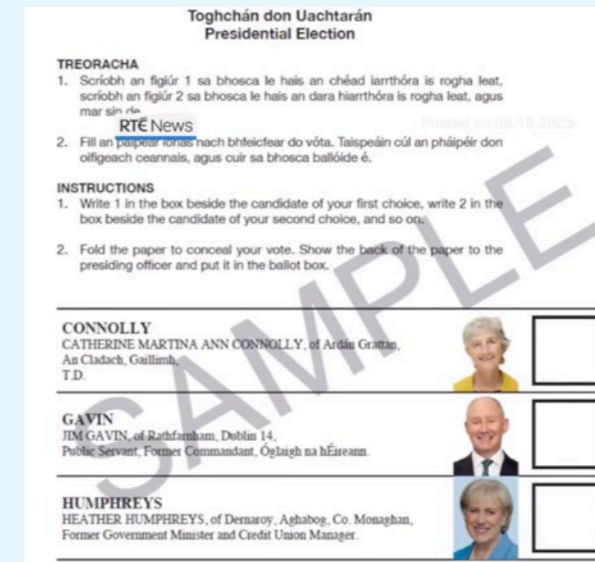
Media queries and requests across the campaign responded to.

Media support in preparing for coverage of the count and results.

 **47**
regional
radio
interviews

 **28**
national
media
interviews

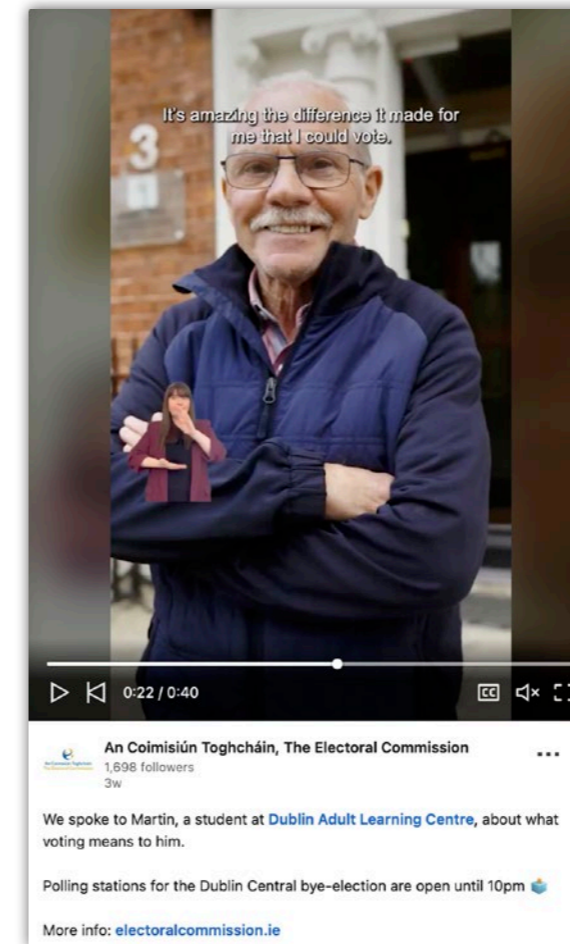
 **4**
Irish
language
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Social Media Engagement

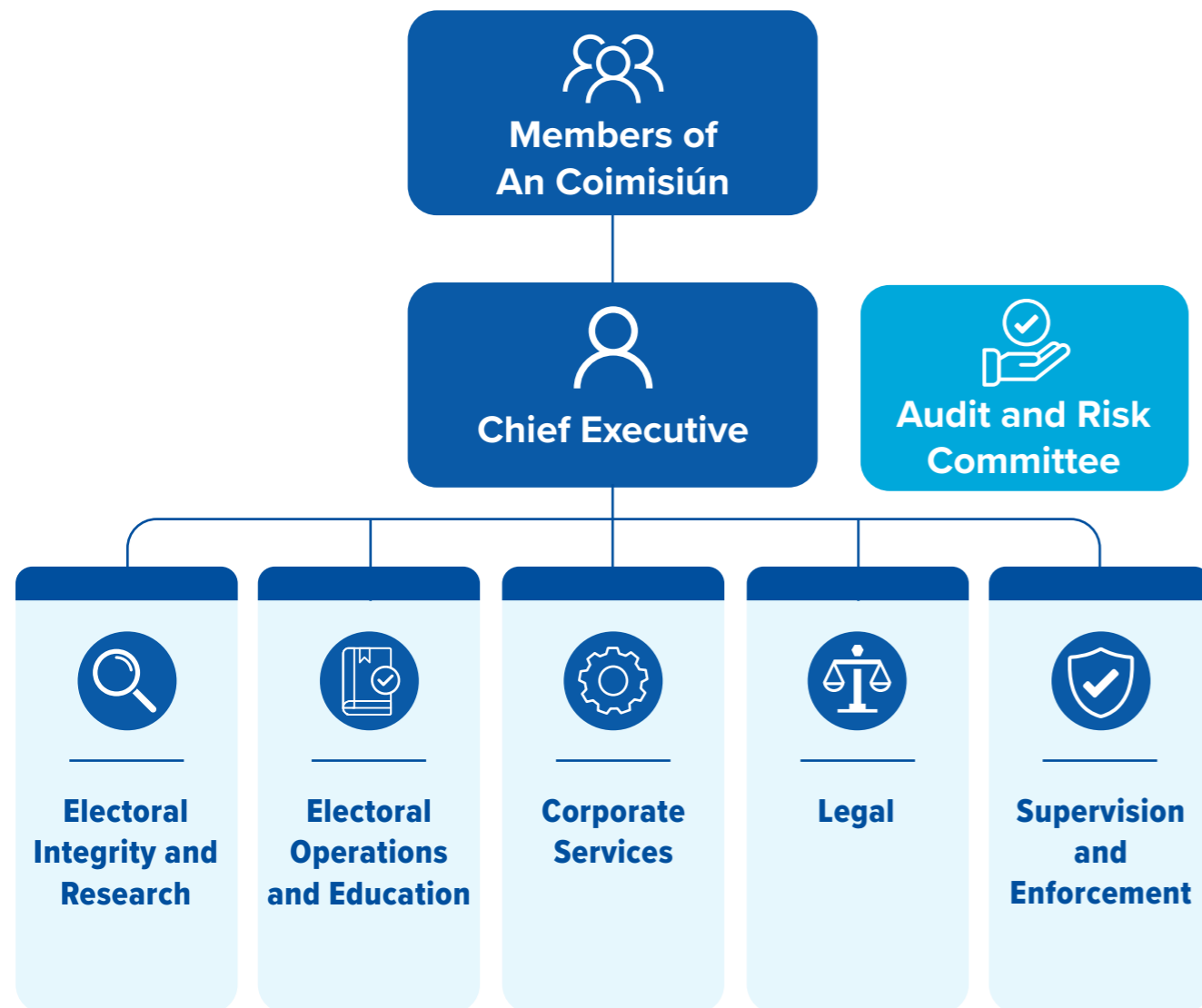
Programme of timely and engaging content across:

- ▶ Static graphics.
- ▶ Video content.
- ▶ Pointers to factual material on elections.
- ▶ Reminders of deadlines, and voting requirements.



