The British-Irish Council

The BIC is one of the three institutions established as part of the Multi-Party Agreement reached in Belfast in 1998 representing the east-west dimension of relations in these islands.

It is a unique forum for engagement on matters of mutual interest.

The permanent BIC Secretariat was established in Edinburgh in January 2012 staffed by officials from BIC member administrations.

Work Sectors

- Social Inclusion (01)
- Environment (02)
- Transport (03)
- Energy (04)
- Misuse of Substances (05)
- Creative Industries (06)
- Indigenous & Minority Languages (07)
- Digital Inclusion (08)
- Spatial Planning (09)
- Housing (10)
- Early Years Policy (11)

Heads of Administration Summits

Summits 2018

- Guernsey (June)
- Isle of Man (November)

The Council held its inaugural meeting in December 1999, since then there have been over 30 Summits.