

# Tackling Illegal & Technical Abuse at .ie

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### The IE Domain Registry has managed the .ie domain since 2000. Data indicates *very low volume* and *rates* of abuse.



Total Database
332,704

Source: IE Domain Registry CLG

Abuse Rate (August 2025)

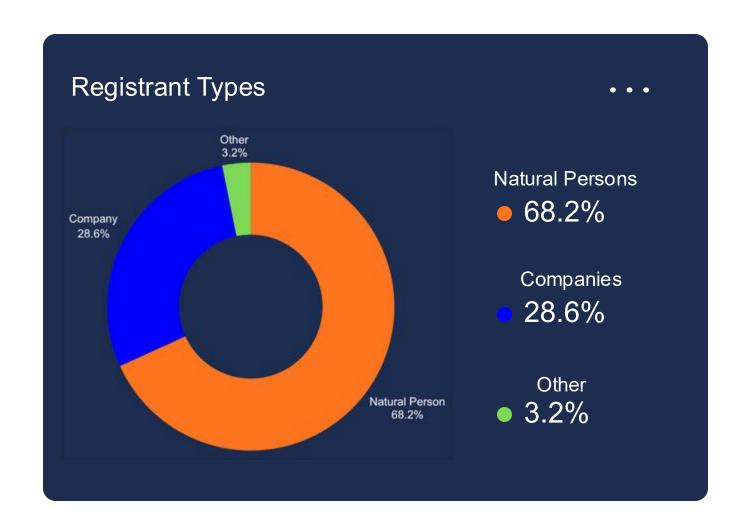
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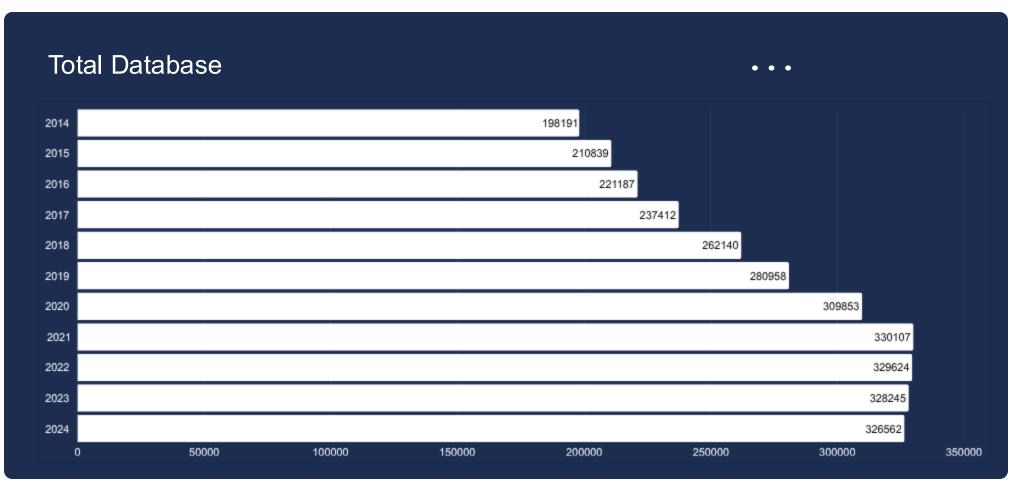
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Abuse Volume (August 2025)