8. Strategic Priority Two – Capacity and Capability Building

The organisational structure of An Coimisiún Toghcháin consists of a chairperson, four ordinary members and two ex-officio members, the Clerk of the Dáil and the Ombudsman. The *Electoral Reform Act 2022* provides for a Chief Executive who is responsible for the effective and efficient management of An Coimisiún as an organisation, and the effective and efficient execution of An Coimisiún’s electoral functions.



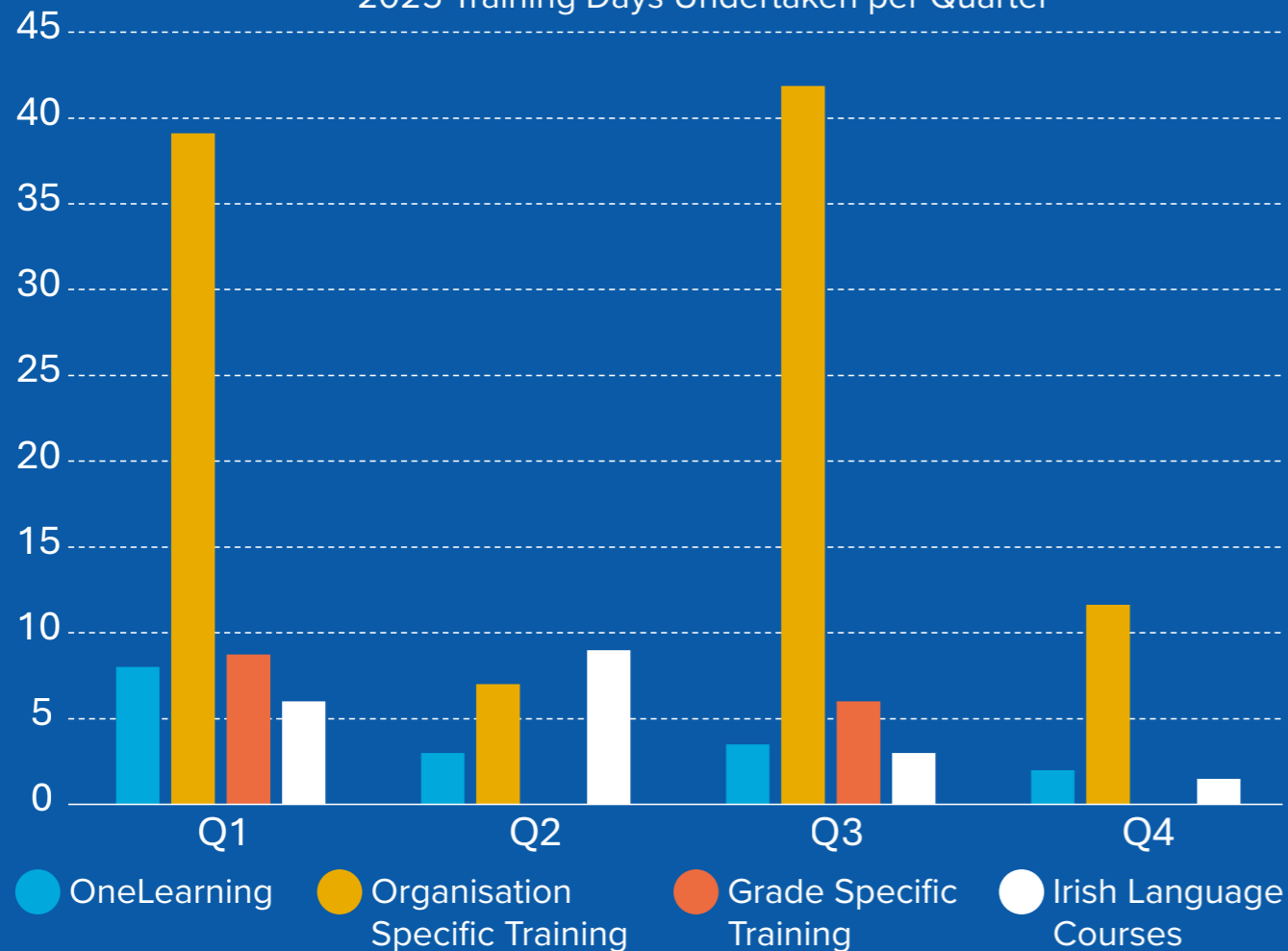
2025 Highlights

-  A further 14 new starters joined An Coimisiún in 2025 which represented a 42% increase in staff, bringing total staff number to 40. This was achieved through workforce planning, identifying skills gaps and key positions filled in a timely manner through various channels.
-  Transitioned to NSSO as a separate entity.
-  Took possession of additional workspace to facilitate the expanding workforce.
-  Continued use of our own CPSA Licence for key posts.
-  Almost 900 calls and emails from members of the public were answered by staff across the organisation.
-  Establishment of Health & Safety Committee, with no health and safety issues reported in 2025.
-  Permanent vacancies filled via Mobility, alleviating risk of loss of key skills in organisation by reducing number of staff on secondment.
-  Recruitment of Head of Legal and subsequent planning of Legal Unit recruitment for specialist in-house electoral law expertise.
-  Continued high interest in our internship programme with numerous applications from talented Masters students in DCU/UCC – four interns onboarded in 2025.

Learning & Development

- ✓ Continued staff engagement with over 160 days committed to L&D in 2025.
- ✓ 3.5% of the salary budget spent on L&D. Significant year on year increase from €44k in 2024 to €95K in 2025.
- ✓ Courses ranged from organisation-specific training to grade-specific training to CPD-specific area; highlights include AI, cyber security, procurement and data protection awareness.
- ✓ Seven staff members completed the Kings Inns Advanced Diploma in Electoral Law and Politics, with a further nine staff members applying to participate in 2026.
- ✓ Continued commitment to employee wellbeing and creating a culture of care and support via PMDS and staff Lunch and Learns.
- ✓ Continued L&D focus on training for PEER with Disability Awareness.
- ✓ Presiding Officer training rolled out ahead of the Presidential Election.

2025 Training Days Undertaken per Quarter



Courses Completed by Staff in 2025

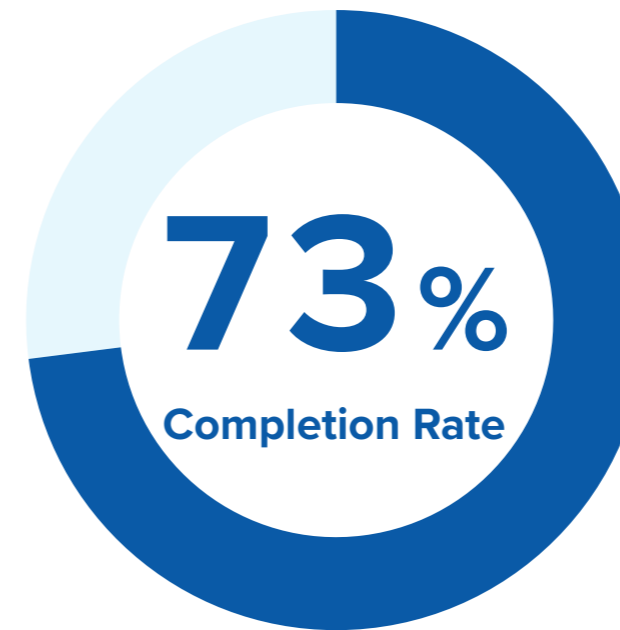
- Emerging Leaders Graduate Programme
- Leading AI Strategy and Execution
- AI Literacy and the AI Act
- Strategic Planning for Public Sector Leaders
- Advanced Diploma in Electoral Law & Politics
- Certificate in Payroll Techniques
- Professional Academy Diploma in Leadership & Management
- Data Protection for HR Managers
- Certificate in Public Procurement
- Core Capabilities for Higher Executive Officers
- Disability Awareness Training
- Neurodiversity in the Workplace Training
- Access Officer Training
- Reasonable Accommodation Training
- Disability Inclusive Recruitment Practices Training
- Viewer Training
- Explorer Training
- Artificial Intelligence Masterclass
- Fire Warden Training
- King’s Inns Annual Conference
- Annual Review of Employment Law Conference
- An Introduction to ArcGIS Pro for GIS Newcomers
- Professional Academy Diploma in Artificial Intelligence for Business with UCD Professional Academy

