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)

10. Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities: none

11. 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


13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

14. UNESCO Clubs: 1

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

16. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 3
   - Copper Coast Global Geopark
   - Burren & Cliffs of Moher Global 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
    - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: **ratified.** (22 December 2015)

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)