

IRELAND

2023 Digital Public Administration factsheets

Annex 1. Selection of Topics: 2023

INTEROPERABILITY & INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SERVICES



Reuse of solutions

The [Public Service Data Strategy](#) for the period 2019–2023 was published in December 2018, providing a detailed vision with a set of goals and actions to deliver a more joined-up whole-of-government approach to how data is (re-)used and managed within the public service. The strategy is linked to the [Open Data Portal](#), which is operated by the Government Reform Unit and currently provides access for reuse and redistribution to over 13 000 datasets held by public bodies.

INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGIES BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In May 2022, the [Minister of State for Trade, Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation](#) appointed Ireland's first AI Ambassador. This new AI Ambassador will lead a national conversation on the role of AI in our lives, emphasising Ireland's commitment to an ethical approach to the use of the technology and in particular its adoption by enterprise.



GovTech

In 2019, the then Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform released the [Cruinniú GovTech Report](#) which sets out the ambitions and goals of the Irish government in the years to come and identifies indicators to measure progress. The fifth priority highlighted by the report is the delivery of digital services, the continuous development of employee skills and the adoption of innovation.

DATA SHARING



Data spaces and Smart Data Platforms

Ireland has seen a significant ramping up in the area of data governance and data sharing in recent years. The [Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019 \(DSGA\)](#) which was fully commenced in 2022 enabled the establishment of the Data Governance Board. Its role is to direct, oversee, and drive data governance across the Public Service. The Board adds a further layer of transparent governance to the data sharing process through its review and publication of its recommendations on proposed new data sharing agreements.



Data exchanges with and within public administrations

In July 2021, a [Guidance Note on Data Sharing Governance Framework under the DSGA](#) was published and complemented by the [Data Sharing Playbook](#) which is essentially a flowchart that navigates the stages of data sharing along with roles and responsibilities. The stages are sequential and must be followed in order to adhere to the Data Sharing Governance Framework.