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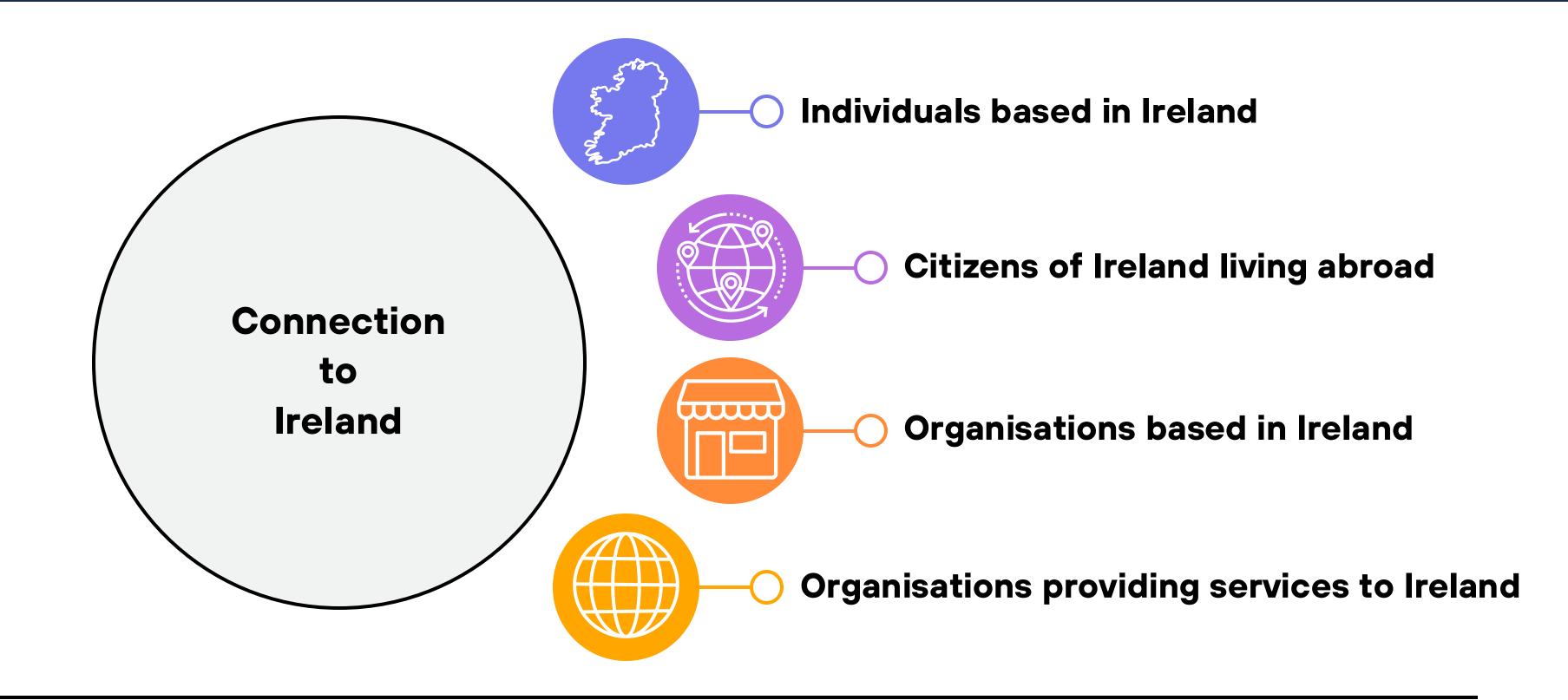




