

The Commission for Communications Regulation, in co-operation with Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs, CTVR Trinity College Dublin and WirelessLAB, has the pleasure of inviting you to the seminar Cognitive Radio - An Opportunity for Ireland on Wednesday 21 July, 2010 in CTVR, The Telecommunications Research Centre, Dunlop Oriel House, Corner of Fenian Street & Westland Row, Trinity College, Dublin.

Agenda

13.00	Registration
13.30	Introduction & Welcome
13.45	Guide to Cognitive Technology
14.00	Overview of EU and other research programmes
14.30	Coffee break
14.45	Developments in Ireland in Cognitive Technology
15.30	Introduction to Brainstorming/breakout sessions
15.35	Breakout sessions
16.30	Results of Breakouts: How to exploit Ireland's advantages in Cognitive Technology
17.00	Closing remarks including next steps

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Driven mainly by growth in IP applications and demand for always-on, on the move IP access, pressure is increasing to make ever more effective and efficient use of the radio spectrum, particularly in the mobile and broadcasting 'sweet spot' in the VHF and UHF frequency bands. Part of the potential solution to this challenge is the development and deployment of 'smart' radios, i.e., the use of wireless technology capable of sensing the operational environment and adjusting the parameters of the wireless device(s) accordingly to avail of gaps in the radio spectrum not being used at that time. Some such devices already exist employing precognitive technologies, however, truly cognitive devices have yet to emerge on the market with much research being done in this area on technology, protocols, applications, etc.

The aims of this seminar are to:

- Raise awareness of the potential for cognitive technologies
- Foster links between academic research and commercial interests
- Identify 'early mover' opportunities for Ireland
- Inform policy-makers and regulators about upcoming challenges
- Establish visibility of, and links with, international leaders in the field

Speakers will include, among others:

- Jim Connolly, ComReg
- Prof. Linda Doyle, CTVR
- Prof. Petri Mähönen, Ericsson Professor and Chair, Aachen University
- Andrew Stirling, Microsoft
- Davide Cherubini, Alcatel-Lucent
- Dr. Anne O'Connor, Special Adviser to the Director General, RTÉ,
- Kerry Hartnett, Intel
- John Holland, Ericsson