OUR MISSION

THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND RELEVANT REGULATION, WE FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR IN IRELAND THAT ATTRACTS INVESTMENT, ENCOURAGES INNOVATION AND EMPOWERS CONSUMERS TO CHOOSE AND USE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITH CONFIDENCE.

VISION

CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES IN IRELAND HAVE AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY, AND WIDESPREAD ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS THAT SUPPORT THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS.



ROLE

COMREG'S ROLE IS TO
ENSURE THAT
COMMUNICATIONS
MARKETS OPERATE IN
THE INTERESTS OF
END-USERS AND
SOCIETY.







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INTRODUCTION

The electronic communications services (ECS) sector plays a key role in shaping Ireland's economy and society. Today, there is virtually no part of our lives which remains untouched by innovations in digital connectivity.

In the absence of regulation, it is doubtful if electronic communications markets would evolve in ways which meet society's needs. Due to the nature of these markets, it is possible that, if left unregulated, investment would occur more slowly, end users would have less choice and prices would be higher. As the regulator for the electronic communications sector, ComReg strives to shape the competitive landscape, provide regulatory certainty and give the necessary incentives to make large scale investments in electronic communications networks possible.

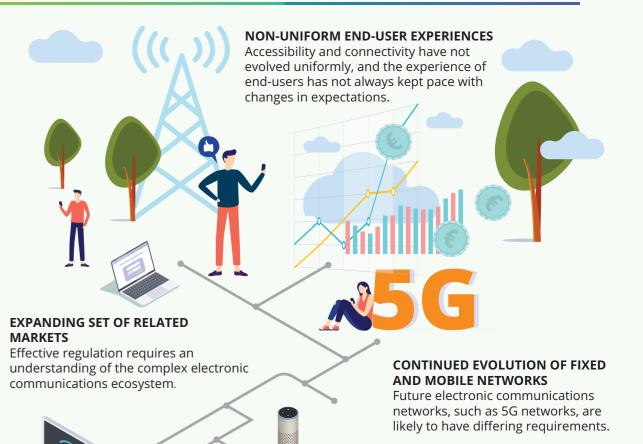
This document sets out ComReg's vision for the ECS sector, defines our strategic intents for the coming years and identifies sectoral trends and challenges we anticipate will influence our activities over the coming period.



STRATEGIC INTENTS 2017-2021



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



INCREASE IN CONNECTED "THINGS"

While the current electronic communications ecosystem focuses primarily on how people connect, the next wave of innovation is anticipated to be in relation to connected "things".



CHANGING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The regulatory framework for electronic communications introduced in 2002 (and updated in 2009) was revised, and the European Electronic Communications Code was set in its place in 2018.