

Unlocking Skills Mobility: The Role of European Transparency Tools to Drive the Skills Portability Initiative and Talent Mobility.

Monday 12th of October to Wednesday 14th of October 2026

Welcome Guide



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agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann**
Quality and
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Welcome/Fáilte

On behalf of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), the Irish National Europass Centre (NEC) and the Irish European Qualifications Framework National Coordination Point (EQF NCP), we are delighted to welcome you to QQI's Ireland EU Presidency 2026 Event: **Unlocking Skills Mobility: The Role of European Transparency Tools to Drive the Skills Portability Initiative and Talent Mobility**.

This event brings together key stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of National Qualifications Frameworks in Ireland, the EU and third countries, including national co-ordination points, social partners and policy makers.

We hope you have an informative and engaging conference and take the opportunity to share experiences, build connections, and contribute to shaping the future of skills mobility in Europe. This guide has been prepared to provide practical information about the conference and some information which may be useful during your visit to Dublin. We wish you an enjoyable stay in Dublin.

Conference Venue

Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin

Address: Golden Lane, Dublin 8, D08 VRR7.

Phone Number: +353 (0)1 898 2900

Email: info.royal.dublin@radissonblu.com



Accommodation



Accommodation is available at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin. The organisers have secured a special rate for this event for a **limited** number of rooms. Guests can book their accommodation on a first come first served basis by contacting: reservations.royal.dublin@radissonblu.com and quoting "QQI".

Arrival in Dublin: Transport Information



Dublin International Airport

Most international visitors arrive through Dublin International Airport, located approximately 12 km from the conference venue. **Speakers and attendees are responsible for organising their own transfers to and from Dublin airport.**



Options include:

- Bus services from Dublin airport depart from Dublin Airport Terminals into Dublin City Centre with a short walk to the hotel.
- Two bus companies that are widely used are:
 - [Aircoach](#) – [700 route](#) typically runs every 30 minutes.
 - [Dublin Express](#) bus typically runs every 20 minutes.
 - Fares are available from 9 euro one way. Leap Cards are not accepted on these services, and credit cards are not widely accepted as a form of payment on bus transportation. It is recommended that you book a ticket online.
- Public bus services ([Dublin Bus](#)) also operate between Dublin airport and Dublin City Centre at a lower cost.
 - Online booking is not available for these services. Instead, tickets are purchased on board the bus through cash only. If you have a Leap Card, you can also use this onboard Dublin Bus.
- Please allow approximately 45 minutes for any bus journey.



- Taxi ranks are located outside both airport terminals.
 - Please allow approximately 30–35 minutes for a taxi journey, depending on traffic.
 - Fares typically cost between €30–€40 one way; cash and card are accepted in taxis.
 - You can use the [FreeNow](#) or [Uber](#) apps to book a taxi to or from Dublin airport.
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Registration

Please check in at the registration desk and collect your name badge on each day of the conference that you are attending.

Monday 12th of October	Invite Only	*QQI will contact invitees with further information directly*
Tuesday 13th of October	Public Conference	Registration desk opens at 9.00am outside Goldsmith Hall, please follow hotel signage.
Wednesday 14th of October	Invite only	*QQI will contact invitees with further information directly.

Conference Programme

Detailed event programme information will be published online through the [QQI events webpage](#). Please monitor this webpage for further updates and a confirmed agenda for the public conference.

The programme includes:

- Keynote addresses
- Expert panel discussions
- Presentations
- Interactive group workshops
- Networking sessions

Catering

Refreshments and meals included as part of the conference programme are:

- Morning tea and coffee breaks
- Lunches
- Light afternoon refreshments

Please notify qqieupres@qqi.ie immediately if you have any dietary requirements that have not already been communicated.

Interpretation

The conference will be in English only, no interpretation will be available.

Visa Requirements

Visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Speakers and attendees are strongly advised to check Visa requirements as soon as possible and can do so on the [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Website](#). Letters in support of Visa applications can be issued by QQI for the duration of the event, upon request. Please contact qqieupres@qqi.ie if you require a letter.

Visiting Dublin

The Radisson Blu Royal Hotel is located within walking distance of many of the city's cultural and historical attractions.



Attractions within easy reach of the venue include:

- Dublin Castle
 - Trinity College Dublin
 - The Book of Kells
 - St Patrick's Cathedral
 - Temple Bar Cultural Quarter
 - National Museum of Ireland
 - EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
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Useful Contacts

For further information, speakers and attendees can contact:

Email: qqieupres@qqi.ie

We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin.

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