Courses Completed by Staff in 2025 (continued)

- Core Capabilities for Executive Officers
- Public Sector Tendering and Procurement Conference
- Online Presiding Officer Training
- Disability Awareness Training in Elections
- Managing Protected Disclosures
- Data Programming with R
- Data Visualisation Training
- Irish Language Spring Term
- Storytelling for Maximum Leadership Impact
- Managing Probation
- Introduction to Data Visualisation
- Introduction to Data Analysis
- Practical Project Management (Level 2)
- Introduction To Writing Civil Service Documents
- Communications & Engagement for People Managers
- Cyber Security Awareness
- Professional Writing Skills
- Professional Telephone Skills Level 1
- Advanced Telephone Skills Level 2
- Speaking with Clarity and Confidence
- Irish Language Autumn 2025 Term – Intermediate B2

Culture & Engagement

Staff Survey - 2025



Themes:



Connectedness

88% are well or very well informed of our goals, mission and values.



Blended working

92% believe that they are achieving organisational goals.



Collaboration

Strong support for collaboration across the organisation.



Culture

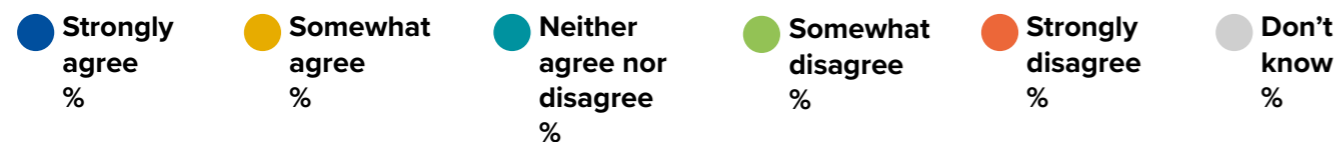
Openness, positivity, focus on achievement, strong sense of combined endeavour and collaborative environment.

9. Strategic Priority Three – Education and Active Participation

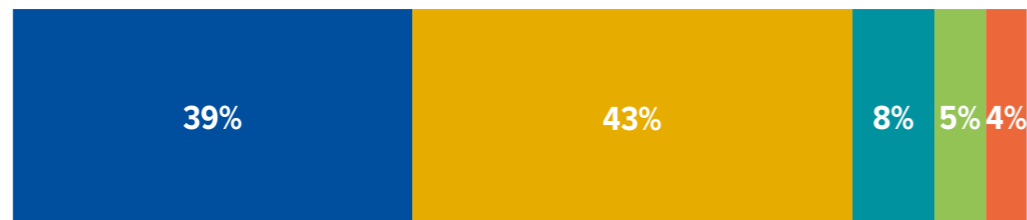
Data gathered in the Presidential National Election and Democracy Study shows the following public attitudes to participation in politics. This has contributed to the development of our Education and Public Engagement Strategy.

Participation in Politics

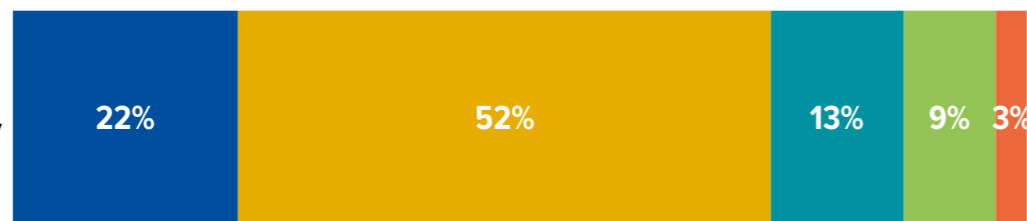
NEDS
National Election & Democracy Study



In general, who people vote for can make a difference to what happens



You feel you understand the most important political issues of this country



You are confident in your own ability to participate in politics



Q.17: Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Base: All Respondents: 1,312; 1% or less not labelled



Development of an Education and Public Engagement Strategy

The development of the Education and Public Engagement Strategy continued in 2025. **Over 400 submissions** were received as part of a public consultation on the strategy.

Working groups for the Education and Public Engagement Strategy were launched in 2025.

The groups were:

- Formal Education
- Adult and Community Groups
- Groups Experiencing Barriers
- The General Public

Over 60 individual stakeholder meetings were held throughout 2025.



Find My Constituency

New 'Find My Constituency' Map developed to include Dáil, Local Electoral Areas and European Parliament constituencies.

It is available to use on electoralcommission.ie

What constituency am I in? General Election Local & European Elections

What Dáil constituency am I in?

🔍 Type and address or eircode

Use this search tool to find what constituency you are in.

You can search using one of the following methods:

- "Type an address or Eircode" in the highlighted box above.
- "Use my location" below (if location services are enabled on your device).
- Click directly on the map on the right to explore constituencies.

The results will display the constituency boundary, its name, and the number of available Dáil Éireann seats.

An Coimisiún Toghcháin
The Electoral Commission

Use my location

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School Engagements

Pre-registration event in conjunction with Louth County Council and Drogheda based schools.

Large scale educational event in collaboration with UCC and a number of Cork-based primary schools.

Seven primary and secondary schools across Ireland visited throughout 2025, with a series of presentations and mock elections, teaching students the importance of voting, how to register and how to vote.



Public Engagement - Accessible, Informative and Authentic

Accessible Resource Development:

- ▶ Content development for ElectoralCommission.ie website.
- ▶ ‘How the President is Elected’ educational video produced to explain the count process.
- ▶ Production of Presidential Easy-To-Read Guide, created to explain the process of the presidential election to people of all literacy levels.
- ▶ Updated resources disseminated through Irish prisons, encouraging prisoners to register, check their eligibility and vote.



10. Strategic Priority Four – Research

In 2025, An Coimisiún commenced and advanced a broad range of research projects in line with the priorities and thematic strands included in our Research Programme, published in 2024¹.

An Coimisiún’s Research Team completed a research report evaluating the current practice of displaying candidates’ addresses on the ballot paper and related legislative provisions. This was published on 20 November 2025 alongside An Coimisiún’s recommendations stemming from its findings.



Research on election postering was commissioned in 2025 and a public consultation process was separately conducted by An Coimisiún, which received 1,104 submissions.

