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Agriculture Ireland	
Agriaware	"To Improve the Image and Understanding of Agriculture, Farming and the Food Industry amongst the General Public." http://www.agriaware.ie/
Bord na Mona Group	Bord na Móna is an international supplier of products and services based principally on peat. It is a substantial landowner. It operates on a decentralised basis through subsidiary companies. http://www.bnm.ie
Coillte - The Irish Forestry Company	Coillte is a leading Irish company which operates in forestry and related businesses. http://www.coillte.ie
Dept of Agriculture & Food	Department of agriculture and food of the Irish government. http://www.agriculture.gov.ie
Farm tractors machinery Ireland	It's the website of the Farm Tractor and Machinery Trade Association of Ireland, where you can buy a tractor, farm machine and anything else for your farm. http://www.ftmta.ie
Farm.ie	Bringing the internet to Irish farming, And Irish farming to the internet. http://www.farm.ie
Farm Relief Services	Farm Relief Services (FRS) are a nation-wide farmer owned co-operative organisation offering farm services, fencing systems, health & Safety, training services, recruitment and foreign workers. http://www.frsnetwork.com
Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association – the family farm organisation	The ICMSA represents the views of farmers at Local, National and European Union levels. http://www.icmsa.ie
Irish farmer's association	The Irish Farmers' Association is the largest farm organisation in the country, representing 85,000 farm families engaged in agricultural activity. http://www.ifa.ie

<p>Irish farmers journal interactive</p>	<p>The Irish Farmers' Journal is the best source of Irish farming and rural news, information, and classified advertisements in print and on the Internet. http://www.farmersjournal.ie</p>
<p>Macra na Feirme</p>	<p>A fully organised programme of activities for members including competitions, travel, social events, sports and more! Training and support through a professional training staff. A strong national structure: 31 County Executives, National Council, National Executive and a National Office. http://www.macra.ie/</p>
<p>The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p>	<p>A lead agency in the United Nations for agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development. FAO works to alleviate poverty and hunger by promoting agricultural development, improved nutrition and the pursuit of food security - defined as the access of all people at all times to the food they need for an active and healthy life. http://www.fao.org</p>
<p>The Irish horse board</p>	<p>Promoting the Irish Sport Horse. http://www.irishhorseboard.com</p>
<p>Teagasc</p>	<p>Teagasc provides integrated research (figures), advisory and training services for the agriculture and food industry in Ireland. http://www.teagasc.ie</p>
<p>Veterinary Ireland</p>	<p>The role of Veterinary Ireland is to represent veterinary surgeons in Ireland and to facilitate the veterinary profession in its commitment to improving the health and welfare of the animals under its care, to protecting public health and to serving the changing needs of its clients and the community through effective and innovative leadership http://www.veterinary-ireland.org</p>

Construction building	
Buildmyhouse.ie	Ireland's comprehensive online directory for those looking to build a new house, renovate an existing home or build that dream extension. http://www.buildmyhouse.ie
Construction Industry Federation	Construction Industry Federation (CIF) actively represents and serves over 3,000 members covering businesses in all areas of the Irish construction industry through a network. http://www.cif.ie
Ireland's Home & Garden Search Engine	Find your local trades people & suppliers for home planning, building, decorating, repairs, maintenance & all materials, furnishings, fittings & appliances. http://www.homewise.ie
Irish Building Industry Online	Ireland's construction directory website for the construction industry with 6,000 firms included from architects, building contractors, building materials and subcontractors. http://www.irishbuildingindustry.ie

Consumer	
The European Consumer Centre Dublin	ECC Dublin provides free information on consumer rights in Europe and assists in cross-border disputes. We want you to feel as confident when shopping in another country as you do at home. http://www.ecic.ie
The Irish consumer association	The Consumers' Association of Ireland is an independent, non-profit organisation working on behalf of Irish consumers. http://www.consumerassociation.ie
The Office Director of Consumer Affairs	The Office Director of Consumer Affairs is an independent statutory officer, responsible for providing advice and information to consumers, the regulation of credit intermediaries, the licensing of pawnbrokers and the enforcement of a wide range of consumer protection legislation. http://www.odca.ie

