

## **20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 - 2030**

### **Progress Report: 2010 - 2015**

### **Department of the Taoiseach**

The current Government re-established the Cabinet Committee on Irish and the Gaeltacht which oversees the implementation of the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030* across Government Departments. The committee is chaired by the Taoiseach. It meets regularly to review progress on the implementation of the Strategy.

#### **Irish Language Derogation in the European Union**

The Council of the European Union agreed on 3 December 2015 to the Government's request to extend the Irish language derogation for another five years from 1 January 2017, with a view to ending the derogation from 1 January 2022.

#### **Measures for Irish in the Public Service**

The Department recognises the importance of having a number of staff fluent in and capable of providing services in Irish. The Department's third Irish Language Scheme, which is expected to be approved shortly, will specify the posts that have an Irish language competency requirement.