

# Ireland's National AI Office and Regulatory Sandbox — Statutory Basis Under the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Act 2026

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

### Summary

Ireland's AI Act implementing law provides for a National AI Office to host one or more AI regulatory sandboxes for SMEs and start-ups; operational results are not yet published.

### Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured public value | 0/3   |
| Transparency, fairness & accountability    | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability beyond pilot                   | 1/3   |
| Governance, capability & sustainability    | 2/3   |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

### Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-28

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