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**Communications Regulation**

## ComReg hosts conference of future innovations in the Telecoms sector

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) hosted a conference on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October in Dublin Castle titled: “Telecommunications - Society and Sector in Transition”. The conference reflected on the changes that have occurred in the telecoms sector and the key innovations that are likely to take place in the coming years. The conference was opened by the Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development, Seán Kyne TD.

The Chairperson of ComReg, Gerry Fahy, said: “the conference gives ComReg and its stakeholders a welcome and timely opportunity to assess the changes that have taken place in the sector and the developments that will take place in the near future. Innovations and investment in new technologies have increased demand for high-speed internet access. Recent years have seen strong investment in physical infrastructure and services. Today, smartphones, tablets, video-streaming, virtual services and the arrival of the Internet of Things have again increased the need for high speed broadband and access across the country.”

The first session of the conference entitled “A Time of Transition – the Telecoms Landscape” - was addressed by the following speakers: Erzsébeth Fitori, Director General of the Fibre to the Home Council of Europe; Sébastien Soriano, Chair of French National regulatory Authority for telecoms and post, ARCEP and Chair of BEREC; Torlach Denihan, Director of the Telecommunications and Internet Federation (TIF) at IBEC.

The second session of the conference entitled was entitled “A Connected Future” was address by William Webb, CEO of Weightless SIG, the standards body developing a new global M2M technology. Mr. Webb, who was the opening speaker of the session, discussed future mobile network rollout, data consumption and 5G. Karlin Lillington, Irish Times journalist and columnist; Martin Cave, regulatory economist who specialises in competition law and network industries and David Minton, Director of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly responded to Will Webb’s speech.

All presentations will be made available on the ComReg website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie) in due course.

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