

# Ireland

## Ordnance Survey Ireland 2017 achievements

The National Mapping Agreement came into operation on 1 January 2017 and provides Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) with a secure, centrally funded license agreement.

By enabling a platform approach to providing the public sector and academia with direct access to national mapping, it is a vital step in realising OSI's vision of being the national providers of trusted, maintained geospatial data and platforms to ensure the State's location data is easy to find, share and use.

### European Forum for Geography and Statistics, Dublin

Hosted by Ireland's Central Statistics Office (CSO) and OSI, the 2017 conference showcased the benefits of collaboration between the statistical and mapping communities, particularly in facilitating the development of valuable decision-making tools. OSI and CSO are working together to fulfil Ireland's reporting responsibilities under the United Nations 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development. This was further endorsed by Lorraine McNerney who presented Ireland's progress at the Fifth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM.



OSi CEO Colin Bray, General Manager and Geospatial Solutions Lorraine McNerney with ESRI President, Jack Dangermond at ESRI's 2017 FedGIS conference.

### National Data Infrastructure Strategy

The draft National Geospatial Strategy, completed by OSI at the end of 2016, is to be incorporated into the overarching National Data Infrastructure Strategy being developed by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. This is a very positive development, demonstrating a strong understanding of the role of geospatial information amongst policy makers for evidence-based decision-making.

### Collaboration to record Ireland's geospatial information as linked data on the web

Following a collaboration to make geospatial information available as Linked Data at [data.geohive.ie](http://data.geohive.ie), the ADAPT Centre for Digital Content Technology, Trinity College Dublin and

OSi hosted a series of training seminars explaining what Linked Data is and how it is constructed.

### Tailte Éireann

The development of the Conceptual Data Model for Tailte Éireann, the Government body to be formed from the merger of OSI, the Property Registration Authority and the Valuation Office, is being facilitated by ESRI Ireland and is expected to be completed in 2018.

### ESRI FedGIS conference 2017

OSi CEO Colin Bray and General Manager, Geospatial Solutions Lorraine McNerney spoke at ESRI's 2017 FedGIS conference at the invitation of ESRI President, Jack Dangermond. Colin also joined Susan Gordon, Deputy Director of the US National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to discuss how GIS is used to innovate and modernise across government.