<p>The National Standards Authority of Ireland</p>	<p>The NSAI is Ireland's Standards body. NSAI facilitates the development of voluntary standard documents which manufacturers or service providers may use as an aid to meeting safety or customer requirements. http://www.nsai.ie</p>
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Doing Business in Ireland	
<p>BASIS Business Access to State Information and Services</p>	<p>This website has been developed in order to provide business with a single access point to all Government information and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting a Business - Funding - Legal and Regulatory - Business Operations and Trade - Premises and Environment - Employment Issues - Taxation - Returns and Other Obligations - Innovation and Product Development - Expanding your Business - Government Tenders - Closing/Selling a Business <p>http://www.basis.ie</p>
<p>Chambers Ireland</p>	<p>National coordinating body for the Chambers in Ireland. http://www.chambers.ie/</p>
<p>Companies registration office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The incorporation of companies and the registration of business names. - The receipt and registration of post incorporation documents. - The enforcement of the Companies Acts in relation to the filing obligations of companies. - Making information available to the public. <p>www.cro.ie</p>
<p>Central statistics office Ireland</p>	<p>Statistics in Ireland, Surveys, Census, Releases and publication about Ireland www.cso.ie or eirestat.cso.ie</p>
<p>Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment</p>	<p>Work for Government and the people to equitably grow Ireland's competitiveness and quality employment http://www.entemp.ie</p>

<p>Euro Info Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public procurement guides - Business cooperation opportunities - Trade and EU enlargement - EU funding guides - Legislation Information Service - Feedback to the European Commission on Community matters affecting SMEs <p>www.eic.ie</p>
<p>Enterprise Ireland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start a business - Grow your business - Export your business - Research and innovate - Source from Ireland <p>www.enterprise-ireland.com</p>
<p>FÁS training and employment authority</p>	<p>FÁS is Ireland's national training and employment authority. We aim to promote a more competitive and inclusive knowledge-based economy, in collaboration with our stakeholders, by enhancing the skills and capabilities of individuals and enterprises</p> <p>http://www.fas.ie</p>
<p>Galway County and City Enterprise Board</p>	<p>Help promoting an enterprise culture throughout Galway County and City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing the Business Plan - Direct Financial Assistance - Business Management Training - Reference Library - Galway Business Listing <p>www.galwayenterprise.ie http://www.enterpriseboards.ie/</p>
<p>IBEC Irish Business and Employers Confederation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides a wide range of services to over 7,000 member businesses and organisations from all sectors and of all sizes - Is the umbrella body for Ireland's leading sectoral groups and associations - Is the national voice of Irish business and employers - IBEC offers guidance and focus to Irish business and employers. As a membership organisation we provide direct services to assist members in the conduct of their business. www.ibec.ie
<p>Industrial Development Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides information on the Irish economy including tax and investment advice for companies overseas looking to invest abroad - Responsible for the attraction and development of foreign direct investment in Ireland. www.idaireland.ie

Irish Revenue	Office provides a wide variety of information including a guide for start-up businesses. Information on taxes and registration forms can be downloaded from their web site. www.revenue.ie
Kpmg	KPMG in Ireland is a leading provider of business advisory services to national and international clients operating in many sectors of the Irish economy. www.kpmg.ie
National Development Plan	This website provides information on the NDP and CSF Community Support Framework, including a guide to funding, information on EU structural funds and information on projects in your area. www.ndp.ie
www.startingabusinessinireland.com	THE website for Irish start-ups. www.startingabusinessinireland.com
Westbic business and innovation centre	This site aims to support those with new, innovative business ideas that they wish to develop in the Border, Midland and Western regions of Ireland, including counties Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Donegal, Longford, Westmeath, Offaly and Laois. Entrepreneurs throughout Ireland will also benefit from the information and advice contained here. http://www.westbic.ie