An Coimisiún’s Research Team has conducted research benchmarking existing levels of participation and engagement with democracy for certain demographic or socio-economic groups which have been suggested to be underrepresented and/or less engaged in the democratic system. The aims are to help identify significant gaps in knowledge about what explains electoral participation in Ireland and to guide future research priorities.

As a complement to the above, in 2025 An Coimisiún commissioned an analysis of the geographical structure of turnout data.

A research report was commissioned on the topic of reducing the voting age, in 2025. This is specifically focused on exploring the implications of lowering

¹ Section 64 of the *Electoral Reform Act 2022* provides for An Coimisiún to “conduct research on electoral policy and procedures and make recommendations to the Minister and Government arising from this research”.

the voting age on the electoral and democratic engagement of younger voters now and in the future compared with maintaining the status quo.

In 2025 An Coimisiún also engaged in preparatory work to commission research on the potential for, and impacts of, an extension of postal and advance voting in Ireland.

Research Partnerships

In 2025, An Coimisiún formalised its first research partnership with Taighde Éireann through the New Foundations Research Call. Two applications, which focus on fostering democratic engagement amongst communities experiencing barriers and disengagement, have been accepted and research has commenced.

An Coimisiún and Taighde Éireann also progressed a Public Service Fellowship (PSF) on the topic of youth engagement.

Also in 2025, An Coimisiún partnered with the Central Statistics Office contributing questions to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Trust Survey which will enable an understanding of the linkages between electoral participation, trust in institutions and a range of other variables.

The review of political finance in Ireland and the *Electoral Act 1997* (as amended) is ongoing. An Coimisiún Toghcháin is keenly aware of the

rapidly evolving landscape in the democracy space, particularly with regard to international developments in technology and artificial intelligence. The European Democracy Shield is a key international initiative which any new Irish electoral reforms will take into consideration. An Coimisiún Toghcháin is carefully examining the implications of the recently announced EU Strategy for Civil Society along with the Digital Omnibus and will ensure there is alignment between the overall aims of the Shield and those of any renewed political finance regime in Ireland. Furthermore, our newly implemented regulatory role in political advertising will serve as a useful guide for regulatory best practice.

An Coimisiún has also prioritised dissemination of its research and participation in research networks and conferences. An Coimisiún researchers presented at the Political Studies Association of Ireland’s (PSAI) Annual Conference in Galway in October 2025 at a dedicated session. Other members of the research team attended the annual Elections, Public Opinion and Perceptions (EPOP) conference in Liverpool in September 2025.

Our Research Advisory Group, consisting of academic experts, an international member and representatives of under-reached groups, met twice in 2025, and their insights and feedback have informed the development of several of the research projects and initiatives mentioned above.

National Election and Democracy Study

The centrepiece of An Coimisiún’s Research Programme is the National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS). The NEDS includes a series of questions reflecting An Coimisiún’s functions, including on voter experience, voter registration, voter education and voter engagement. It also includes questions commonly featured in international election studies, to facilitate Ireland’s participation in cross-national comparative studies. The results of the General Election NEDS were published on 19 May 2025. The detailed datasets are open source and publicly available. To the end of 2025, NEDS datasets have been requested over 66 times by academics, political parties, and the wider research community. NEDS data has also been cited in a broad range of research projects in Ireland and internationally.

An Coimisiún marked the publication of the General Election NEDS data by holding a consultative event on 22 May 2025. This event was attended by over 60 stakeholders from academia, civic society, policy organisations and researchers from government departments and agencies. As well as presentations and discussions on key elements of the NEDS data, views were sought on the future direction of the NEDS project including NEDS in non-electoral periods.



Advised by the NEDS Management Board², pictured above, An Coimisiún commissioned a panel study for the Presidential Election consisting of three waves across distinct periods of the election campaign period. This was a novel innovation for the NEDS and it enables the analysis of changes throughout the election rather than at a single point in time.

Surveys were administered through IPSOS B&A’s online panel to a nationally representative sample. In total, 1,773 respondents took part in this study, of which 1,312 completed all three waves. This allows analysis of changes in their attitudes, knowledge and opinions over the course of the campaign.

Approximately 26% of the sample (n=410) were non-voters which provides An Coimisiún with invaluable information about this cohort of the electorate and will inform future research, public engagement and education. A second innovation of the Presidential NEDS was the inclusion of questions from the wider academic community selected through an open research call.

The results of the Presidential NEDS were published on 5 March 2026 on a new NEDS.ie website.

² Composed of five of Ireland’s leading electoral experts Dr. Rory Costello, Prof. Johan Dornschneider-Elkink, Prof. Gail McElroy, Prof. Theresa Reidy & Prof. Jane Suiter. There is also an international member Prof. Georg Lutz.

11. Strategic Priority Five – Oversight of Electoral Registers

Oversight of the electoral registers is a key function of An Coimisiún Toghcháin. While responsibility for the management and maintenance of the electoral registers lies with local authorities, An Coimisiún can undertake a range of activities to support its oversight function. An Coimisiún may carry out research in relation to:

- the accuracy and completeness of electoral registers;
- the maintenance of electoral registers;
- the processes relating to the compilation, maintenance and functioning of the electoral registers. An Coimisiún is also required to publish and lay a report before the Houses of the Oireachtas setting out:
 - any research undertaken into the electoral registers;
 - An Coimisiún’s assessment of the status and functioning of the registers; and
 - any recommendations to Government or local authorities to maintain and enhance the integrity of the electoral register and the registration process.

Electoral registers produced by each local authority for different electoral events.

The table below shows eligible electors for each electoral event. To be able to vote in any electoral event you must also be resident in Ireland, over 18 and registered to vote.

Category	Local	Dáil	European	Presidential and Referendum
Irish Citizens	✓	✓	✓	✓
British Citizens	✓	✓	✗	✗
British and EU (excluding Ireland) Joint Citizens	✓	✓	✓	✗
EU Citizens	✓	✗	✓	✗
Non-EU Citizens	✓	✗	✗	✗
Other	✓	✗	✗	✗

On 1 May 2025, the first Oversight Report on Ireland’s Electoral Registers was published which provided detailed analysis of each of the 31 electoral registers managed by the local authorities. The Report also set out a series of recommendations to improve register accuracy in advance of the next electoral cycle. During the second half of 2025 progress was made on the implementation of a number of key recommendations set out below.





