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Irish Regulator calls for Input to European Regulators' Group Work Programme

Etain Doyle has called for all parties interested in the Telco Sector in Ireland to contribute to the planning of the newly established European Regulators Group (ERG) Work Programme. In particular, she said it was important for users and industry to let the ERG know their priorities. All contributions should be received by the 31st December 2002.

The European Regulators Group, which was set up as part of the new EU Framework held their inaugural meeting recently in Brussels. The Group will constitute the interface between National Regulatory Authorities and the European Commission. It will contribute to the development of the Internal Market and to the consistent application of the regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services in all member states. Jens Arnbak, Chairman of the Dutch Regulatory Authority in the Netherlands, was elected Chairman of the Group.

"This is a great opportunity for interested parties in Ireland to make their views known at an international level and contribute to a programme to intensify appropriate regulatory cooperation for the telecom sector in the European Member States" says Ms Doyle.

Details of future meetings, agendas and the future work programme of the Group will be published in advance, and market players will regularly be invited to contribute to its work programme.

The next meeting of the Group will take place in January 2003 where the initial work programme will be agreed hence all contributions will be welcomed before then.

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