Sources: NetBeacon; IE Domain Registry

### ie domain names are available to registrants with a provable "Connection to Ireland." This includes 4 categories:





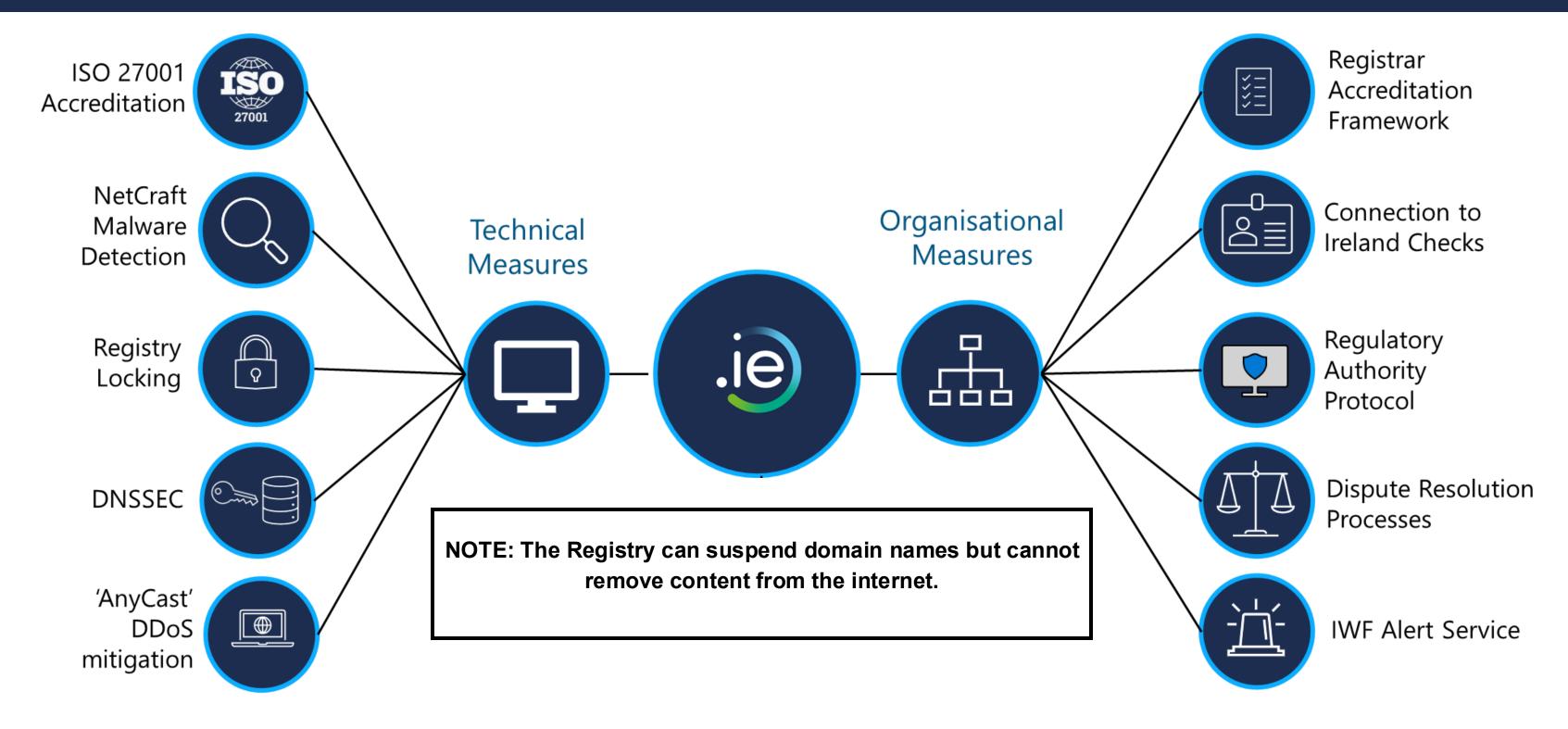
#### ie has a broader view of "abuse" beyond the official ICANN definition of "DNS Abuse." Abuse is mitigated using appropriate technical & organisational measures.





