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ComReg issues market report for Q2 2017

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today released its Quarterly Report on the Electronic Communications market for the period (1 April to 30 June) Q2 2017.

Fixed Broadband Subscriptions increased to 1.379 million, a 0.4% increase this quarter and were up by 3.6% compared to Q2 2016. The estimated household (fixed and mobile) Broadband Penetration Rate at the end of Q2 is 86%, higher than the EU average of 83%.

Average fixed broadband speeds continue to increase. In Q2 2017 approximately 80.3% of all fixed broadband subscriptions were equal to or greater than 10Mbps up from 75.1% in Q2 2016. 68.7% of all fixed broadband subscriptions were equal to or greater than 30Mbps, up from 60.1% in Q2 2016.

Total voice traffic minutes decreased by 0.7% this quarter and were 3.3% lower than in Q2 2016. Mobile minutes form the majority of voice minutes at 77.3%, with fixed minutes representing the remaining 22.7%. Mobile voice minutes increased by 1.0% while fixed voice minutes decreased by 6.0% this quarter.

On a monthly basis an average mobile voice subscriber used 214 minutes (-2.2% annual decrease), sent 84 texts (-14.7 annual decrease) and used 4.1GB of data (+73.1% annual increase).

45.1% of all mobile subscribers were actively using 4G Networks in Q2 2017, up from 33.8% in Q2 2016.

Machine-to-machine (M2M) subscriptions increased to 746,803 a 23.1% annual increase.

The full quarterly report for Q2 2017 – ComReg 17/75 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie/publications.

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