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## **IE Domain Registry announces new technology partnership with Canadian counterpart as it advances major system upgrade**

### ***IE Domain Registry to implement a new registry management platform by November 2020***

- **The Registry Platform, developed by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, will provide .ie registrars with more powerful and flexible tools and an enhanced user interface**
- **The switch to the new registry platform will mean that .ie is technically aligned with other international namespaces**
- **IE Domain Registry CEO David Curtin: “The Canadian Registry Platform is an investment in the next decade of growth for .ie.”**

**IE Domain Registry, the company that manages and maintains Ireland’s country domain name, .ie, has announced a new technology partnership with its counterpart in Canada, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority.**

IE Domain Registry has signed a licence agreement to use a new domain registry management platform developed by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, which will enhance the user experience for all .ie stakeholders, particularly .ie domain registrars.

The system provides registrars with more powerful and flexible domain management tools, as well as a modern, user-friendly interface.

The switch to the new .ie registry platform also means that .ie will now align closely with industry-standard technical operations in other internet namespaces, including protocols such as EPP and domain lifecycle.

IE Domain Registry selected the Canadian solution following extensive research of available “out-of-the-box” solutions. The reliability of the platform has been proven in Canada, where it currently supports the management of more than 2.8 million .ca domains, as well as the .kiwi, .mls and .sx domains.

IE Domain Registry is expected to implement the new platform by November 2020. This will have no impact on .ie websites or .ie email addresses, and .ie domain holders will not need to take any action.

This change will not affect IE Domain Registry’s registration requirements—those who wish to register a .ie domain will still need to prove a tangible connection to the island of Ireland.



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**Commenting, David Curtin, CEO of IE Domain Registry, said:**

“.ie continues to experience sustained growth following our liberalisation policy initiative in 2018, which made it easier and faster for individuals and organisations to register a .ie domain.

“Our move to the modern and powerful Registry Platform, which has greater functionality and flexibility, will ensure that our technical systems can support .ie’s long-term growth. The new .ie registry platform is an investment in the next decade.

“We are pleased to partner with the Canadian Internet Registration Authority. The move to the Canadian Registry Platform represents a significant benefit for core .ie system users: the registrar channel and IE Domain Registry staff.

“Registrars will experience continued benefits from this system well into the future. The new platform’s standardised design aligns with the EPP technical interfaces used in other internet namespaces that they are already familiar with.

“We recognise the critical role that our registrar partners will play in making this a seamless transition, and we look forward to working with them.”

**Dave Chiswell, VP of Product Development at the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), said:**

“IE is a perfect fit for the CIRA Registry Platform. The talented IE Domain Registry team is focused on security, channel development, support and growth of .ie domain registrations, all the same priorities we have in running .CA in Canada.”

“We are excited to work with IE Domain Registry, leveraging the flexibility and functionality of the CIRA Registry Platform to meet the needs of their managed registry, GDPR and presence requirements processes.”

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**About IE Domain Registry**

IE Domain Registry is the national registry for .ie domain names and is responsible for the management and administration of Ireland’s official internet domain, .ie, in the interest of the Irish and global internet communities. It operates the domain



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name system (DNS) for the .ie namespace, facilitates an independent [dispute resolution service](#), and operates a public WHOIS lookup service for .ie domains.

The company's mission is to provide unique, identifiably Irish domain names, along with registry and related services, to the local and international internet community. Policy development for the .ie namespace follows a bottom-up, consensus-driven approach through a multi-stakeholder [Policy Advisory Committee](#).

IE Domain Registry is committed to digital advocacy for the SME community. Through the [OPTIMISE programme](#) and stakeholder engagement initiatives such as [Digital Town](#), the company works with and supports SMEs to improve their online presence and e-commerce capabilities.

IE Domain Registry produces fact-based research for the business community and policymakers, such as the [SME Digital Health Index](#), which provides key insights into the digital health of Irish SMEs.

The company is focused on providing excellence in customer service through its ongoing customer experience (CX) innovation and improvement programmes. Since March 2018, it is easier and faster to register a .ie domain. There are over 280,000 domains in the database.

Based in Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, IE Domain Registry employs 22 people.

[www.iedr.ie](http://www.iedr.ie)

## **About the Canadian Internet Registration Authority**

The Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) manages the .CA top-level domain on behalf of all Canadians. CIRA also develops technologies and services—such as CIRA DNS Firewall—that help support its goal of building a better online Canada. The CIRA team operates one of the fastest-growing country code top-level domains (ccTLD), a high-performance global DNS network, and one of the world's most advanced back-end registry solutions.

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## **About the CIRA Registry Platform**

The [CIRA Registry Platform](#) is a next-generation TLD management platform with features and functionality designed for the modern TLD business. The CIRA Registry Platform features a modern interface with role-based access to key registry functions that provide flexibility in pricing, promotion, and domain management to help operators run their business and grow their registry.