Date *June 2026*

1. General Information

Acronym of the national network:	*HELLIN*
Full Name of the National Network:	*Higher Education Lifelong Learning Ireland Network*
Country:	*Ireland*
Year of Establishment:	*2013*
Official Website:	*www.hellin.ie / www.linkedin.com/company/109201399*

2. Contact details

Representative of the National Network

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3. Background

Please provide a brief description of your network (maximum 200–300 words), including:

- Date of establishment

- Founding purpose
- Membership structure (e.g., number and type of member institutions)
- Key milestones or achievements
- Governance structure (if relevant)

HELLIN is Ireland's professional practice network for Higher Education Lifelong Learning working to share and advance all aspects of Irish third level adult education practice and policy including Workplace or Work-based Learning, Continuing Professional Development, Recognition of Prior Learning and Adult and Community Education.

HELLIN was re-founded in 2013 bringing together lifelong learning professionls from the established univerity and institute of technology sectors.

The organisation was set up with the purpose of exchanging and developing good practice on LLL at higher education level, working to develop and influence irish national LLL policy; and supporting scholarship in LLL in higher education.

The organisation runs on a voluntary co-operative basis with no membership fees. The great majority of irish universites are active participants in HELLIN.

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4. Focus

Please describe the main objectives and areas of activity of your National Network. Your response may include:

- Core mission and strategic goals
- Main areas of work (e.g., accreditation, policy advocacy, coordination, training, research, etc.)
- National and/or international collaborations
- Services provided to members
- Current priorities

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HELLIN is affiliated to EUCEN and is in discussions with UALL on collaboration.

5. Key Activities (Optional)

Please list up to 5 major ongoing or recent initiatives, projects, or programmes.

Recent seminar themes have included:

- AI in ULLL hosted by University of Limerick

- Co-Creation and Partnerships in LLL hosted by South East Teacnological University

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- Workshop on the NEW 'SUSI' grant funding for Part-time Students hosted by Maynooth University

- Perspectives on Lifelong Learning in Higher Education in Ireland hosted byTechnological University of the Shannon

- Perspectives on Lifelong Learning in Higher Education in Ireland hosted by University of Galway

6. Additional Information (Optional)

Any other relevant information you wish to share (publications, annual events, statistics, strategic plans, etc.).

7. National Network's social media pages (Optional)

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