Phase 1

Progress the Local Government Electoral Registration System project



Phase 2

Conduct Accuracy Audits commencing 2026



Phase 3

Conduct a national campaign to remove duplicate and redundant entries and increase the recording of data for each elector on the database



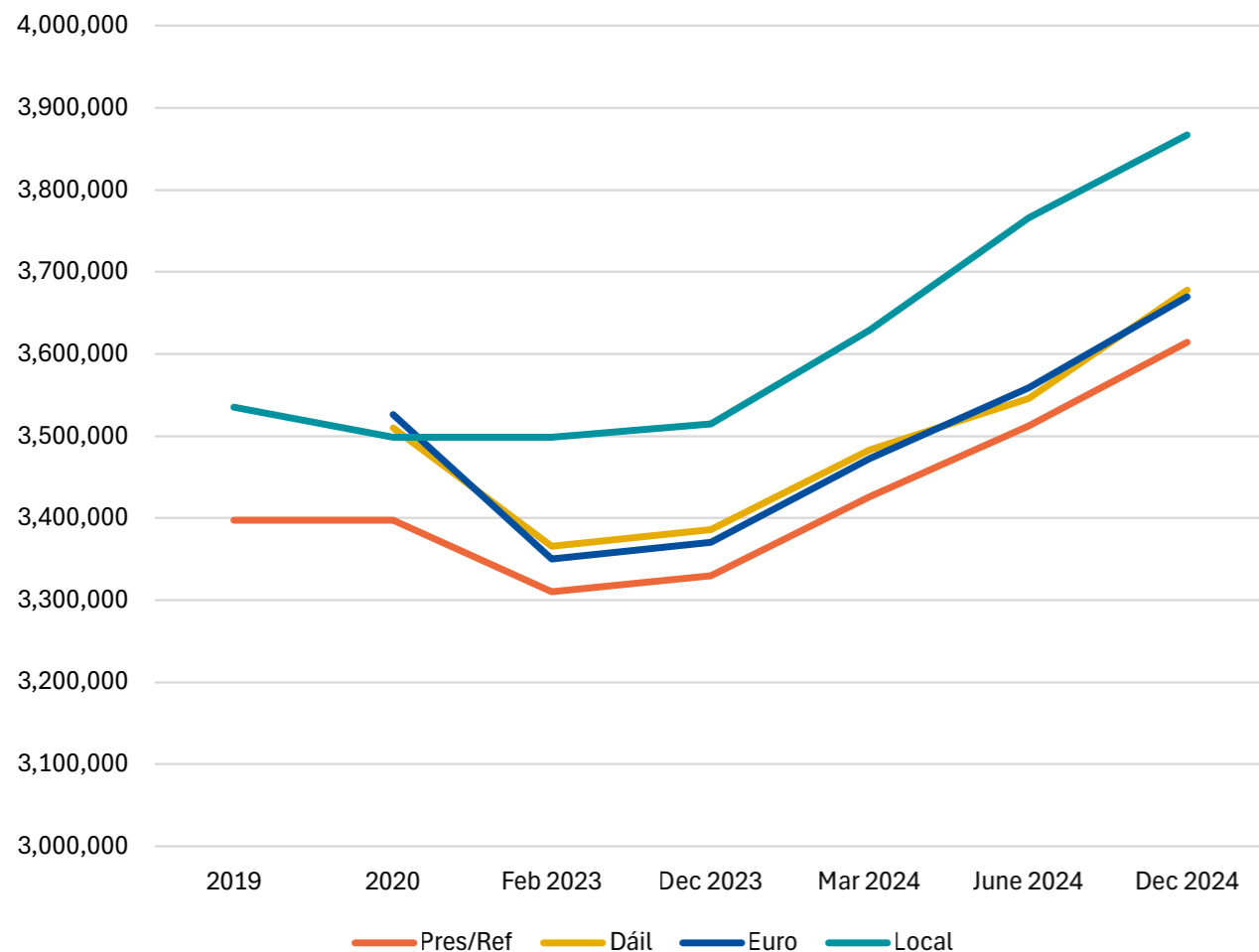
Phase 4

Set improved accuracy standards

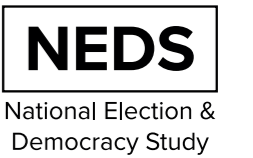
Further activities undertaken in 2025:

- ✓ 18 meetings were held during 2025 with key stakeholders to discuss progress on different aspects of the modernisation of the registers. Stakeholders included Dublin City Council Register Project Team and Board (LGERS), City and County Managers Association (CCMA), Data Protection Commissioner and Departments of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Public Expenditure Infrastructure Public Service Reform and Digitalisation.
- ✓ Meetings were held in Q4 2025 with 18 Franchise teams to seek their feedback on the Presidential Election and to discuss register issues generally.
- ✓ Preparations started on the planned 2026 Seanad Electoral Register Oversight Report.

Combined electoral register trends

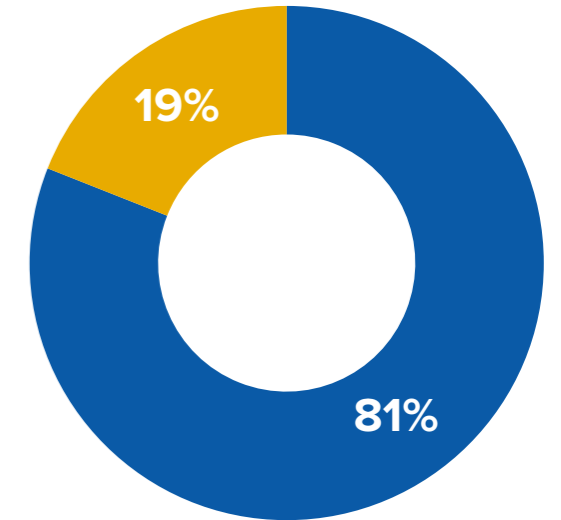


The National Election and Democracy Study shows the following data in relation to how voters registered to vote on the Electoral Register and their experience of the process.



Voter Registration Access

- Online registration portal (Check the Register, Voter.ie)
- Sent registration form to my Local Authority



Q.48 In which of the following ways did you register to vote?

Base: All who registered to vote for the first time in the past year: 76. Caution low base size, less than 100.

Registration Experience

Experience registering to vote for the first time in the past year



- **Very easy** – straightforward with no problems – a very positive experience
- **Easy** – some issues – a generally positive experience
- **Difficult** – some issues – a generally negative experience
- **Very difficult** – numerous issues – a very negative experience

Q.49 How was your experience with registering to vote?

