
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This document represents an agreement

between

Central Statistics Office (CSO)

and

Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi)

1. Description of collaborating organisations

Central Statistics Office (CSO)

CSO is Ireland's national statistical office and operates under the Statistics Act, 1993. The mandate as set out in that Act, is "The collection, compilation, extraction and dissemination for statistical purposes of information relating to economic, social and general activities and conditions in the State". The CSO is also responsible for coordinating the official statistics of other public authorities and for developing the statistical potential of administrative records.

Ordnance Survey of Ireland (OSi)

OSi is the National Mapping Agency since 1824 and operates under the Ordnance Survey Ireland Act, 2001. OSi has responsibility for maintaining and developing the national topographic mapping and national surveying infrastructure, providing a comprehensive range of spatial information products and services. As a leader in spatial information, OSi provides innovative solutions to meet the requirements of its customers and drives the development of national spatial information in support of the digital agenda and public service reform. OSi is a State Body operating under the ownership of the Department of Justice & Equality.

2. Purpose of this Memorandum

The specific purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') is to describe the mutual goals and responsibilities of CSO and OSi with regard to establishing a closer working relationship to maximise CSO and OSi data and assets for our mutual stakeholders and in support of the Government's Public Sector Reform agenda.

In particular, this MOU will facilitate the establishment of a joint CSO/OSi technical working group to take a medium to long-term view in jointly developing and delivering on our data visualisation requirements. In addition this MOU will facilitate CSO and OSi working together to maximise the potential of Open Spatial Data.

3. Terms of the agreement

This MoU is for an initial 3-year period from 30th September 2016 with a joint annual review (or more frequently as required) to take place in 2017 and 2018.

4. Change Management

Either party may withdraw from the terms of the Memorandum upon submission of a written statement to this effect to the other party. Written notice shall be sent sixty (60) days prior to the disassociation. All changes to the Memorandum must be agreed to, in writing, by the parties.

5. Intentions

5.1. Joint Commitments

- Representatives from both organisations will meet to an agreed schedule (in person or by phone/video conference) to exchange information pertinent to this agreement and discuss how best to optimise the implementation in support of Public Sector Reform
- Both organisations will work together to develop a technical solution to fulfil Ireland's reporting responsibilities under the United Nations 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development
- Each party shall fund, where relevant, its own commitments
- In furtherance of the project goals, the parties agree to make every reasonable effort to fulfil the commitments outlined below.

5.2. CSO Commitments

- Develop dissemination channels with a specific focus on the visualisation of official statistics in collaboration with OSi
- Publish all aggregate data in an Open Data format (free machine-readable format) which has the potential to make statistics more widely available and will encourage the re-use of published
- Implement a programme of modernisation encompassing the use of geographical information systems (GIS) and Eircodes
- Promote the statistical potential of geospatial data as part of the wider development of the National Data Infrastructure within the Irish Statistical System.

5.3. OSi Commitments

- Work in partnership with the CSO in the development of national data infrastructure, ensuring integration and avoiding duplication in national geospatial and non-geospatial data initiatives
- Publish an agreed set of Boundaries and Small Areas data in an Open Data format (free machine-readable format) which has the potential to make statistics more widely available and will encourage their re-use
- Continue to represent the State at international level on matters relating to mapping and geospatial information, particularly in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and in EuroGeographics, the association of European National Mapping, Cadastre and Land Registry Authorities and report back to the CSO on matters pertinent to this MOU
- In consultation with the CSO, OSi will continue to develop its strategy of supporting citizens, business and government:
 - Ensuring that OSi data is the default core geospatial reference data for the State
 - Maximising the benefit from authoritative geospatial data for the Civil and Public Service
 - Ensure that OSi's technical architecture will be developed to support the objectives of this MOU .

6. Legal Status

Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Memorandum shall be deemed to constitute a legal partnership between the parties.

7. Points of contact

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Signatures

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For and on behalf of OSi

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