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## Information Note

Number Portability Industry Meeting On June  
1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Information Notice

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In November 2014, ComReg at the request of a number of Operators who attend the ComReg Geographic Number Portability (GNP) forum, invited all Operators to an industry workshop to facilitate a discussion by Operators on the replacement of the current Fixed Number Portability (FNP) database.

At the workshop in December 2014, the Operators who attended agreed to commence a project with the objective of replacing the current FNP database with a new commercial FNP solution. A follow up meeting was held in January 2015, at that meeting a high-level milestone plan was prepared and agreed by Operators who have used this high-level plan to guide the process to date.

In April/May 2015 a group of FNP solution providers were invited to present to Operators on the capabilities of their FNP solutions. Over the summer of 2015 Operators analysed the service providers' technical solutions in preparation for drafting an industry Request-For-Proposal (RFP) for an FNP solution.

In October 2015 Operators agreed to nominate a project manager to coordinate the preparation of the RFP. BT (Ireland) agreed to project manage the RFP preparation phase. Since October 2015 Operators have been working to prepare a technical specification and draft contract for the RFP.

The inputs to the RFP are now at the final draft stage (i.e. a specification and draft contract etc.). The next step in the process is to share these documents with other Operators that have not participated in drafting the RFP to date. This will provide an opportunity for Operators' to comment or provide feedback on the RFP documentation set. The draft contract will then be finalised and circulated to the solution providers so that the solution providers can respond formally to the RFP.

To assist the process, ComReg agreed to facilitate this Operator workshop, which will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:00 A.M. in ComReg's offices.

The purpose for the meeting will be as follows:

(1) to provide the background on the project to date;

- (2) to present the project documentation;
- (3) to get feedback on the RFP documentation set;
- (4) to make arrangements for a follow up meeting on project management and governance.

In order for us to provide suitable facilities we request operators to email Brian Butcher at [brian.butcher@comreg.ie](mailto:brian.butcher@comreg.ie) by COB on May 24<sup>th</sup> indicating your intention to attend including the number of delegates who will attend from your organisations.

The project documentation is available from the project manager on request by email from Kieran Mageean at [kieran.mageean@bt.com](mailto:kieran.mageean@bt.com)