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MEDIA GUIDE

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Welcome

Ireland is pleased to host the ninth meeting of the European Political Community (EPC) on 12 November 2026 in Dublin.

The EPC is an important forum for political engagement and dialogue, and we look forward to welcoming leaders to Dublin to discuss the shared challenges and opportunities they currently face.

This media guide outlines logistical information to assist you in preparation for your coverage. Please note, this information may be subject to change. Updates will be communicated to accredited media in a timely manner.

About the European Political Community

Overview

Ireland will host the ninth meeting of the European Political Community (EPC) on 12 November 2026 in Dublin.

The EPC is an informal forum for Heads of State or Government from across Europe, as well as leaders of European Union institutions, and the Secretaries-General of NATO, the Council of Europe and the OSCE.

The forum was established in 2022, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, to provide an arena for political dialogue where leaders can address issues of common interest. Since then, two summits have been held each year, alternating between EU Member States and non-EU member states. The last summit took place in Yerevan in May.

The EPC Summit will take place at the Convention Centre Dublin, located in the city centre, bordering Dublin's River Liffey. Ireland's Prime Minister, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, will host the Summit.

Accreditation and Access

To access the meeting venue, media representatives must accredit in advance of the event. Accreditation is obtained via the accreditation platform of the Irish EU Presidency. An accreditation guide is available on the platform homepage.

The closing date for accreditation is 28 October. Late applications may not be accepted. Please allow up to 10 working days for your application to be processed.

Media accreditation platform: media.ireland2026.eu

Once you have created an account, please ensure to register for the European Political Community summit. This is important, as accredited individuals will receive key event information and an EPC media badge. You cannot use an Irish Presidency media badge to access the EPC Summit.

Who is accreditation for?

Media accreditation is for professional media representatives who intend to cover the event, including journalists, camera operators, producers, sound engineers, photographers, videographers, etc.

Officials in communications-related roles, such as press officers, official photographers, editors, lighting specialists, social media officers, etc. should be included in their official delegation.

Accreditation process

You should complete the accreditation process as early as possible to ensure access to the event, as well as materials shared before the event takes place.

If your application is approved, you will receive a confirmation email and **QR code**. Please bring this with you when collecting your media badge.

Questions related to media accreditation should be sent to Press.EPC@dfa.ie.

Badge collection

EPC media badges can be collected from the screening centre located at Croke Park. Collection times are as follows:

- Wednesday, 11 November: 08:00 – 16:00
- Thursday, 12 November: 05:00 – 16:00

You must bring a valid ID and proof of accreditation with you. It is not possible to collect a badge on behalf of others.

Once collected, badges must be worn visibly at the screening centre and at the official venue. Badges are strictly non-transferable.

Can I use my Irish EU Presidency media badge?

No. You must apply for media accreditation for the **EPC Summit** via the accreditation platform. Accredited media will be issued a standalone badge for the EPC.

Will this badge work for the summit on 13 November?

No. The EPC media badge is for the EPC Summit only. If you wish to attend the informal meeting of EU Heads of State or Government meeting on 13 November, please apply via the accreditation platform. Accredited media can then use their Irish EU Presidency badge to gain access.

Venue access

Media representatives must first undergo security screening at Croke Park. Transport to the meeting venue, the Convention Centre Dublin, will be provided at regular intervals on 11 and 12 November.

Direct access to the meeting venue by media is prohibited. Please do not attempt to access the venue independently or as part of a delegation's motorcade transport.

At the venue, media will have access to the media centre, the mixed zone, press briefing rooms, the doorstep area and spaces for bilateral engagements.

If you leave the meeting venue and wish to re-enter, you must return to Croke Park for security screening. Direct re-entry will not be possible.

Media Facilities

Opening hours

Wednesday 11 November

- Screening centre: from 08:00. Last bus to the Convention Centre at 16:00
- Media centre: 09:00 – 17:30

Thursday 12 November

- Screening centre: from 05:00. Last bus to Convention Centre at 16:30
- Media centre: 05.30 – 20:30.

Please note, this closing time is not flexible due to venue requirements related to events on 13 November.

Friday 13 November

- Screening centre: from 05:00. Last departure to Convention Centre at 14:00
- Media centre: 05:30 – 19:00

For further information on the informal meeting of EU Heads of State or Government, please visit the Irish EU Presidency website and ensure that you accredit for this event via the accreditation platform.

Media centre

The media centre will be equipped with various facilities to support your event coverage. This includes dedicated workspaces, printers and copiers, WiFi access, stationary, etc. Workspaces cannot be reserved in advance nor overnight and are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note, electricity outlets in Ireland use type G power plugs and sockets (with three rectangular pins). Standard voltage: 230V. You may need an **adapter**.

The media centre will also have a press conference room, stand-up positions and editing booths. A help desk, press officers and a technical support team will be on site to assist with any practical questions you may have.