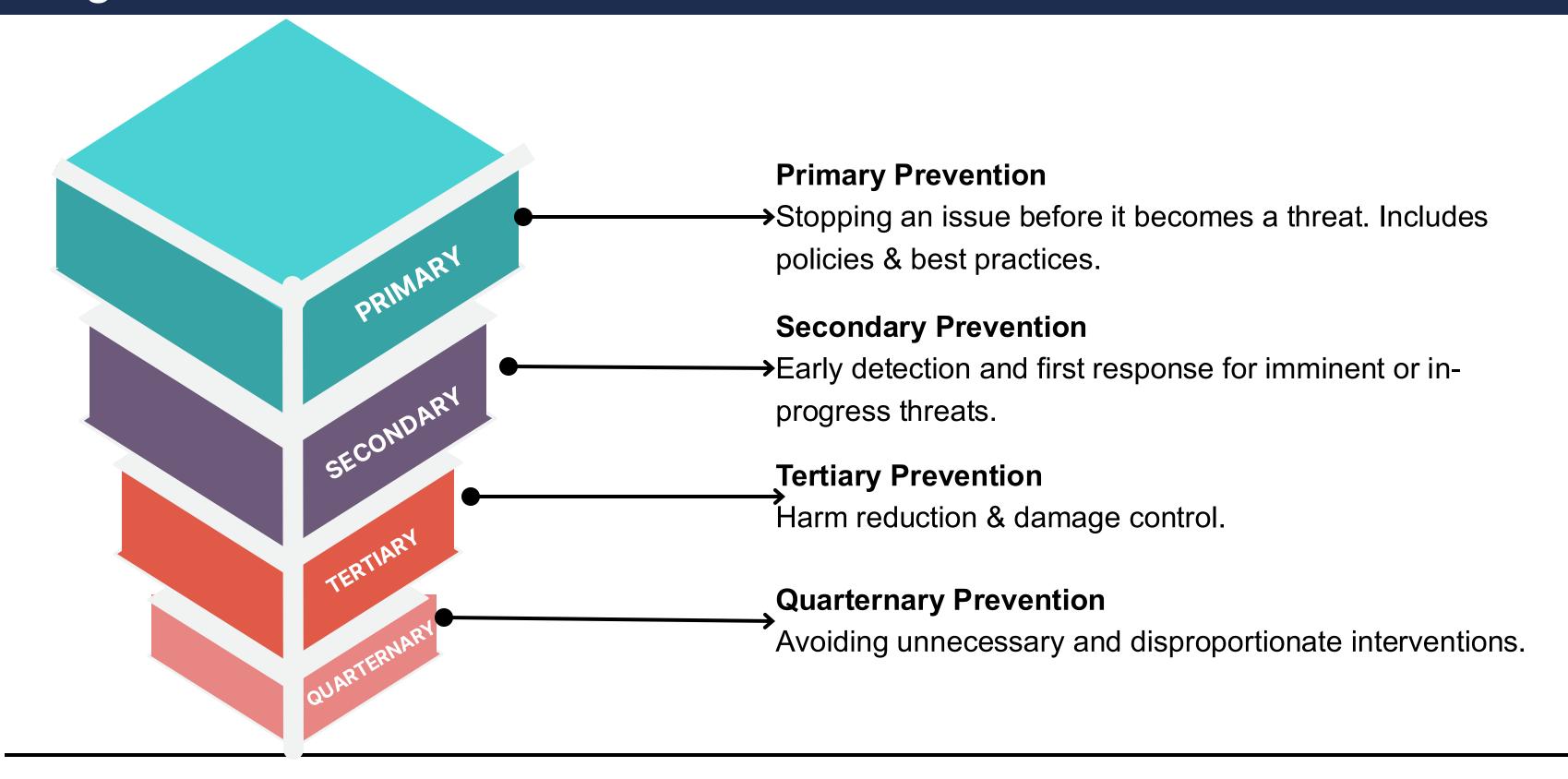
#### A.T.O.M: Appropriate Technical & Organisational Measures