Environment

The department of Environment, Heritage and local government	To promote sustainable development and improve the quality of life through protection of the environment and heritage, infrastructure provision, balanced regional development and good local government. http://www.environ.ie
ENFO – The environmental Information Service	ENFO is a public service which provides easy access to wide-ranging and authoritative information on the environment, incl. sustainable development. It was established in 1990 by the Department of the Environment Heritage, and Local Government. http://www.enfo.ie

<p>The Environmental Protection Agency</p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency is directly responsible for a wide range of functions, including the regulation of large or complex activities that have significant polluting potential; for monitoring and reporting on environmental quality; and enforcing compliance with environmental protection legislation in Ireland.</p> <p>http://www.epa.ie</p>
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EU Commission	
<p>Europa Gateway to the European Union</p>	<p>The Gateway to the European Union</p> <p>http://europa.eu</p>
<p>Ireland's National Development Plan</p>	<p>This website provides information on the NDP and CSF, including a guide to funding, information on EU structural funds and information on projects in your area.</p> <p>http://www.eustructuralfunds.ie</p>
<p>National forum on Europe</p>	<p>Since 2001, the National Forum on Europe has promoted a national debate on the European Union, on its future and on Ireland's role in it.</p> <p>http://www.forumoneurope.ie</p>
<p>The European Commission Representation in Ireland</p>	<p>We are the Commission's voice in Ireland and we aim to communicate EU affairs at both national and local levels.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/ireland/welcome</p>

European Union	
<p>Europa Gateway to the European Union</p>	<p>The Gateway to the European Union</p> <p>http://europa.eu</p>
<p>The Single European Market</p>	<p>The key objective of this website is to increase knowledge of and support for the EU Single Market among interested citizens, businesses, journalists and other stakeholders by providing users with clear, up to date and easily navigable.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market</p>
<p>Eurostat</p>	<p>Statistic about Europe's figures</p> <p>http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int</p>

European Parliament	The European Parliament's Website http://www.europarl.europa.eu
European Advertising Standards	Promote responsible advertising through best practice in self-regulation across the Single Market for the benefit of consumers and business. http://www.easa-alliance.org
The market Access Database	Your guide to cracking world markets http://mkaccdb.eu.int
Community Research & Development Information Service	CORDIS is an information space devoted to European research and development (R&D) and innovation activities http://cordis.europa.eu
EUbusiness	The EUbusiness web site is Europe's leading independent online business information service about the European Union. http://www.eubusiness.com

Fairs and exhibitions

Association of the Irish Festival events	http://www.aoifeonline.com
European Major Exhibition Centres Association	EMECA was formed to focus attention on the economic impact that the exhibition industry achieves throughout Europe. http://www.emeca.com/
Expoworld.net event search tools directory	http://www.expoworld.net/

Fisheries Groups

Bord Iascaigh Mhara	An Irish State agency responsible for developing the Irish Seafood Industry http://www.bim.ie/
The Central Fisheries Board	"To ensure that the valuable natural resources of inland fisheries and sea angling are conserved, managed, developed and promoted in their own right and to support sustainable economic activity, job creation and recreational amenity." http://www.cfb.ie

Northern Regional Fisheries Board	<p>The NRFB is a statutory body operating under the aegis of the Department of Marine and Natural Resources and was established under the Fisheries Act 1980.</p> <p>http://www.nrfb.ie</p>
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	<p>The North Western Regional Fisheries Board is the statutory body responsible for the conservation, protection, development, management, promotion and marketing of inland fisheries and sea angling resources in Ireland's north western fisheries region</p> <p>http://www.northwestfisheries.ie</p>
Western Regional Fisheries Board	<p>The Western Fisheries Region comprises all the inland river systems on Ireland's Atlantic Coast from Pigeon Point near Westport, Co. Mayo, through Co. Galway, to Hags Head just south of the Cliffs of Moher in Co. Clare. Situated at Europe's westernmost extremity, Ireland is widely regarded as the last unspoiled fishing location in Europe.</p> <p>http://www.wrfb.ie</p>

