Informal Erasmus+ NA Directors' Meeting for Education & Training and the Business Meeting of NAs for Youth

28 September - 1 October 2026,
The Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 XT65

Welcome / Fáilte!

Léargas, in collaboration with the Higher Education Authority, is pleased to welcome you to Dublin for the Informal Erasmus+ NA Directors' meeting for Education & Training and the Business Meeting of NAs for Youth, held under the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

This information pack is designed to help you prepare for your visit and ensure a smooth and enjoyable stay. It includes practical details about travel, accommodation, local information.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland and hope you enjoy both the meeting and your time in Ireland.

Accomodation

The meeting will take place in The Grand Hotel in Malahide, a scenic coastal town just outside Dublin, combining a peaceful setting with excellent accessibility. The hotel will serve as both the meeting venue and the main accommodation location for participants.

The Grand Hotel Malahide

- **Website**: https://www.thegrand.ie
- **Address**: Grove Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 XT65, Ireland
- **Phone number:** +353 1 845 0000

Details:

- Check-in: from 3pm
- Check-out: by 12 noon

Breakfast
Breakfast is included for all participants staying under the event booking and served daily in the hotel restaurant.

- Please note any *dietary requirements* in your registration form.

Additional accommodation days
If you would like to extend your stay in Ireland, arrangements can be made directly with the hotel. Participants wishing to stay additional nights are kindly asked to contact the hotel directly and mention the event name and dates

- Please note that any extra nights must be paid directly upon arrival at the hotel.

Grand Hotel Malahide Contact:

- **Email:** booking@thegrand.ie
- **Phone:** +353 1 845 0000



Travel Information

Visa Requirements

- Please ensure you check your travel documentation in advance.
- Please note that Ireland is **not** in Shengen so Valid Passport or national ID will be requested upon the entry.
- Link to more information: Visas for Ireland
- Department of Foreign Affairs: Department of Foreign Affairs

Below you will find useful information to help you plan your journey to Dublin and your transfer to Malahide.

Arrival in Dublin

- Dublin Airport is Ireland's main international airport, and it is located just a short distance from Malahide.
- **Arrivals/departures**: https://www.dublinairport.com/flight-information

Transport from Airport

- Malahide is conveniently located approximately 10–15 minutes from Dublin Airport, making transfers quick and straightforward.

Taxi

Taxis are readily available 24/7 directly outside Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 arrivals at Dublin Airport, with dedicated, signposted ranks.
Taxi can be also ordered through apps below:

- Free Now (widely used taxi app): https://www.free-now.com/ie/
- Uber (limited service in Ireland)

Taxi ride from the airport to The Grand Hotel Malahide takes approx. 10–15 minutes to, depending on traffic, **expect €20 - €35 cost.**

Public transport

Dublin Bus

Bus 102 Timetable: Link to Timetable

- The bus 102 will take you directly to Malahide, takes 40 minutes.
- The stop is 'Malahide' just 5 min walk from the Grand Hotel.
- The 102 bus departs from Zone 15 at T1 Dublin Airport. Operates approximately every 30 minutes.
- **NB**: You **cannot pay** with credit or debit cards on the bus. You can only pay using **cash (exact change)** or a **leap card**.

Leap Card

- A reusable travel card for public transport can be purchased at Airport Kiosks for €5, which can then be topped up as needed.
- **More info**: https://about.leapcard.ie



Other airport bus services

- **Aircoach**: https://www.aircoach.ie
- **Dublin Express:** https://www.dublinexpress.ie

Note: Other Airport buses connect primarily to Dublin city centre. From there, participants can take the DART train to Malahide or a taxi.)

Additional Information

Time zone

- Ireland operates on Irish Standard Time (IST) UTC +1 in October.

