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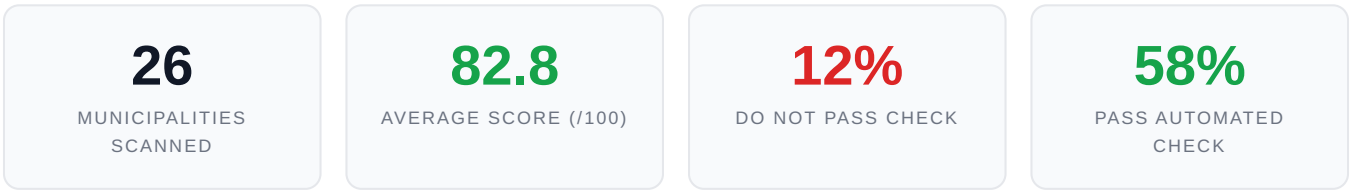
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Ireland

Municipality Web Accessibility

Automated WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Scan — EU Directive 2016/2102

Ireland — Municipality Accessibility at a Glance



12% of Ireland municipality websites **do not pass** the automated WCAG accessibility check. Only **58%** of scanned sites pass.

The average compliance score across 26 scanned municipality homepages is **82.8/100**. A total of **97** individual accessibility violations were detected, averaging **3.7** issues per site.

Score Distribution

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CATEGORY	COUNT	%	DEFINITION
PASS	15	58%	Score ≥ 80 — passes automated check
NEEDS WORK	8	31%	Score 50–79 — partially accessible
FAIL	3	12%	Score < 50 — does not pass automated check
NOT SCANNED	5	—	Website unavailable or scan failed

Most Common Accessibility Violations

The table below lists the 5 most frequent axe-core rule violations found across Ireland municipality homepages.

#	RULE	IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OCCURRENCES	SITES
1	color-contrast	SERIOUS	Ensure the contrast between foreground and background colors meets WCAG 2 AA minimum contrast ratio thresholds	44	6
2	link-name	SERIOUS	Ensure links have discernible text	36	6
3	link-in-text-block	SERIOUS	Ensure links are distinguished from surrounding text in a way that does not rely on color	13	3
4	nested-interactive	SERIOUS	Ensure interactive controls are not nested as they are not always announced by screen readers or can cause focus problems for assistive technologies	3	1
5	aria-input-field-name	SERIOUS	Ensure every ARIA input field has an accessible name	1	1

Municipality Ranking — Top & Bottom Performers

Top 15 Highest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Galway County Council	galway.ie	100.0	0
2	Kildare County Council	kildarecoco.ie	100.0	0
3	Tipperary County Council	tipperarycoco.ie	100.0	0
4	Waterford City and County Council	waterfordcouncil.ie	100.0	0
5	Mayo County Council	mayo.ie	100.0	0
6	Clare County Council	clarecoco.ie	100.0	0
7	Cavan County Council	cavancoco.ie	100.0	0
8	Longford County Council	longfordcoco.ie	100.0	0
9	Carlow County Council	carlow.ie	100.0	0
10	Louth County Council	louthcoco.ie	100.0	0
11	Offaly County Council	offaly.ie	100.0	0
12	Cork County Council	corkcoco.ie	100.0	0
13	South Tipperary County Council	southtippcoco.ie	100.0	0
14	Leitrim County Council	leitrim.ie	100.0	0
15	Wicklow County Council	wicklow.ie	100.0	0

Bottom 15 Lowest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Roscommon County Council	roscommoncoco.ie	14.6	11
2	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	dlrcoco.ie	46.3	9
3	Kerry County Council	ciarrai.ie	46.3	14
4	Donegal County Council	donegalcoco.ie	68.1	1
5	Monaghan County Council	monaghan.ie	68.1	11
6	Westmeath County Council	westmeathcoco.ie	68.1	13
7	South Dublin County Council	sdcc.ie	68.1	1
8	Laois County Council	laois.ie	68.1	6
9	Fingal County Council	fingal.ie	68.1	2
10	Limerick City and County Council	limerick.ie	68.1	2
11	Wexford County Council	wexfordcoco.ie	68.1	27
12	Galway County Council	galway.ie	100.0	0
13	Kildare County Council	kildarecoco.ie	100.0	0

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
14	Tipperary County Council	tipperarycoco.ie	100.0	0
15	Waterford City and County Council	waterfordcouncil.ie	100.0	0

Methodology & Limitations

Testing Tool

[axe-core](#), the open-source accessibility testing engine maintained by Deque Systems. It is the most widely used automated accessibility testing library and powers the accessibility checks in Chrome DevTools and Lighthouse.

Standard

WCAG 2.1 Level AA — the standard referenced by EU Directive 2016/2102 (Web Accessibility Directive) and harmonised European standard EN 301 549.

Scope

- Homepage only (crawl depth = 1). Subpages are not scanned.
- One domain per municipality (primary official website).
- Scores range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

Important limitation: Automated tools detect approximately 30–50% of WCAG 2.1 criteria. A site that does not pass the automated check is certainly non-compliant. A site that passes may still have accessibility barriers detectable only through manual expert review. These scores represent a **floor**, not a ceiling, of real-world accessibility issues.

Data Collection

Municipality websites were collected from official national registers, Eurostat LAU codes, and Wikidata. Domains were validated via DNS resolution and HTTP checks. Scans were performed using headless Chromium via Playwright + axe-core.

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