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- The Football Association of Ireland caters for over 400,000 people playing football all around the country – making it the biggest sport in the Republic of Ireland with regard to levels of participation
- There are Football Development Officers in every county, thus meaning there is a dedicated resource – jointly funded by Local Authorities and County Councils – to promoting football within communities
- Over 30,000 children took part in this year's SPAR Primary 5s competition (41% were female). This is run through schools and the national finals are played in Aviva Stadium
- The SportsDirect FAI Summer Soccer Schools have enjoyed record numbers of participation over the last three years, while the Aviva Soccer Sisters camps have also proved to be hugely popular
- Several initiatives, run by the FAI, are aimed directly at engaging with children and young adults. For example, the Late Nite Leagues help to increase levels of anti-social behaviour and Glow Football acts as a fun way to get girls involved with a team sport
- With 35 clubs around the country now facilitating Football For All programmes, there are more opportunities for children and young adults of varying levels of ability to engage with football
- In 2016, the FAI partnered with SPAR to release the Healthy Eating Guide for Kids – published in both English and as Gaeilge – which used international team players from the men's and women's teams to encourage healthy eating habits
- Over the past five years, the FAI has run more coaching courses than ever before. The result of this is that there are more qualified coaches around the country who help to raise standards, produce high quality coaching sessions, and cater for the specific needs of players at all levels
- The elite player pathway has been strengthened with the Emerging Talent Programme, Girls Centre of Excellence, as well as underage tiers with the SSE Airtricity League and Continental Tyres Women's National League

- The FAI are continually working with national and local authorities to seek funding for specific programmes