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The Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) currently operates six national research schemes from postgraduate to senior collaborative project level. It promotes international research collaboration through its role as the national agency for the Humanities and Social Sciences in the European Framework Programme (FP7) and the European Research Areas NETworks HERA and NORFACE.

Role in the Preparing DARIAH project

The IRCHSS participates in the work packages strategic work.

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