

Irish Itinerary 2026-2027 – call for new itineraries

What is the Irish Itinerary?

The EFACIS Irish Itinerary sends Irish authors and artists on tour through Europe. This cultural initiative regularly organises coordinated events hosted by members of the vibrant community of EFACIS Centres of Irish studies. Our programme includes an impressive array of Irish writers, artists and performers who travel from city to city to present their work and engage in discussions of Irish literature and art. The Irish Itinerary is modelled on the practice of the Irish monks of old, and in embracing this ancient tradition, takes it forward into the 21st Century.

How can you participate?

EFACIS Centres of Irish Studies can take part in the Irish Itinerary by joining an already existing circuit or by finding at least one partner university* to build a new route in their country or region. Participating EFACIS Centres then invite an Irish author or artist to visit them. The Centres organise the local itinerary and pay a modest fee to the participating authors and artists. EFACIS covers the authors' and artists' travel and accommodation expenses, helps with logistics and gives promotional support.

Find out more about previous Itineraries on the [EFACIS website](#).

*The partner university should also be an EFACIS Centre of Irish Studies. Under certain circumstances, we can allow for participation of an affiliated university (where there is at least one fully paid-up individual EFACIS member).

How to apply?

In order to streamline the functioning of the Irish Itinerary, we now ask Centres to formally apply for the Irish Itinerary. Please provide the following details on your application:

- name and location of hosting Centres of Irish Studies + contact details per centre
- Name of artist(s) involved (provide a back-up option)*
- proposed schedule
 - dates of events
 - dates, time and easiest mode of transport
- possible airports to fly to and from start and end point of Itinerary
- written agreement that the participating Centres of Irish Studies provide a fee (usually €200 per event) for the artist

*EFACIS can help with contact details if necessary. The artist's participation does not need to be confirmed yet, but this can further the application.

Please provide as much extra information as possible on your proposed Irish Itinerary:

- form of the event (reading, interview, workshop...)
- proposed venues
- local organisations involved (e.g., arts organisations, bookshops, festival...)
- planned promotion for the event
- possibility of recording the event

Please send in your application to efaciscoord@efacis.eu **before 15 July 2026**. Additional proposals will be considered on a rolling basis, subject to available funding. We will be in touch about your application by the beginning of August, as soon as Culture Ireland confirms funding for the 2026-2027 Irish Itinerary.

What are the requirements for participating centres?

The EFACIS Irish Itinerary depends on annual Culture Ireland funding. In order to secure this funding, it is very important to make the events accessible to all and visible. Culture Ireland and EFACIS' other sponsors should be acknowledged on all promotional materials.

In practical terms, we need centres to:

- use all required logos on posters, flyers, webpages and other promotional materials
- send EFACIS the posters for the event, title of the event and any website links at least one month in advance
- tag Culture Ireland in any social media posts
- send EFACIS photos, testimonials, an estimate of audience numbers and links to any press coverage in the month following the events

What does EFACIS cover?

EFACIS will cover expenses for the following:

- flights (within Europe)
- transport to and from airports
- transport between various stages of an Itinerary tour
- accommodation
- a 50 Euro per diem paid directly to the writer as reimbursement for food and drink during their Itinerary schedule

EFACIS cannot cover:

- long distance flights (transatlantic etc)*
- performance fees for writers or artists (this remains the sole contribution required from Centres)
- individual receipts for food or drink (this is expected to be covered by the per diem)

* some limited exceptions may be possible subject to prior arrangement.

How does EFACIS cover these costs?

- Flights and other transport are mostly booked by the EFACIS coordinator and thus paid directly by EFACIS.
- Accommodation is arranged by the local Centre. The invoice can be sent to EFACIS or EFACIS can reimburse the cost after receiving a receipt. Accommodation should be comfortable, but affordable, around €100-120 per night.
- Per diems are paid directly to the artist.
- If any other transport costs are made, the receipts need to be sent to the EFACIS coordinator either by the Centre or the artist.

If you have any further questions about the Irish Itinerary or about this application, we will be happy to help. Please contact our EFACIS coordinator at efaciscoord@efacis.eu!