Base: All who registered to vote for the first time in the past year: 76

NETs may sum to 99%/101% due to rounding

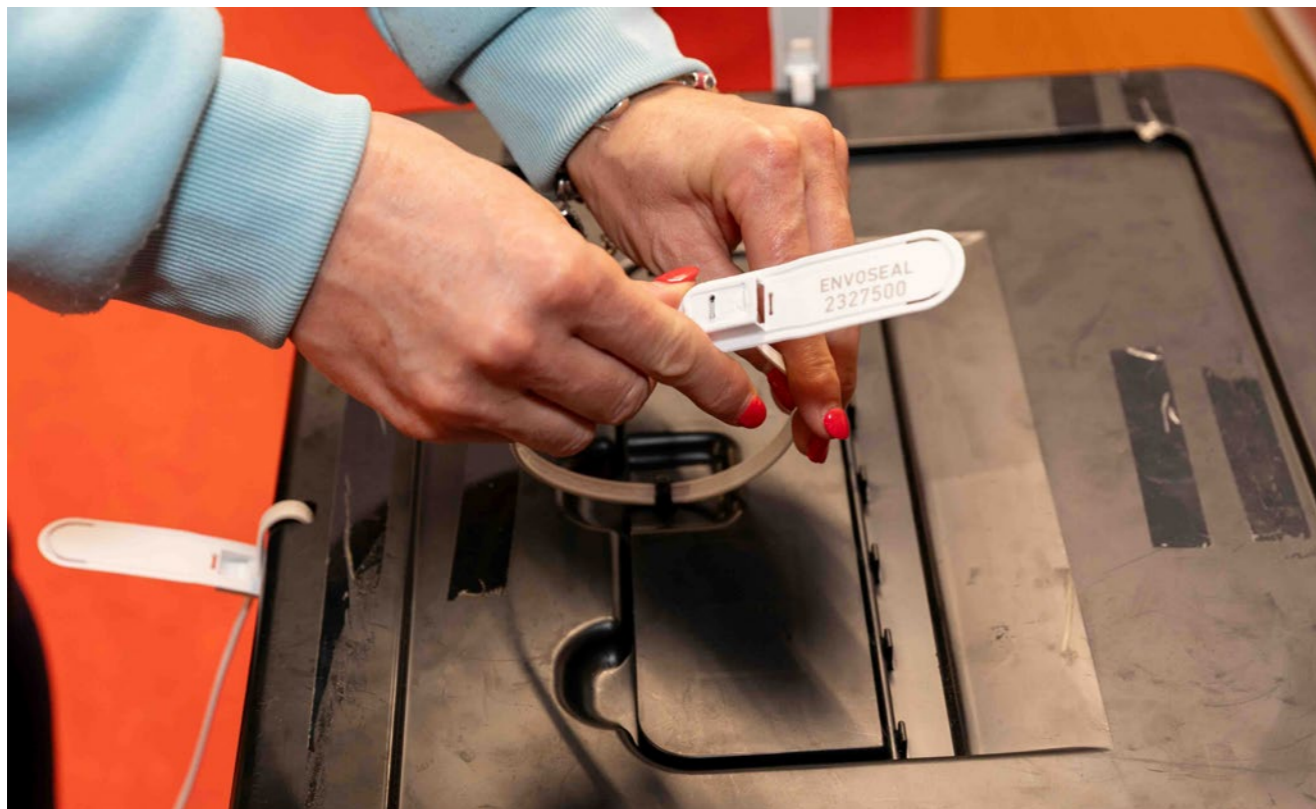
*Caution low base size, less than 100. 1% or less not labelled.

12. Electoral Integrity

In the absence of the commencement of any formal regulatory powers in relation to online electoral interference and mis and disinformation we have leveraged our communications function to support the integrity of our electoral processes by providing high quality and trusted information across a multitude of outlets and platforms, encouraging people to register to vote and advising them of where, when and how to vote.

Throughout 2025, An Coimisiún continued its engagement with national and international experts in the area of election integrity. An Coimisiún continued to represent Ireland on the European Cooperation Network on Elections which met seven times in 2025. An Coimisiún also participated in two Working Groups, one on AI in Electoral Processes and another on Electoral Integrity.

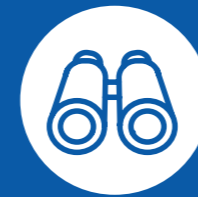
An Coimisiún also continued to participate in training with the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats in 2025. We continue to interact with the Rapid Alert System of the European External Action Service, designed to facilitate the sharing of insights related to threats to elections including online electoral interference and Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) and to inform potential coordinated responses.



During the Presidential Election campaign, we utilised our access to social media platforms' Content Reporting Channels to seek the removal of a deepfake video that had the potential to impact the Presidential Election process. An Coimisiún appeared before the Joint Committee on Artificial Intelligence to discuss our response to that event.



An Coimisiún's staff also participated in election observation missions to Moldova and Estonia as a means of exchanging experiences and best practices, and to engage in dialogue on electoral integrity and democratic resilience.



An Coimisiún chairs and provides the secretariat for Ireland's National Election Cooperation Network, as recommended by the European Commission in 2018. This group met twice in 2025.



The April Fools' Day campaign, advising people to bring the same critical thinking that they use to dodge April Fool's Day pranks to combat false information about elections was redeployed during the Presidential Election campaign.

Political Advertising

In October 2025, the new EU Regulation on Transparency and Targeting of Political Advertising (TTPA) took effect. This places new obligations on political actors, publishers and anyone engaging in political advertising. It requires that the advertisements be specifically identified as political, and that information be provided regarding how advertisements are paid for along with the origin of the funds. Coimisiún na Meán and the Data Protection Commission also have responsibilities under TTPA, but An Coimisiún is the National Contact Point at EU level for the regulation. An Coimisiún began the work of co-ordinating the implementation of TTPA with these bodies in 2025, along with developing internal protocols. An Coimisiún staff attend regular meetings with the EU Commission office with responsibility for political advertising as well as liaison with other EU Member States.

This EU measure feeds into the greater picture of electoral oversight, transparency and integrity which is at the core of the work of An Coimisiún. Because of this regulation, voters are now, by default, entitled to know who is attempting to influence the political landscape.

13. Register of Political Parties

Registration of Political Parties

By preparing and maintaining the Register of Political Parties (The Register), the Registrar fulfils a set of statutory duties under Sections 41-55 of the *Electoral Reform Act 2022*. Since An Coimisiún was established in February 2023, preparing and maintaining the register has been a continuous and increasingly complex part of its work. Specific cases have raised new legal issues for the Registrar to consider and have involved the allocation of considerable administrative resources.

The register workload is demand led. People may apply at any time of year to register a new political party, and registered political parties may apply at any time to amend their details or to cancel their registration. There is usually an increase in applications in the run up to electoral events.

Approach to processing applications and appeals

Every application to register a party or amend its details is reviewed against registration criteria set out in the *Electoral Reform Act 2022*. The length of time it takes to process an application varies and may depend on the level of engagement by an applicant party and the quality of information provided. The Registrar may need to engage with the applicant party or authorised officers to obtain missing information or to clarify aspects of the application.

An application to register a new political party, on average, may take between 4-12 weeks to process. An application from a party to alter registration details such as, its name or emblem, or to cancel its registration may take on average approximately 8 weeks to process. Where internal party disputes occur, the process can be delayed considerably, especially where party decisions may not have been clearly recorded.

Once an application for registration or to amend the register has been processed, the Registrar's decision is published in Iris Oifigiúil. This starts a statutory 21-day appeal period. Where an application is approved, if no appeal arises the Registrar's decision comes into effect. The applicant is informed of the outcome, and the new party is added to, or amendment made to its details in the register. Where an appeal is made, the matter is passed to the Board for consideration.

Steps Involved in Different Applications

Register a New Party (4–12 weeks)

- 1 Application submitted
- 2 Initial review (*Electoral Reform Act 2022*)
- 3 Internal Consultation (Head of Electoral Operations and Legal Unit as required)
- 4 External Consultation (Applicant to obtain more information or clarification)
- 5 Decision made by Registrar
- 6 Notice published in Iris Oifigiúil commences a 21-day appeal period

Amend or Cancel Registration (approximately 8 weeks)

- 1 Initial review
- 2 Consultation
- 3 Request further information
- 4 Decision made
- 5 Notice published in Iris Oifigiúil commences a 21-day appeal period

Appeal to the Commission (approximately 6 months)

- 1 Registrar decision issued
- 2 Appeal lodged (21 days)
- 3 Appeal Board considered and determined (Independent review – Registrar not involved)
- 4 Decision made by the Board.

Register of Political Party in numbers

- ▶ As had been the case at the end of 2024, 30 parties remained registered at the end of 2025.
- ▶ One appeal decision relating to The National Party-An Páirtí Náisiúnta was published by An Coimisiún on 19 September 2025. This was the second appeal decision since An Coimisiún was established.
- ▶ 10 queries were received about registering a new political party or the registration process, with one relating to change of party emblem.
- ▶ During 2025, no new parties were registered, nor did any party change its name.



