

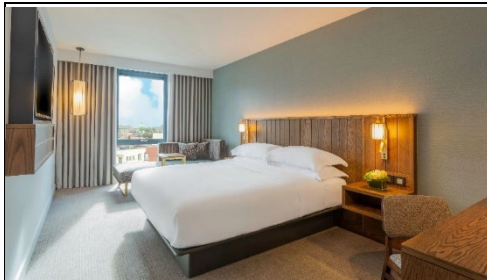


FMA VISIT TO IRELAND

DRAFT PROGRAMME 21-23 October 2026

21 October, Wednesday

Arrival in Ireland (individual)



Accommodation 21-23 October 2026

Hyatt Centric Dublin Hotel

Dublin

127 The Coombe, The Liberties, Dublin 8, D08W3X7

258,00 € per room for single use per night.

Breakfast, Wi-Fi, VAT and all taxes included.

Free Cancellation policy

48 hours prior arrival

16.30 Gathering in the hotel lobby

16.45 Departure from the hotel by taxi

17.30 Cultural activity - Guided visit to the [Old Library of Trinity College - The Book of Kells](#)

The Book of Kells Experience, Trinity Long Room, The University of Dublin Trinity College, College Green, South-East Inner City, Dublin

19.00 Welcome Dinner

The Hairy Lemon

Venue: 41-42 Stephen Street Lower, Dublin 2, D02 NV08

Website: <https://thehairylemon.ie/>



22 October, Thursday

09.00 Gathering in the hotel lobby

09.15 Departure from the hotel by taxi

10.00 - 10.15 Arrival at the Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament)
Kildare Street gate, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

10.15 - 10:30 Welcome Meeting with Hon. [Verona Murphy](#), Ceann Comhairle (Speaker)

10.30 - 11:15 Meeting [Barry Ward](#), Chair, and Members of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs

11.15 - 11.45 Break / refreshments

11.45 - 12.00 Photograph

12.00 - 13.00 Guided tour (in English) of Leinster House

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch hosted by the Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament), in the presence of Hon. [Verona Murphy](#)

14.45 - 15.45 Meeting [Deirdre Farrell](#), Deputy Director General of the EU and Trade Policy Division and Director of EU Strategy, accompanied by [Michael Loneragan](#), Director of the European Parliament Unity
Department of Foreign Affairs | Bishops Square | Redmond's Hill | Dublin 2 | D02 TD99

16.15 - 17.45 Briefing and informal discussion over tea and coffee with [Ambassador Kara Owen](#), UK Ambassador to Ireland
British Embassy | 29 Merrion Road | Ballsbridge | Dublin 4 | D04 P272 | Ireland

19.30 Dinner Debate celebrating the FMA's 25th Anniversary at the Restaurant of the Hyatt Centric with guest speakers Irish FMA members [Emer Costello](#) and [Frances Fitzgerald](#)

23 October, Friday

08.45 Gathering in the hotel lobby and check-out

09.00 Departure from Hotel

09.30 Welcome by the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in Dublin
*Venue: EPLO Office in Dublin
5 Balfe Street
Dublin D02E7K4*



09.40 *“Nobel Peace Prize John Hume and His legacy - The Good Friday Agreement” with Q&A session, moderated by [Susan McKay](#), Ireland's Press Ombudsperson, with interventions by:*

- [Bertie Ahern](#), Former Taoiseach / Former Prime Minister of Ireland from 1997 to 2008
- [Mark Durkan](#), Board member of [the John and Pat Hume Foundation](#), Former Deputy First Minister NI Executive, Member of Parliament and SDLP Leader
- [Liz O'Donnell](#), Minister for Foreign Affairs at the time of the Good Friday Agreement

11.00 *“Competitiveness and Security” with Q&A session, chaired by FMA member [Frances Fitzgerald](#), with requested interventions by:*

- [Pat Cox](#), Former President of the European Parliament and of FMA
- [Stephen Collins](#), Columnist with and former political editor of The Irish Times
- [Catherine Day](#), Former Secretary-General of the European Commission
- [Mark Mellett](#), Former Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces

12.30 Sandwich Lunch offered by EPLO Dublin

14.00 End of the visit