



CRO Stakeholders Forum

Meeting Details

Date	7 January 2026
Location	Online via MS Teams
Meeting Title	CRO Stakeholders Forum
Attendees	<p>CRO/RBO:</p> <p>Maureen O'Sullivan Elaine Nolan Niamh Nolan Richard Farrell Sean Smith Roisin Coogan Paul McHenry</p> <p>Stakeholders:</p> <p>Lorraine O'Riordan (FOD) Andrew Lambe (Company Bureau) Dee Moran (Chartered Accountants Ire) Ruairi Cosgrove (PWC) Eugene Hayes (Midwest Corporate Services Ltd) Patrick Butler (Philip Lee) Grace Curran (Matheson) Sue Jesper (Company Formations Intl) Oliver Holt (Deloitte) Salvador Nash (KPMG) Patrick Kearney (Xeinadin) Gagani Nidesha (Company Formations Intl) Ray Hunt (McCann Fitzgerald) Jenny McGowran (Simmons) Eileen O'Connor (Beauchamps) Mark O'Hare (CSC) Gavin Clare (EY Law Ireland) Lilian Halpin (Chartered Accountants Ire) Caroline O'Dea (EY) Conor Sweeney (CLS Chartered Secretaries) Linda Murray (Deloitte) Eleanor Cairduff (Matheson) Eoin Patterson (Maples) Kathryn Maybury (Komsec) Deirdre Mooney (William Fry) Sarah Colfer (Mazars) Orla Kelly (Johnson & Johnson) John Donnelly (Startupshop) Jillian O'Sullivan (Grant Thornton)</p>

	<p>Taine Bueno (Open Forest)</p> <p>Apologies Mark Murphy</p>
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Discussion Highlights

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been circulated and uploaded on the CRO website, were formally adopted.

2. CRO Updates

Sean Smith provided the following update:

Enforcement: The involuntary strike off process continues with the first companies due to be struck off in January 2026. Enforcement action, up to and including strike off, will continue until the backlog of non-compliant companies has been cleared.

B10s: No issues reported.

VIF Forms: The CRO will continue to accept the old form until the new VIF form is bedded in.

Richard Farrell provided the following update:

We've just come through the 2025 peak filing period with no significant service issues. That's always a critical period for us, so it's a positive outcome.

From a day-to-day perspective, we're keeping a close eye on performance and stability, particularly given the increased levels of usage.

For anyone looking for ongoing service updates, we share notes on software releases through our official channels, including the CRO social media feed.

Our new support and maintenance provider is now fully on board. They're actively dealing with reported issues as they arise. As with any change like this, there was a short bedding-in period, but the right governance and escalation arrangements are in place, and issues are being managed appropriately.

Looking ahead for 2026, the focus for the support side is very much on maintaining stability, improving the new support model, and continuing to improve the service in a controlled way.

Roisin Coogan provided the following update

From 15/10/25 to 25/11/2025 **67,762** B1's submitted, this represents 94% of annual returns with an ARD of 30/09/2025.

B1 Annual Return First Date Received	11/11/2025
B1 Annual Return non-designated ULCs Date Received	13/11/2025
Paul McHenry provided the following update	
All sections, Mortgages, Solvency, Externals, Info and Cash office are currently up to date.	
Limited Partnerships/Qualified partnerships forms are available on the website, and any returns should be filed as soon as possible.	
New Companies were within our stated goals for the majority of 2025 save for a few weeks.	
2025 was record year for incorporations, with over 25,300, an increase of 9% on 2024.	
3. RBO Update	
Elaine provided statistics on RBO from 2025 on submissions, reports issued, discrepancies and non-compliance notices received, and the result of the enforcement process including the outcome of prosecution cases. Focus for 2026 will be on implementation of Articles 11-15 of the 6AMLD.	
4. Implementation of EU Directives	
Maureen gave a brief update on country by country reporting. Initially this will operate by companies sending their documentation to a specified mailbox, which will then be made publicly available on the CRO website. This will be implemented soon.	
This process will eventually move to iXBRL. CSRD and the European Single Access Portal will also require iXBRL	
5. Stakeholder issues notified to the CRO/AOB	
Grace Curran asked if the old Limited Partnership forms would still be accepted now that new Qualifying Partnership forms are available. Paul McHenry advised that the new forms should now be used.	
6. Proposed dates for 2026 CRO Stakeholder	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 25th March b. 24th June c. 23rd September d. 9th December 	
Proposed dates for 2026 CRO Stakeholder fora were agreed.	

Action Items

Next forum date: 25th March, at 10am by video conference.