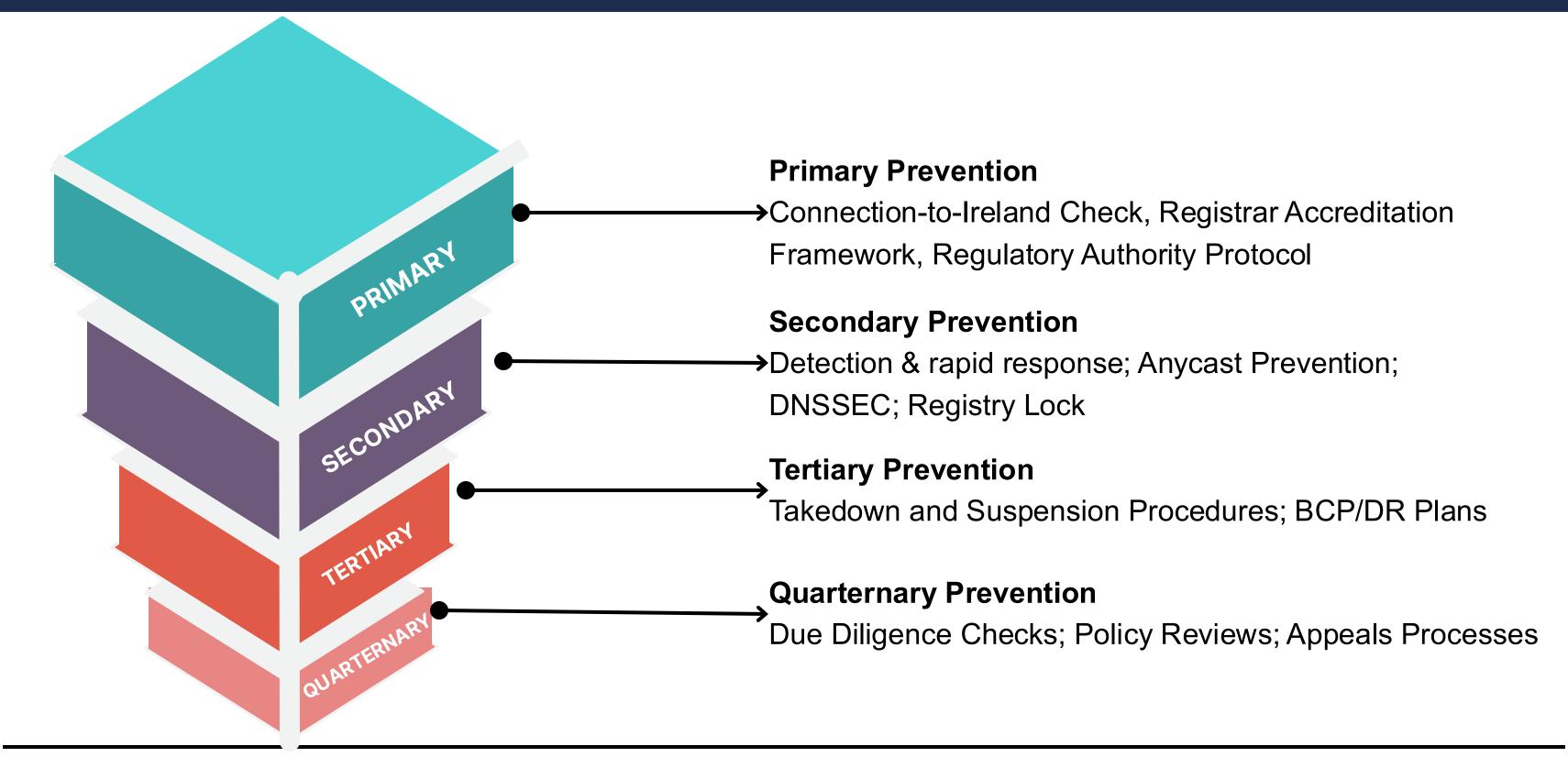
# Public health offers a similar framework of "prevention" to mitigate adverse outcomes for communities.





.ie has various measures at each layer that have different purposes, but leads to the same goal (secure and trusted domain name)





**Note:** Examples are non-exhaustive

# Example: The Regulatory Authority Protocol offers an effective and open way for regulators to collaborate with the Registry.