Complementary tea, coffee, and refreshments will be available at the media centre. You can notify of dietary requirements via the accreditation platform.

If you have any **accessibility requirements**, you can indicate this via the accreditation platform or contact Press.EPC@dfa.ie.

Equipment

Certain media equipment may be left overnight in the media centre on the nights of Wednesday 11 November and Thursday 12 November. All equipment must be placed in a designated area, disconnected from power and WiFi. It is not permitted to leave additional personal items in the media centre.

Preparations for the summits will be underway in the media centre and across the wider venue overnight. All equipment is left at the owner's risk; neither the venue nor meeting host will accept responsibility for any equipment.

Media can only access the media centre on 11 November; access to other areas will not be permitted. Please do not plan media engagements outside of the media centre on this day.

Editing booths and standup positions

Several editing booths will be available for broadcast media to use. To reserve a booth, please fill in this form.

A limited number of stand-up positions will be available at the venue for broadcast media throughout the day, both within the media centre and mixed zone, and outside the Convention Centre Dublin. It will not be possible to set up stand-up positions outside the designated areas.

Please be mindful of typical **weather conditions** in Ireland in November. If you may conduct media engagements outdoors, it is advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear/umbrellas with you.

Media arriving with official delegations

Media representatives travelling to Dublin with official delegations are responsible for their own transport and accommodation arrangements. A transport service from the airport is **not** provided for media, and only EPC delegates will be permitted to travel with the official motorcade.

All accredited media must collect their EPC media badge and undergo security screening at Croke Park, where transport to the meeting venue will be provided.

Please do not travel directly to the meeting venue at the Convention Centre Dublin, as direct access is not possible.

Indicative Programme with Media Elements

See below an indicative programme for the EPC Summit, with press elements indicated in italic font. This is a preliminary programme and is subject to change. The final programme and other relevant updates will be shared with event-registered media in advance of the Summit.

Thursday 12 November

05:00	**Screening centre opens** (Croke Park)
05:15	**Bus transport begins:** Croke Park → Convention Centre *Buses will depart at regular intervals throughout the day*
05:30	**Media centre opens** (Convention Centre Dublin)
10:00 - 11:30	**Arrivals, handshakes and doorsteps** *Open to all media*
11:30 – 12:45	**Opening Plenary** *Restricted access*
12:45 – 13:00	**Family photo** *Limited access*
14:00 – 15:00	**Roundtable discussions** *Restricted access*
15:00 – 17:15	Opportunity for bilaterals and informal engagements
17:15 – 17:45	**Closing plenary** *Restricted access*
17:45	**Press conference** *Open to all media*
18:30	**Official dinner and reception** *Closed to media*
20:30	**Media centre closes**

For further information on the informal meetings of EU Heads of State or Government taking place the following day on Friday 13 November, please visit the website of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Participants

A list of confirmed participants will not be available in advance of the EPC Summit.

Media engagements

Opportunities for individual media interviews will be available in the mixed zone and/or media centre. The EPC Press and Communications Team will assist in coordinating interview positions and directing media and delegations accordingly.

For interview requests and media-related matters, please contact Press.EPC@dfa.ie.

Official photo, video and broadcast coverage

The meeting will be comprehensively documented by official photographers, videographers, and the host broadcaster. High-resolution photographs will be available. All official photographs and videos will be made available on Flickr (see here). These images may be used free of charge, provided that the source and photographer's name are clearly credited, as applicable.

The host broadcaster will record and livestream key programme elements, including the official arrivals doorsteps, handshakes, tour de table, family photo and press conferences. The main closing press conference will also be streamed by the host broadcaster.

All broadcasted material will be available live via the European Broadcasting Service (EBS).

Key information

Contacts

- **Press and accreditation queries:** Press.EPC@dfa.ie
- **General accreditation** (non-media): EPC.Dublin@dfa.ie
- **Host photography:** info@ct-ireland.ie
- **Host broadcaster:** hostbroadcaster@nepgroup.com
- **Booking form for stand-up positions and/or editing booths:** see here

Addresses

- **Screening centre**
  Croke Park, Jones Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3, D03 P6K7
- **Badge collection**
  Croke Park, Jones Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3, D03 P6K7
- **Media centre**
  Convention Centre Dublin, Spencer Dock, North Wall, Dublin 1, D01 T1W6
  (Note: there is no direct access to the media centre.)

Websites

- **Accreditation platform**: media.ireland2026.eu
- **EPC (Ireland 2026) webpage**: coming soon at Ireland.ie/EPC

Social Media

- **X:** @govIE
- **Instagram**: @govie
- **LinkedIn**: Government of Ireland
- **YouTube:** @governmentofireland
- **Flickr:** @Government of Ireland

General Information

Travelling to Ireland

Media representatives covering the EPC Summit and related events are kindly requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, as necessary.