Food and drinks industry

Bord Iascaigh Mhara	<p>An Irish State agency responsible for developing the Irish Seafood Industry</p> <p>http://www.bim.ie/</p>
Bordbia Irish Food Board	<p>Ireland's food and drink information site, catering for every step of the food chain, ingredients, food service and retail.</p> <p>http://www.bordbia.ie</p>
Department of Agriculture and food	<p>http://www.agriculture.gov.ie</p>
European Food Information Council (EUFIC)	<p>Provides science-based information on food and related topics: Nutrition and Health, Food Safety and Quality, Biotechnology in food. http://www.eufic.org</p>

<p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p>	<p>A lead agency in the United Nations for agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development. FAO works to alleviate poverty and hunger by promoting agricultural development, improved nutrition and the pursuit of food security - defined as the access of all people at all times to the food they need for an active and healthy life. http://www.fao.org</p>
<p>Food Safety Authority of Ireland</p>	<p>Our mission is to protect consumers' health and consumers' interests by ensuring that food consumed, distributed, marketed or produced in the state meets the highest standards of food safety and hygiene http://www.fsai.ie</p>
<p>Relay, research for food industry</p>	<p>RELAY is the National dissemination service charged with communicating the results of publicly funded food research to the Irish food industry. http://www.relayresearch.ie</p>
<p>Food Safety Promotion Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of food safety - Research into food safety - Communication of food alerts - Surveillance of foodborne disease - Promotion of scientific co-operation and laboratory linkages - Development of cost-effective facilities for specialised laboratory testing. <p>http://www.safefoodonline.com</p>

Funding

<p>Border, Midland and Western</p>	<p>The Border, Midland and Western Regional Programme is a multi-sectoral programme covering a wide range of initiatives at regional and local level. It covers regional and local infrastructure, particularly non-national roads, local enterprise development, agriculture and rural development, social inclusion and childcare http://www.bmwassembly.ie</p>
<p>National Development Plan</p>	<p>This website provides information on the NDP and CSF Community Support Framework, including a guide to funding, information on EU structural funds and information on projects in your area. http://www.eustructuralfunds.ie</p>

Galway	
Galway City Council	To provide in a democratic and transparent manner, efficient and effective services which will make Galway a better place in which to live, work and visit. http://www.ecic.ie
Galway Chamber of Commerce	Galway Chamber, with a membership of over 500 businesses, is the premier business organization in Galway and its hinterland. We work in the interests of businesses and for the economic development of the City and Region. Galway Chamber represents all sectors of business life in the area and member companies range from sole traders to large corporations and multinationals. http://www.galwaychamber.com
Galway County and City Enterprise Board	Our role is to help promote an enterprise culture throughout Galway County and City. By doing so we improve the economy of our county and keep employment opportunities high for the people who live here. http://www.galwayenterprise.com
Junior Chamber International Galway	JCI Galway is part of the largest personal and leadership development organisation for young people in the world - Junior Chamber International. It provides an excellent way to meet new people, develop yourself and contribute to the betterment of the community - all at the same time http://www.jci-galway.org

Galway Newspaper	
Connacht Tribune	http://www.connacht-tribune.ie
The City Tribune	http://www.connacht-tribune.ie
The Connacht Sentinel	http://www.connacht-tribune.ie
The Galway advertiser	http://www.galwayadvertiser.ie/content/
The Galway independent	http://www.galwayindependent.com/
The Tuam Herald	http://www.tuamherald.ie

[Periodical Publishers Association](#)

