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## **European Communication regulators agree rules on competition remedies**

The European Regulators Group (ERG), which comprises the national regulators of the EU member states, today published a “Common Position” on how they intend to apply remedies to address competition problems in the markets for electronic communications. As a member of the ERG, ComReg actively participated in the process of agreeing these ‘remedies’ which includes obligations to provide access, non-discrimination, transparency, and cost accounting and price control.

The EU’s New Regulatory Framework has been in place since last July, and Ireland was among the first Member States to transpose it. It gives ComReg a key role in assessing the degree of market power that operators enjoy in defined network and service markets. In the light of that assessment, ComReg must then decide on the appropriate remedies to ensure effective competition. The New Regulatory Framework also requires national regulators to seek to agree on the types of remedies best suited to solve particular competition problems.

The ERG Common Position published today sets out the approach that regulators will pursue and attempts to ensure a coherent and harmonised approach across the European Union. While the Common Position is not legally binding, national regulators must take account of it when deciding what remedies to impose at a national level.

The ERG Common Position is published on the ERG website - [http://erg.eu.int/documents/index\\_en.htm](http://erg.eu.int/documents/index_en.htm) – where further information on the ERG can also be found.

Details of the regulatory framework for electronic communications can be found on the Europa website at:

[http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/topics/ecomms/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/topics/ecomms/index_en.htm)

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