



CRO Stakeholders Forum

Meeting Details

Date	24 June 2026
Location	Online via MS Teams
Meeting Title	CRO Stakeholders Forum
Attendees	CRO/RBO: Maureen O’Sullivan Elaine Nolan Niamh Nolan Ronan Fahy Roisin Coogan Sean Smith Stakeholders: Dee Moran (Chartered Accountants Ire) Melissa McCloy (Matheson) Gavin Clare (EY Law Ireland) Gagani Nidesha (Company Formations Intl) Michelle Murphy (Crowley Corporate Ltd) Deirdre Mooney (William Fry) Kathryn Maybury (Komsec) Eleanor Cairnduff (Matheson) Conor Sweeney (CLS Chartered Secretaries) Sue Jesper (Company Formations Intl) Jim McGourty (A&L Goodbody) Sarah Colfer (Mazars) Patrick Butler (Philip Lee) Jenny McGrowran (Simmons) Jacqueline Paulino Lopes Balon (Deloitte) Eoin Paterson (Maples) Eugene Hayes (Midwest Corporate Services Ltd) John Donnelly (Startupshop) Lorraine O’Riordan (FOD) Andrew Lambe (Company Bureau) Grace Curran (Matheson) Ray Hunt (McCann Fitzgerald) Ruairi Cosgrove (PWC) Nick Metcalfe (Law Society of Ireland) Mark Murphy (EPIC Investment Partners) Mark O’Hare (CSC) Taine Bueno (Open Forest) Salvador Nash (KPMG) Laura Fallon (KSI Faulkner Orr) Oliver Holt (Deloitte)

	Sean Kavanagh (Company Formations Intl) Apologies Paul McHenry Patrick Kearney (Xeinadin) Lilian Halpin (Chartered Accountants Ire) Nuala McDonald Linda Murray (Deloitte)
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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.

Maureen O'Sullivan introduced Ronan Fahy to the Forum. Ronan has replaced Richard Farrell in the CRO. She also welcomed James Byrne to the forum, he is replacing Luke Cullen as the representative from Brown Jacobson

2. CRO Updates

Niamh Nolan provided the following update:

The CRO is now publishing quarterly statistics on its website. Statistics for Q1 of 2026 can be found at [CRO - Quarterly Statistics - CRO](#). Q2 statistics will be published in July.

Roisin Coogan provided the following update

Form B1 - Annual Return General: **11/05/2026**

Form B1 - First Annual Return: **09/05/2026**

Form B1 - Annual Return for Non-Designated ULC's: **21/05/206**

Form B1B73 - Annual Return and Change of ARD: up to date

SAPs are prioritised and processed within 21 days

Sean Smith provided the following enforcement update:

The enforcement process is now targeting 1000 companies per week and it is hoped to have started the process for all companies in the backlog by the end of the year. The involuntary strike off process is as follows:

- First, the CRO issues a 10 Week Warning Email (This is a non-statutory step which is taken by the Registrar in advance of the process that is set down in the Companies Act 2014). This 10 week warning letter is sent to the company's email address as notified to CRO.
- 10 weeks later, an Involuntary Strike Off Notice is issued by registered post to the company's registered office address and by ordinary post to the secretary and director/s and at their registered home addresses. The company will be struck off two months after the strike off notice is issued if the remedial steps outlined in the notice are not undertaken - usually the filing of the annual return/s.

- Approximately 28 days after the Involuntary Strike Off Notice is issued, the company will appear in a CRO First Gazette (published on a Wednesday). There is still time even at this stage to avoid strike off and dissolution if the company gets its filings in order or if it goes into liquidation or makes an application to the Court for an extension of time to file its outstanding annual returns.
- Approximately 28 days later the company will be involuntarily struck off.
- 5 days later the company's name will be published in a Second Gazette, and it is with this final step that the company is dissolved

Mr. Eoin Paterson asked what year the CRO is up to when looking at enforcement. The CRO side responded that companies from 2019 onwards are currently being targeted in the enforcement process.

Maureen O'Sullivan provided the following updates for New Companies:

Applications for incorporations continue to rise. At the moment, the number of applications being received is up 21% on this time last year. At one point this year, the number of applications was up 30%.

Fé Phráinn applications received on 15th June are currently being processed and ordinary applications received on 2nd June are being processed. Fé Phráinn are one day behind the target processing times, while applications for ordinary incorporations are several days behind target. Extra staff have been allocated to this area. This is making an impact, but there may be some slippage over the summer months.

Gavin Clare suggested that a note be published on the website outlining the delay. It was noted that current processing times are published every day on the CRO website and social media.

3. RBO Update

Elaine Nolan updated the group of the following:

RBO filing compliance: 90%

Stats as of 23rd June, and compared to same time 2025

- Submissions saw an increase of: 10%
- Reported discrepancies have an increase of 57%
- Generated beneficial ownership reports increase: 73%
- Outcome of Court Case on the 25th May: 1 case adjourned
- Next Court Date: 27th July, with 6 cases
- New round of Enforcement notices issued 23rd June, to 26 entities for failure to file beneficial ownership information.
- RBO continues to work on providing the facility to file discrepancies online, and Designated Person will be notified when available.
- RBO continues to work on the requirements for the new Legitimate interest under 6AMLD, to be available from November

4. Implementation of EU Directives

Maureen gave a brief update on several EU directives. Country by country reporting has been implemented. To date three filings have been received. As companies can choose to

publish on either the CRO website or their own website, it is not possible to predict how many filings the CRO will receive towards the end of the year. Bearing that in mind, Maureen requested that reports be received in the CRO by the end of November to allow for timely publication by the end of the year.

CSRD will require the implementation of iXBRL in the CRO. The CRO has applied for sanction for this project, and that process is ongoing .

Co-Op Legislation and The General Scheme of the Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names Bill are still being drafted.

5. Stakeholder issues notified to the CRO/AOB

Jenny McGowran asked if it would be possible for guidance around the requirements for who needs to sign the new partnership forms to be updated. Guidance on the website will be updated.

Action Items

- Guidance on new partnership forms to be updated on CRO website.

Next forum date: 23rd September at 10am by video conference.