

Development of the Irish Economy

Group Assignment Tutorial

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Instructions recap

General information

All the following information (and more) is available on Blackboard, under the *Module Admin* tab → **Have a look at it**

- 40% of your overall module grade
- Groups assigned by Ronan, available in the Excel file
- Each group is assigned to specific 20-year period, available in the same Excel file under the *Groups to Periods* tab
- A template is included, which gives plenty of information on what goes in each section **and** how the report should look like (font, spacing, etc)
- Important: cite all your sources *and* datasets!

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Contents of the report

No more than 16 pages, containing...

- **Timeline** 20 key events that happened during your period. Social, political, environmental or economic/economic policy events. *Explain their economic significance.*
- **Trends in key success metrics** What are the available measure and what do they show for the period? Describe, explain, make links with events, interpret.
- **Diagnosis of policy challenge** What are the challenges facing the Irish economy in your period? Identify themes and group challenges accordingly.
- **Policy recommendations** Put yourself in the shoes of the person in charge *at the end of the period* and argue which policies you would implement and how would they would improve living standards in Ireland.

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Grading

- Each 4 sections are worth 20%
- Remaining 20% goes to coherence and presentation of the project (how well written it is, sticking to the page limit, the flow of the argument across sections, etc.)
- The grade will apply uniformly to all members of the group

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Submitting

- Each group will submit **only one** report → one person of the group only will upload the document
- Upload the document using the Turnitin link on Blackboard (we will make this available in due time)
- Deadline: **3pm, Wednesday 23rd of December (MT13)**

Group assignments

Tips

- Under the *Module Admin* tab, there are some data sources. Ronan will be adding more in the coming weeks. Comb the Internet, there is a lot of stuff out there! And remember, save the links and cite the sources (papers and data).
- Try to put Ireland in perspective with its peers, give some international context.
- As of this week, you should...
 - have talked with other members of your group
 - have read/be reading the sources and texts for your period
 - have divided labour between members

Questions