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Commissioner Likanen Backs Irish Telecom Industry Initiative on Disability

European Information Society Commissioner, **Erkki Liikanen**, has given his backing to a seminar being held tomorrow, 8th April 2003, to promote employment of people with disabilities in the telecom industry in Ireland. The seminar, which is organised by the Communications Regulator, ComReg, will be attended by representatives of Ireland's leading telecom operators including Meteor, Esat BT, 02, eircom, ericssons, ntl, Vodafone, IBEC, Media Lab Europe and the Department of Communications Marine & Natural Resources.

The seminar, 'Communicate Ability' is being held to mark *European Year for Disability* and its purpose is to explore the opportunities and challenges for people with disability within the telecom industry. Speakers at tomorrow's seminar include **Caroline Casey**, Founder and Development, the Aisling Foundation; **Gerry Ellis**, Consultant on Technology and Accessibility, Bank of Ireland; **Clive Evans**, HR Manager, Microsoft and **Ina Mulrooney**, HR Business Support Manager, Hewlett Packard.

Commissioner Likanen said that the seminar would present an opportunity for the Irish ICT sector to share pertinent experience and learning on opportunities and challenges for disabled workers within the sector. "During this, the European Year of Disability, the European Commission endorses initiatives that are being taken to assist inclusion and opportunities for people with disabilities".

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