The Periodical Publishers Association of Ireland is the organisation of publishers of consumer, consumer specialist, business and professional magazines in Ireland
<http://www.ppa.ie>

Galway Public Transport

Bus Éireann	Bus Éireann is Ireland's national bus company, formed in 1987 as a subsidiary of CIE (Córas Iompair Éireann). It provides bus services throughout the country, with the exception of Dublin city. http://www.buseireann.ie
City Link	Citylink is Ireland's newest provider of express coach services. http://www.citylink.ie
Galway Airport	Located just 6km from the City Centre, Galway Airport is ideally positioned, whether you are visiting on business or taking advantage of the uniqueness that is Galway and the West of Ireland. http://www.galwayairport.com

Government Departments

Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism	http://www.arts-sport-tourism.gov.ie
Department of Education and Science	http://www.education.ie
Department of Social and Family Affairs	http://www.welfare.ie
Department of Transport	http://www.transport.ie
Department of Agriculture and food	http://www.agriculture.gov.ie
Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment	http://www.entemp.ie
Department of communications, Marine and Natural Resources	http://www.dcmnr.gov.ie
Department of Finance	http://www.finance.gov.ie
Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	http://www.environ.ie

Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	http://www.pobail.ie
Department of Health and Children	http://www.dohc.ie
Department of Justice, Equality and law reform	http://www.justice.ie

Ireland Administration	
Chamber Ireland	National coordinating body for the Chambers in Ireland. http://www.chambers.ie
Government of Ireland website	Information on the Irish State. http://www.irlgov.ie
Irish Legal Information Initiative	Sources of Statutory Instrument links http://www.ucc.ie/law/irlii/si/si.php
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Citizens Information – Public Service Information for Ireland	Public Service Information for Ireland http://www.citizensinformation.ie
Oasis	Information on your social and civil rights in Ireland. http://oasis.gov.ie
European Commission Representation in Ireland	www.euireland.ie

Packing, courier & shipping services	
Irish Post	http://www.anpost.ie
General Logistics system	http://www.gls-ireland.com
UPS	http://www.ups.com/

Search Engine	
Google	http://www.google.ie
Golden pages	National Irish directory http://www.goldenpages.ie
The European Business Directory	http://www.europages.net
Oasis	http://oasis.gov.ie
Ireland Locally	http://www.local.ie
kellysearch	http://www.kellysearch.com
kompass	http://www.kompass.ie

Statistics	
Central Statistics Office Ireland	http://www.cso.ie/statistics/
EireStat Spreadsheet Service	http://eirestat.cso.ie/
EuroStat	http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu
Largest companies from Ireland	http://www.transnationale.org/countries/irls.htm
The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland	http://www.ssis.ie

Tourism Ireland	
<p>Border, Midland and Western</p>	<p>The Border, Midland and Western Regional Programme is a multi-sectoral programme covering a wide range of initiatives at regional and local level. It covers regional and local infrastructure, particularly non-national roads, local enterprise development, agriculture and rural development, social inclusion and childcare http://www.bmwassembly.ie</p>
<p>Fáilte Ireland National Tourism Authority department</p>	<p>The National Tourism Development Authority, established under the National Tourism Development Authority Act, 2003, brings together and builds on the functions previously discharged by Bord Fáilte and CERT. The organisation provides strategic and practical support to develop and sustain Ireland as a high-quality and competitive tourist destination. http://www.failteireland.ie</p>
<p>Official website North West and Lakelands</p>	<p>The North West Regional Tourism Authority is the coordinating body for the tourism industry in the North West region. The authority is responsible for promoting and developing tourism in the counties of Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo. http://www.irelandnorthwest.ie</p>
<p>Official website for Ireland West</p>	<p>Fáilte Ireland West is the official Regional Tourism Authority for Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. The organisation is the principal contact for all individuals, organisations and authorities involved in tourism at local and regional level. http://www.irelandwest.ie/</p>