14. International Engagement and Collaboration

Republic of Moldova

An Coimisiún Toghcháin staff attended and presented at an International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) conference in Moldova in July 2025 entitled 'Money in Politics,' bringing together electoral management bodies, non-government organisations, intergovernmental organisations, academic experts and political actors for discussion on monitoring political finance and defending electoral integrity in the digital age. The conference was timely, occurring between Moldova's hotly contested presidential election in November 2024 and Moldova's parliamentary elections in September 2025. The exchange provided unique first-hand insight into the tactics and strategies used by Russia to interfere in democratic processes in Eastern Europe. This sharing of information ensures much greater Europe-wide awareness of how to meet such challenges and feeds directly into the work of An Coimisiún Toghcháin.

International IDEA

The International IDEA organised a consultative visit of Ukrainian authorities on Out-of-Country voting in December 2025.

An Coimisiún also participated in the Stockholm Conference on Electoral Integrity in June 2025 which brought together electoral experts and practitioners from over 40 countries with a view to fostering global cooperation on electoral integrity and policy dialogue between electoral management bodies.

European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

In December 2025, staff attended and presented an event organised by the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid Centre of Excellence) in Helsinki. This conference considered the protection of elections against foreign interference. 60 election management practitioners participated from over 23 states. This was another important opportunity to benefit from and share critical skills and experiences in the safeguarding of democracy.

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

In November 2025, An Coimisiún Toghcháin was invited to contribute to a seminar on 'Election Campaigns in the Online Environment', organised by OSCE and the ODIHR. This seminar brought together election management bodies, electoral experts, industry, civil society and OSCE delegates to discuss how the emergence of digital tools and platforms has changed the way political actors engage with voters, disseminate information and mobilise support. This event facilitated beneficial sharing of information and ensures An Coimisiún Toghcháin is abreast of the emerging risks to electoral processes in Europe.

15. Governance and Compliance

Corporate Governance

An Coimisiún has a Corporate Governance Framework in place which sets out how it is governed and describes the structures, policies and processes that are in place in order for An Coimisiún to deliver on its statutory obligations.

Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty

In line with our obligations under Section 42 of the *Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014*, we have had due regard to the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights duty which requires public bodies to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of both staff and service users in the delivery of their functions. We continue to work to ensure that An Coimisiún fosters an inclusive culture, grounded in dignity and respect and embedded in our organisational policies and daily operations.

Disability

An Coimisiún is committed to employing and supporting staff with disabilities. Under the *Disability Act 2005* public bodies are required to report on the number of staff with disabilities employed by them. In 2024, 7.5% of employees reported a disability using the definition of disability as defined in the *Disability Act 2005*.

Business planning

Each unit within An Coimisiún is required annually to produce a business plan, which set out the key outputs that will be delivered throughout the year. The plans are reviewed regularly by the Management Team and formal progress updates are also provided to all staff on a regular basis.

Funding

An Coimisiún Toghcháin is funded by the Central Fund through a vote of Dáil Éireann. Our Vote is known as Vote 23 and was €11,618,000 for 2025. The Chief Executive of An Coimisiún Toghcháin is the Accounting Officer for the Vote. Each year the Accounting Officer must prepare the Appropriation Account for the Vote for submission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The Accounting Officer may then be called to appear before the Committee of Public Accounts of the Dáil to give evidence about the Account. The Appropriation Account for the year ended 31 December 2025 was submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General on the earlier required date of 10 March 2026.

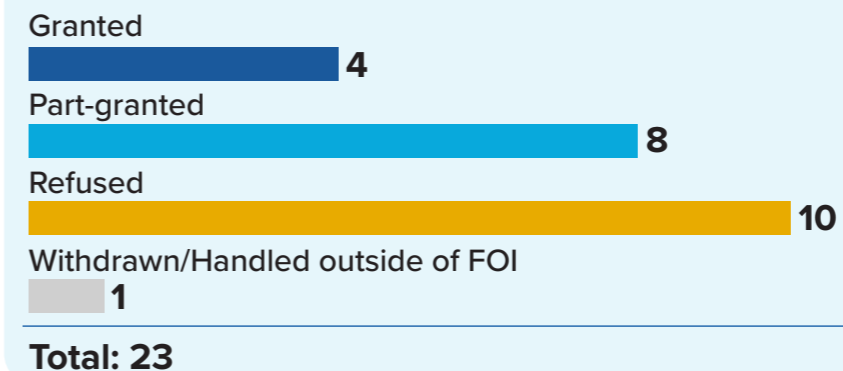
Data protection

An Coimisiún recognises the need to treat personal data in an appropriate and lawful manner. We are committed to complying with our obligations in this regard and in respect of all personal data. Our Data Protection Policy was developed to define how we will collect, manage and process personal data. Adhering to this policy will help ensure that the “rights and freedoms” of natural persons are protected and to ensure that personal data is processed in a manner that is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Freedom of Information Act, 2014

Section 8 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2014* requires An Coimisiún to prepare and publish as much information as possible in an open and accessible manner on a routine basis outside of FOI, having regard to the principles of openness, transparency and accountability.

Number of FOI decisions 2025



Types of Requests

Journalist:	1
Member of the Public/Other:	21
Political Party:	1

Prompt payments

An Coimisiún complies with the *Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997* and the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002. In 2025, 680 payments were made within 15 days, 10 payments were made within the 15-30 days and 1 payment made over the 30 days. An Coimisiún's Prompt Payment Returns are published on our website.

Climate Action Fund

The Climate Action Fund (CAF) was established to provide assistance and financial support to projects which will help Ireland achieve its climate and energy targets. The payment due was calculated using the International Civil Aviation Organisation Carbon Emissions Calculator to establish the following: Total kilometres travelled via flights 83,871 Tonnes of CO₂ applicable 11.5427 Year/Reference 2024 – CAF904 Amount being remitted €701.23.

Circular 01/2020: Procedures for Offsetting the Emissions Associated with Official Air Travel, sets out the rationale of the 2024 payment to the Climate Action Fund at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. The calculation is based on estimated emissions associated with each commercial flight taken by officials in 2024.

Overview of energy use

In accordance with *Statutory Instrument 426 of 2014: European Union (Energy Efficiency) Regulations 2014*, all public sector bodies are required to report annually on their energy usage and any actions taken to reduce consumption. In late 2023, An Coimisiún moved to new offices in Dublin Castle. The OPW had repaired the building to make it suitable for office accommodation. The aim of this project was to conserve and upgrade a former barracks building within Dublin Castle, in use as offices, while respecting the heritage significance. A key aspect of this was improving the energy performance and the BER achieved post works was B1, which aligns with the National Development Plan goals for public sector buildings.

Report under the *Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021*

Under section 4b of the revised Official Languages Act, we report on our performance of obligations under the *Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021*. A member of An Coimisiún's Senior Management Team has been appointed to monitor performance and report on our obligations under the Act. All written

communications received in the Irish language were answered in Irish and if a member of the public wished to conduct their business through Irish by telephone, a member of staff was available to provide such a service when required.

