

## **IRELAND – Update on National matters for IALA Council 03 – 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025, Mumbai, India**

- IALA Workshop
  - Ireland hosted an IALA Sustainability Workshop in Dublin from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October. The event took place at the headquarters of the Commissioners of Irish Lights in Dun Laoghaire, and at the nearby Royal Marine Hotel, both overlooking the critical shipping routes in Dublin Bay. This technical workshop brought together over 50 expert delegates from 20 countries to exchange best practice regarding sustainability in the future delivery of aids to navigation services. The workshop included a technical tour of the buoy refurbishment facility operated by Irish Lights, as well as a cultural evening to sample Irish hospitality with the chance to learn some Irish dancing steps.
  - The workshop report is available at [Report on the Workshop on Sustainability in AtoN provision - IALA](#)
- International Marine, Lighthouse Tourism and Maritime Heritage Conference – Dublin Castle
  - Concurrently, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, Irish Lights hosted a two-day International Marine, Lighthouse Tourism and Maritime Heritage Conference at Dublin Castle/ Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath. The opening address was given by the Irish Minister of State with special responsibility for Community Development and Rural Transport, who highlighted that lighthouse tourism accounted for more than 354,000 visitors to Ireland in 2024 alone, generating over €33 million annually to the wider economy and supporting over 700 jobs in coastal communities. The event also celebrated ten successful years of the Great Lighthouses of Ireland brand partnership, an initiative led by Irish Lights in collaboration community and commercial ventures spanning 15 working lighthouses and two lighthouse-related experiences in coastal locations, to combine history, tradition, and modern maritime safety with sustainable tourism. The Dublin Castle conference welcomed more than 270 participants from 23 countries, including nearly 40 speakers and panellists representing heritage, academia, government, tourism, research, and coastal communities. Delegates attended an evening reception at Dublin City Hall, sponsored by Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Ireland's Seafood Development Agency.
  - More information is available at [Homepage | Great Lighthouses of Ireland](#)
- European Route of Lighthouses – Cultural Routes Proposal
  - Ireland, alongside Estonia, France, Germany, Norway, and Portugal has proposed to establish a European Cultural Route of Lighthouses to promote the preservation and sharing of lighthouse history along Europe's coastlines. The participating nations are working towards official certification by the Council of Europe, aligning with the Council's framework for transnational heritage routes. Irish Lights hosted the AGM of the partnership on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and marked the first visit to Ireland by the Head of Council of Europe, Cultural Routes Institute.
  - Further details are available at [Ireland | European Route of Lighthouses](#)

- ENG Technical Committee meeting
  - Ireland also hosted the IALA Engineering Committee Meeting 21 from the 13th – 17th October, which was held in Irish Lights headquarters in Dun Laoghaire near Dublin. This week-long event was well attended with many delegates who also attended the IALA Workshop previously. Working Groups convened on Physical AtoN, Radionavigation Services and Heritage & Culture.
- Irish Government publishes Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport to 2030
  - In November 2025, Ireland published a Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport as part of a review of the National Development Plan which outlines the pathway for future investment in Ireland’s transport system from 2026 to 2030. Included in the Sectoral Investment Plan is an allocation for the proposed replacement of the Commissioners of Irish Lights vessel ILV Granuaile (subject to project Gate approval and annual budgetary approval).
  - Reference [NDP Review 2025 Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport.pdf](#)
- Ireland publishes National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP)
  - The Irish National DMAP provides the overarching framework to scale Ireland’s offshore renewable energy ambitions, building on an initial South Coast DMAP as the first spatial plan and six Phase 1 projects currently in planning permission stage, as the initial delivery mechanism. Together, these plans form a staged pathway to achieve Ireland’s Offshore Renewable Energy targets of 5 GW by 2030, 20 GW by 2040, and 37 GW by 2050. Irish Lights is providing safety of navigation consultative advice to each project and to the overarching plan.
  - Reference [National DMAP for ORE Proposal\\_.pdf](#)