

Join the Movement

In 2026, Irish Internet Hotline is opening its doors to a select group of Domain Registry leaders. This is a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of Ireland's expanded national alliance for online safety, to help us fulfil our mission and to contribute to a safer online world, especially for children.

By joining, you will:

- ✔ Enhance your compliance, reputation, and intelligence.
- ✔ Contribute to a safer digital Ireland.
- ✔ Help shape the future of cross-sector online safety collaboration.

Timeline

September 2025

Board approval of Domain Registrar / Registry membership expansion

Q4 2025

Prospectus launch and outreach campaign

Q1 2026

Onboarding of founding Domain Registrar members

2026 AGM

Review progress and consider constitutional updates

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MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

DOMAIN REGISTRARS & REGISTRY
OPERATOR SECTOR 2025

About Irish Internet Hotline

Irish Internet Hotline (hotline.ie) is Ireland's national reporting service for illegal and harmful online content. Established in 1999, IIH is recognised by the Government, the EU, and An Garda Síochána as the national centre for reporting child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and other forms of online abuse.

Our core mission is to protect children and vulnerable users from online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), with a strong focus on combating CSAM. In our Strategic Plan 2025–2028, we are refocusing on our other functional areas including CSAM as a cyber threat, financial scams, fraud, and emerging online harms – while keeping the removal of CSAM as our core mission.

The vision of the Irish Internet Hotline is to create “a safer internet for all, especially children”. We invite you to become a member to assist us and share in our mission to achieve that goal.

Why Domain Registrars and Registry Operators?

Domain registrars and registry operators sit at the foundation of the internet's trust infrastructure. Every online service — from e-commerce to education — depends on the integrity of the domain name system (DNS). Registrars and registries are therefore key guardians of the digital ecosystem, ensuring that domains are not weaponised for illegal or harmful purposes.

Since 1999, Irish Internet Hotline has worked closely with Irish registrars, hosting providers, and network operators to combat online abuse and illegal content. As phishing, scams, malware campaigns, and CSAM distribution tactics evolve, registrars remain uniquely positioned to disrupt these threats at the root — by suspending or blocking domains linked to criminal activity.

Together, Irish Internet Hotline and the domain registration sector can:

- ✔ Strengthen the resilience and reputation of Ireland's domain and hosting ecosystem.
- ✔ Coordinate rapid interventions to prevent illegal and harmful content from being accessible.
- ✔ Demonstrate sector-wide leadership in building a safe, transparent, and responsible internet.

The Value of Membership

Protect Your Infrastructure, Customers & Reputation

- Demonstrate compliance with EU and Irish frameworks such as NIS2, the Digital Services Act, and emerging DNS abuse standards.
- Gain access to Irish Internet Hotline intelligence feeds — including verified reports of illegal domains, CSAM-linked URLs, and abuse trend briefings relevant to registrars and registries.
- Use our escalation pathways to coordinate swift action with hosting providers, ISPs, and Gardaí when illegal or harmful domains are detected.

Enhance Reputation & Market Positioning

- Public recognition as an Irish Internet Hotline member showcases your company's ongoing commitment to a safe, abuse-free internet.
- Highlight your leadership in responsible domain management, brand protection, and trust services.
- Strengthen consumer, regulator, and partner confidence by aligning with Ireland's national online-safety framework.

Influence Policy & Network Cross-Sector

- Gain early visibility into evolving EU and Irish online-safety, cybersecurity, and DNS regulation.
- Collaborate with ISPs, VLOPs, cybersecurity firms, financial institutions, regulators, and An Garda Síochána within Irish Internet Hotline's national safety network.

Engage Employees & Contribute to Public Good

- Enable your compliance, trust & safety, and technical teams to contribute to awareness campaigns, training initiatives, and joint research on DNS security and online abuse prevention.
- Strengthen employee engagement by demonstrating your organisation's public commitment to digital trust and community protection.
- Contribute to Ireland's leadership in secure, responsible, and trusted domain infrastructure.

Membership Model

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- Domain Registrar and Registry Operator firms join Irish Internet Hotline as members, contributing financially to sustain our work.
- Membership means that you have a role to play in our member-led governance model including the right to be elected to the board of management (subject to approval).

Membership Benefits

- Recognition on our website, annual reports, and campaigns.
- Access to IIH intelligence (feeds, briefings, abuse datasets and tools).
- Opportunities for joint projects, events, and advocacy.
- Direct access to expertise and support from the Irish Internet Hotline team.
- Regular updates and newsletters to keep members informed about emerging online safety issues, policy developments, and Irish Internet Hotline activities.

Membership Fees *

- From €400 annually for SMEs to €18,000 annually for organisations with more than 251 employees.
- The appropriate tier is determined by company size, business sector, and membership thresholds.

* Indicative