Information material and key publications were available on our website in the Irish language, and a spokesperson was provided throughout the year who undertook television and radio interviews in the Irish language. The provision of our content in the Irish language is a vital part of our work and we continue to adhere to the requirements set out in the Official Languages Acts.

Protected disclosures

An Coimisiún is required under section 22 of the *Protected Disclosures Act 2014* to publish an annual report in relation to the number of protected disclosures made to it in the preceding year and the action taken in response to any such protected disclosures. No protected disclosures were made to An Coimisiún in 2025.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee was established by An Coimisiún Toghcháin to provide independent assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance arrangements including financial reporting, internal controls, risk management and value for money. The members of the Audit and Risk Committee are as follows:

ARC Member	Meetings Attended
Cyril Maybury, Chairperson*	3 of 3
Ken Owens, Chairperson (December)**	1 of 1
Kieran Coughlan	4 of 4
Louise Jevens	2 of 4
Maura Quinn	4 of 4
Tom Ward	4 of 4

*Cyril Maybury's term as Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee concluded in September 2025.

**Ken Owens was appointed as Chair of the Committee and attended his first meeting on 8 December 2025.

Financial Information - 2025

Expenditure	Estimate Provision 2025	Provisional Outturn 2025	Outturn 2024
	€000	€000	€000
Salaries, wages and allowances	4,000	3,129	2,466
Travel and subsistence	220	72	72
Training and development	250	112	47
Operational services, supplies and sundry equipment	125	182	156
Digital capital investment and IT expenses	675	313	281
Premises expenses	630	124	113
Policy reviews, consultancy services and research	1,000	435	343
Research, education and public engagement	4,695	3,036	3,768
Referendum function	-	-	2,862
Commission Expenses	204	197	138
Appropriations in Aid	(181)	(141)	(108)
Net Expenditure	11,618	7,459	10,138

Staffing and Remuneration

	2025	2024
Number of staff at year end	40	30

Responsibility for system of internal financial control

The Accounting Officer is responsible for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by An Coimisiún Toghcháin.

This responsibility is exercised within the context of the resources available and the other obligations associated with the role of Accounting Officer. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Shared services

Payroll and human resources functions are provided on a shared services basis by the National Shared Services Office (Vote 18). The Accounting Officer of the National Shared Services Office is responsible for the operation of controls within the Shared Service Centres.

The Accounting Officer for Shared Services has put in place an audit process to provide independent assurance on the operation of controls within shared services. This assurance is a combination of:

- Internal audit work performed by the National Shared Services Office Internal Audit Unit, and
- Audits conducted by a firm of accountants in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE 2402), designed to report to user departments and their auditors on the controls within shared services. These audits report on the effectiveness of controls operated in 2025.
- The Accounting Officer for shared services has provided the Accounting Officer of An Coimisiún with a letter of assurance on the internal control and audit arrangements and reports on the audits of the operation of controls during 2025.
- The Accounting Officer of An Coimisiún takes assurance from the system of control within shared services as reported to him by the Accounting Officer for the National Shared Services Office.

Financial control environment

A control environment comprising the following elements were in place.

- Financial responsibilities were assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements were established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures were established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.
- An Audit and Risk Committee advise the Accounting Officer in discharging his responsibilities for the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for key business processes were documented as they were developed, the remaining documented processes are under development.
- There were systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative controls and management reporting

- A framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting were in place, including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability.
- There was an appropriate budgeting system with an annual budget which was kept under review by senior management.
- There were regular reviews by senior management of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts.
- A risk management system operated within An Coimisiún.
- There were systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems.
- There were appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines.

Internal Audit

The internal audit function was put in place on 2 October 2023 and the audit plan for 2024-2026, which was reviewed by the Accounting Officer and by the Audit and Risk Committee, has been drawn up. Procedures are in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up. A review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is in place and has been conducted for 2025.

Audit and Risk Committee

An Coimisiún Toghcháin has an Audit and Risk Committee. The role of the Committee is to oversee, advise and support An Coimisiún and the Chief Executive/Accounting Officer by reviewing the assurances on a range of matters including the integrity of internal financial controls, risk management and financial statements. It also reviews and approves the internal audit annual work programme.

Procurement

An Coimisiún ensures that there is an appropriate focus on good procurement practice in the award of all contracts and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant guidelines.

Non-compliance with procurement rules

An Coimisiún complied with the guidelines with the exception of 1 contract in excess of €25,000 (exclusive of VAT) totalling €150,000 (exclusive of VAT) as set out below. Live Nation Ireland Holdings LTD – The sole supplier for event organisation for Electric Picnic. The above contract has been included in the 40/2002 annual return referenced above.

Risk and control framework

An Coimisiún has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, to mitigate those risks.

A risk register is in place which identifies the key risks facing this office and these have been identified, evaluated and graded according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a quarterly basis. The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level.

Ongoing monitoring and review

Formal procedures have been established for monitoring control processes. Control deficiencies are communicated to those responsible for taking corrective action and to the Management Team and the Audit and Risk Committee, where relevant, in a timely way up to and including escalating any issues arising in an appropriate manner. Key risks and related controls were identified and processes put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

Review of effectiveness

An Coimisiún has put in place procedures to monitor the effectiveness of its risk management and control procedures. An Coimisiún's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by the senior management within an Coimisiún responsible for the development and maintenance of the internal financial control framework and is informed by the work of the internal and external auditors.

Internal financial control issues

No weaknesses in internal financial control were identified in relation to 2025 that resulted in, or may result in, a material loss.

Commission Meetings and Attendance

The table below shows the number of ordinary meetings held by the Commission in the period January-December 2025 and the number of meetings each member attended.

Member	Meetings Attended
The Honourable Ms. Justice Marie Baker (Chairperson)	7 of 7
Mr. Alex Attwood	7 of 7
Mr. John Curran	6 of 7
Mr. Ger Deering	7 of 7
Professor Caroline Fennell	7 of 7
Mr. Peter Finnegan	5 of 7*
Ms. Maura Quinn	7 of 7

Commission Meeting Dates

13 February, 10 April, 5 June (Mr. Peter Finnegan and Mr. John Curran), 10 July (Mr. Peter Finnegan), 11 September, 9 October and 11 December.

This does not include the number of meetings held by the Commission to deal with appeals to the decisions of the Registrar of Political Parties.

* Mr. Peter Finnegan retired from his post as Clerk of the Dáil during 2025.

Commission Members Fees and Expenses

The following table outlines the Fees and Travel and Subsistence payments made to each Commission member in respect of 2025.

Member	Fees	T&S
The Honourable Ms. Justice Marie Baker (Chairperson)	€111,970	€100
Mr. Alex Attwood	€11,970	€3,588
Mr. John Curran	€11,970	€524
Ms. Maura Quinn	€11,970	€2,863
Professor Caroline Fennell	€11,970	€1,868
Mr. Peter Finnegan	€0.00*	€0.00
Mr. Ger Deering	€0.00*	€0.00

* In line with the 'One Person One Salary' principle, no serving public servant is entitled to receive remuneration in the form of board fees, save for situations that are statutorily provided for e.g. Worker Directors. For this reason, in 2025 no fees were paid to Mr Ger Deering and Mr Peter Finnegan.

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