

20-Year Strategy for the Irish language 2010-2030

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Department of An Taoiseach

Implementation of the Strategy

An Taoiseach continues to chair the Cabinet Committee on Irish and the Gaeltacht which oversees, in conjunction with the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the implementation of the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language* across relevant Government Departments. This Committee met on 3 occasions in 2013 and has met on two occasions to date this year.

Irish Language Derogation in the European Union

The Department, in conjunction with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, is engaged in discussions with various stakeholders, including the EU institutions, in order to formulate specific proposals on the optimal approach to the derogation for the Irish language in the EU institutions.

Measures for Irish in the Public Service

While the Department has not to date identified specific posts which require fluency in Irish, the Department recognises the importance of having a number of staff fluent in and capable of providing services in Irish. In accordance with Government policy, future language schemes of the Department under the Official Languages Act will specify the posts that have an Irish language competency requirement.