Coimisiún um Iomaíocht agus Cosaint Tomhaltóirí

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission



#### An Garda Síochána

Ireland's National Police and Security Service





Banc Ceannais na hÉireann Central Bank of Ireland

Eurosystem

Complaint from Regulator received

Due Diligence Check performed

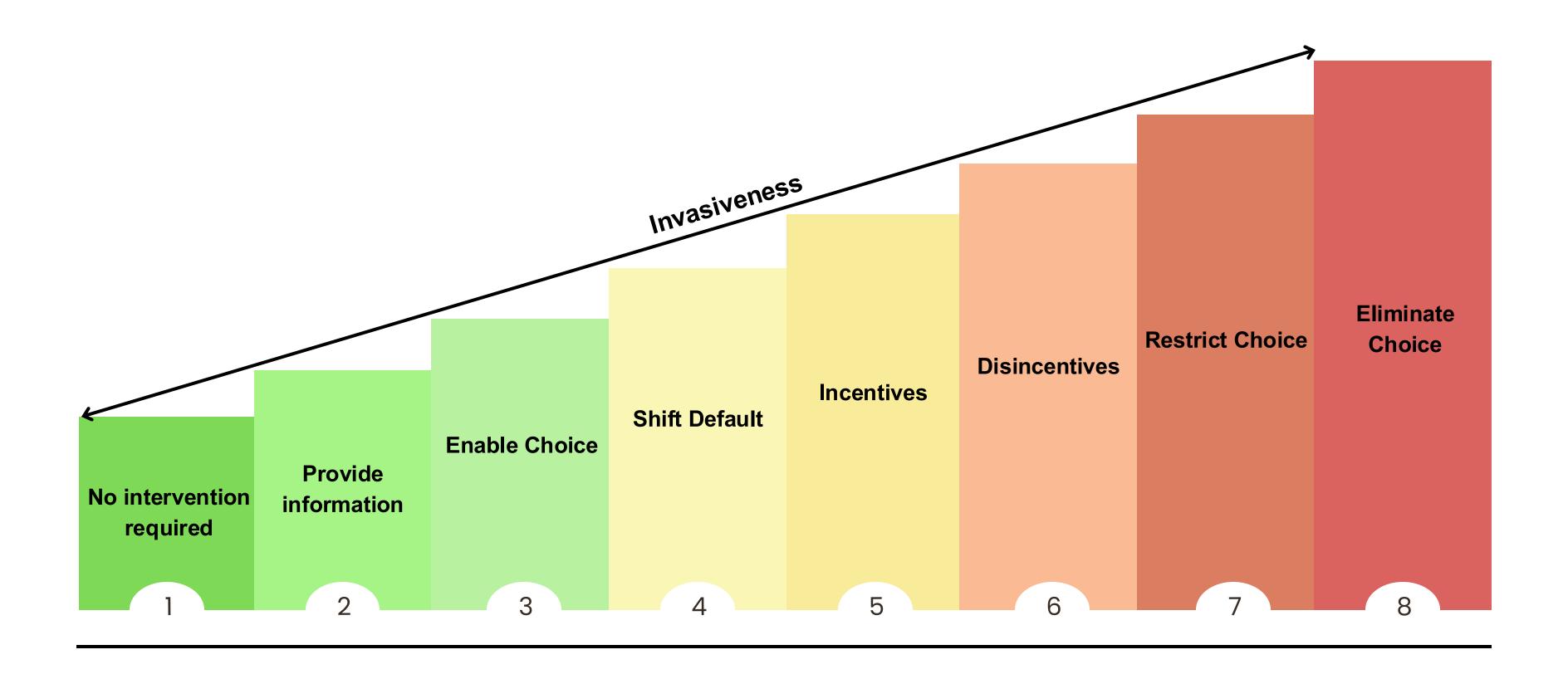
RANT given time to address matter Regulator informs us if matter addressed satisfactorily

If matter resolved, no further action taken

If matter not resolved, corrective action taken

# Ladder of intervention can aid in the selection of appropriate instruments at the organisation or government level.





#### Key Takeaways



- Effective mitigation requires technical and organisational measures
- 2 Interventions must be appropriate, necessary, and proportionate
- Meaningful collaboration between regulators, registrars, and the registry is key for .ie
- Important to prevent overreach and unnecessary interventions





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