As Ireland is not part of the Schengen Area, EU citizens must present a valid passport or national identity card upon arrival.

Citizens of other countries must present a valid passport or recognised travel document to enter Ireland and may require a visa.

Useful Information

Emergency services:	999 / 112 (fire services, ambulance, police)
Electricity:	Power plugs and sockets type G (with three rectangular pins) are used. Standard voltage: 230V.
Country code:	+353
Currency:	Euro (€)
Local time:	GMT / GMT+1 from Sunday 25 October 2026
Smoking:	Not permitted indoors. There will be a designated smoking area onsite.
Local transport:	Public transport in Dublin is available by bus, tram and train. A Leap card or valid ticket can be used to avail of public transport services. Contactless card payments are not accepted. Taxis and ride-hailing apps are commonly used: FreeNow, Lynk, Uber, Bolt.
Weather	Temperatures in Dublin in November typically range between 6 - 11°C. Rain can be expected at any time of year.
Water	Tap water in Ireland is drinkable.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I collect my media badge?**

   EPC media badges can be collected from the screening centre at Croke Park on 11 or 12 November. Bring proof of accreditation and a valid ID with you.

2. **Is the media badge for the EPC Summit (12 November) and the informal meeting of EU Heads of State or Government (13 November) the same?**

   Separate media badges will be used for each of the summits. Accredited media will receive a specific media badge for the EPC Summit. Media badges for the Irish EU Presidency will be valid for the informal meeting of EU Heads of State or Government on 13 November.

3. **I am a press officer /official photographer travelling with a delegation. Can I get a media badge?**

   Officials should be included in their official delegation. Media badges are reserved for professionals working with bona fide media outlets only.

4. **What are the opening hours of the media centre?**

   The media centre will open from 09:00 – 17:30 on 11 November and from 05:30 – 20:30 on 12 November.

5. **How can I access the media centre and main venue?**

   Access is restricted to accredited media. All personnel must undergo security screening at Croke Park. Following security screening, direct buses to the media centre at the Convention Centre Dublin will be provided.

6. **Can I reserve a workspace at the media centre?**

   It is not possible to reserve workspaces. Only certain media equipment may be left in the media centre overnight on the evenings of 11 and 12 November.

7. **Where can I find a programme for the Summit?**

   A tentative itinerary is enclosed for planning purposes. An updated programme will be issued to accredited media in advance of the Summit.

8. **What media opportunities will be available?**

   Opportunities are expected to include formal arrivals and doorsteps, the family photo, and press conferences.

9. **Where will leaders' arrivals take place?**

   Leaders will arrive at the Convention Centre Dublin on the morning of 12 November. Media will be escorted by the EPC Press and Communications Team to relevant media opportunities in advance.

10. **Where are the designated doorstep locations?**

    Designated doorstep positions will be located within the meeting venue. Media will be escorted to relevant media opportunities.

11. **Will events be livestreamed?**

    Certain events, including the formal arrivals and handshakes, doorstep interviews, and press conferences, will be available through the host broadcaster and official digital channels.

12. **What facilities are available in the media centre?**

    Facilities include Wi-Fi, workstations, soundproof editing booths, stand-up positions (indoor and outdoor), interview areas, a PA system and media information desks. Tea, coffee, and light meals will be provided.

13. **Can I leave the media centre and re-enter?**

    You can leave the media centre at any point. Once you have left the media centre at the Convention Centre Dublin, you must undergo security screening at Croke Park before re-entering. The media centre is only accessible by transport provided from Croke Park.

14. **How can broadcasters access pooled feeds?**

    Technical information and distribution arrangements will be provided by the host broadcaster. Contact hostbroadcaster@nepgroup.com for more information.

15. **Are there facilities for live stand-up positions?**

    Limited stand-up positions may be available and should be requested in advance where required. See here.

16. **I am travelling with a delegation. How can I access the meeting venue?**

    Those accredited as media who are travelling to Dublin with a delegation cannot access the meeting venue as part of the motorcade. Media can only access the Convention Centre Dublin by bus from Croke Park.

17. **Is parking available?**

    A limited number of parking spaces will be available at Croke Park.

18. **What transport arrangements are available between venues?**

    A bus service for accredited media will operate on 11 and 12 November. Buses will depart from the screening centre at Croke Park and travel directly to the media centre at the Convention Centre Dublin.

    On 12 November, bus departures will commence at 05:15 and continue at regular intervals throughout the day. Further information will be available closer to the event.

19. **How can I request an interview space?**

    Interviews can take place in the media centre and in certain spaces at the meeting venue. Please contact Press.EPC@dfa.ie for more information.

20. **Where can I find event updates?**

    Updates will be shared with media who have accredited for the event on the Irish EU Presidency platform and will also be available on the EPC (Ireland 2026) webpage. Contact Press.EPC@dfa.ie for more information.