Electrical plugs

- Type G (same as UK), Voltage: 230V



Local Currency

- Euro (€), credit/debit cards widely accepted

Weather

- Average temperature: 10–15°C (Weather Forecast)
- Expect some rain – a light waterproof jacket is recommended

Photographs & photo consent

- Photos may be taken during the event to capture key moments and support communication activities.
- Photographs and videos may be used by the organisers (Léargas and HEA) for communication and dissemination purposes. If you do **not** wish to appear in photos, **please inform the organisers** in advance or **notify Léargas staff onsite.**

In Case of Emergency

Emergency Numbers



- **Ambulance**: 112 / 999
- **Police (An Garda Síochána):** 112 / 999
- **Fire Service:** 112 / 999
- **Dublin Airport Information**: +353 1 944 0440

Health card

- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) recommended

Note: Please note that any medical expenses incurred from visits to these hospitals will be your responsibility to cover.

Nearby hospitals

Beaumont Hospital (Nearest Major Emergency Department)

Address: Beaumont Road, Dublin 9
Type: Public hospital with 24/7 Emergency Department
Distance: approx. 10–12 km from the hotel

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

Address: Eccles Street, Dublin 7
Type: Major teaching hospital with Emergency Department
Distance: approx. 15 km

Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown

Address: Mill Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
Type: General hospital with Emergency Department
Travel time: approx. 20 minutes by car

Discover Dublin

- Dublin is known for its rich cultural heritage, historic architecture, and welcoming spirit. Visitors can explore landmarks such as: Trinity College & the Book of Kells, Guinness Storehouse and St Patrick's Cathedral.
- The city also offers excellent restaurants, traditional music, and beautiful coastal walks.

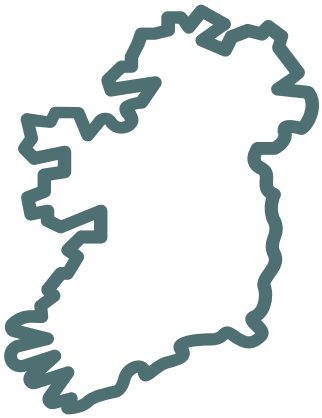
More info: https://www.visitdublin.com

Discover Malahide

Malahide offers a peaceful coastal setting with plenty to explore within walking distance.

Things to see nearby:

- Malahide Castle & Gardens
- Malahide Marina
- Scenic coastal walks
- Local cafés and restaurants



Getting around

- Best way to get to the city centre from Malahide is by DART (train service) which takes around 30 minutes.
- The city centre stops are Connolly, Tara Street and Pearse Street.
- Tickets can be purchased at train stops, or you can use a Leap Card instead.

Useful Irish Phrases

While English is the main language spoken, Irish (Gaeilge) is Ireland's first official language. Here are some useful words and phrases you might want to try out during the trip:

Greetings

- Dia dhuit (dee-ah gwit) — Hello
- Dia is Muire dhuit (dee-ah iss mwir-eh gwit) — Hello (reply)
- Slán (slawn) — Goodbye
- Le do thoil (leh duh hull) — Please
- Go raibh maith agat (guh rev mah ah-gut) — Thank you
- Tá fáilte romhat (taw fall-cha row-ut) — You're welcome
- Gabh mo leithscéal (gow muh lehsh-kayl) — Excuse me / Sorry

Cultural English Phrases

- I'm Grand - Not bad/OK
- Craic - Fun
  - Any craic? - How are you?
- Howaya - Hello
- The Jacks - Bathrooms
- Stall the Ball - to slow down
- Sound As A Pound - all is well
- I'm Absolutely Stuffed - full appetite

Contact Us

Léargas Contact

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Detailed Agenda and Activities

- Business Meeting of Heads of Erasmus+ Youth National Agencies Agenda
- The Informal Erasmus+ NA Directors' Meeting for Education and Training Agenda

For updates, please review our landing page below.

- Link to Landing Page

	28 SEPT MON	29 SEPT TUES	30 SEPT WED	01 OCT THURS
AM		**Joint session** Education & Training and Youth	• E&T Informal Directors Meeting • Youth Business Meeting	• Youth Business Meeting
PM	**Arrival of Directors and Heads (E&T and Youth)** • E&T Co-Group Meeting • Youth Co-Group Meeting	**Joint session** Education & Training and Youth	• E&T Informal Directors Meeting • Youth Business Meeting **Departure of E&T Directors**	• Youth Co-Group Meeting **Departure Youth Directors/Heads**