1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 3 October 1961

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** has never been a member

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **The Director-General’s visits to Ireland:** 1
   - 20 March – 23 March 2014: Official visit

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Ireland:** 1
   - 30 March – 1 April 2004: Official visit

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - H.E. Mr Dermot Nolan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ireland to OECD, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 22 June 2016)
   - Staff: Mr Micheál Tierney, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Shane Dowling, Attaché
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Michael Forbes (January 2012 – July 2016); H.E. Mr Paul Murray (June 2007 – December 2011); H.E. Mr John Rowan (February 2003 – October 2006); H.E. Mr Pádraic MacKernan (November 2001 – February 2003)

7. **UNESCO Office:** none

8. **Irish National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: October 1961
   - Chairperson: Mr Vincent Landers (since September 2015)
   - Coordinator: Ms Roseann Gilligan (since April 2016)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** none

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 2
    - UNESCO Chair on Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities through Physical Education, Sport, Fitness and Recreation, established in 2013 at the Institute of Technology in Tralee
    - UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, established in 2008 at the National University of Ireland, Galway

11. **Associated Schools:** 18 (1 primary, 2 primary/secondary, and 15 secondary). Ireland joined the ASP Network in 1965.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** 1

14. **UNESCO Biosphere Reserves:** 2
    - Dublin Bay (1981) (formerly known as North Bull Island)
    - Killarney (1982)

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** 3
    - Copper Coast Global Geopark
    - Burren & Cliffs of Moher Globak Geopark
• Marble Arch Caves Transnational Global Geopark (Ireland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

17. **World Heritage Sites**: 2 cultural sites
   • Brú na Bóinne – Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne (1993)
   • Sceilg Mhichíl (1996)

18. **Tentative List**: 7 properties
   • The Burren (2010)
   • The Historic City of Dublin (2010)
   • The Céide Fields and North West Mayo Boglands (2010)
   • Western Stone Forts (2010)
   • The Monastic City of Clonmacnoise and its Cultural Landscape (2010)
   • Early Medieval Monastic Sites (2010)
   • The Royal Sites of Ireland: Cashel, Dún Ailinne, Hill of Uisneach, Rathcroghan Complex, and Tara Complex (2010)

19. **Lists of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**: no elements

20. **Memory of the World Register**: 1 inscription
   • Book of Kells (2011)

21. **Creative Cities Network**: 2
   • Galway, UNESCO City of film (2014)
   • Dublin, UNESCO City of Literature (2010)

22. **Legal instruments**: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
   • International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (18 July 2008).

23. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017**: none

24. **Participation Programme**: no requests presented since 2004

25. **Fellowships**: Since 2010, 1 fellowship awarded for a total amount of US$ 20,000.

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017**: fully paid
   • Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.335%
   • Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$ 2,187,550

27. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US$):

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28. **Representation within the Secretariat**: normally represented
   • 5 professional staff in geographical posts (min 3, max 5)