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TOWARD MORE FLEXIBLE SPECTRUM USE: THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND?

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The Commission for Communications Regulation and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has the pleasure of inviting you to

OECD / ComReg Workshop

Toward more flexible Spectrum Use: The Digital Dividend?

on Wednesday 31st May 2006 in the O'Reilly Hall, University College Dublin.

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Introduction to conference 09.30am

Keynote Speech Noel Dempsey TD Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

Session 1

Drivers of Change in Spectrum Management 09.45am

Focus of Session Drivers of change such as the economic environment, technological pressure and changing market conditions will be considered in this session. Issues arising in moving from a command and control management system to a market-orientated approach will also be explored.

Chair of Session Jim Norton Senior Policy Advisor, e-Business & e-Government, Institute of Directors, & former Head of the UK Radiocommunications Agency.

Speakers
Ruprecht Niepold Head of Radio Spectrum Policy Unit, European Commission.
Phillipa Marks Director, Indepen.
Eric Stark Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy Analysis and Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, US Department of Commerce.
Thomas W. Hazlett Professor of Law and Economics, George Mason University.

Coffee Break 11:00am

Session 2

Enabling Change/Enabling Technology 11.30am

Focus of Session An overview of new and emerging technologies that have implications for spectrum policy. This will include initiatives and technologies currently under research such as Software Defined Radio.

Chair of Session Paul Kolodzy Director, Kolodzy Consulting & former Director of the Spectrum Policy Task Force, FCC.

Speakers
Jorge Pereira Scientific Officer, European Commission.
Linda Doyle Research Leader, Centre for Telecommunications Value Chain Driven Research, Trinity College Dublin.
Robert Mourik Head of Regulatory Affairs, O2 Ireland.
Benoist Deschamps European Affairs Department of the Agence Nationale des Fréquences, France.

Buffet Lunch and Technical Demonstrations 13:00am

Session 3

Managing Change 14.00pm

Focus of Session Experiences of regulatory change in spectrum management will be explored; with a special focus on the digital dividend. Issues such as the process of change, the assessment of potential gains and lessons learned will be covered.

Chair of session Jim Connolly Senior Spectrum Manager, ComReg.

Speakers
Robert Pepper Senior Managing Director, Global Advanced Technology Policy, Cisco Systems Inc, & former Chief of Policy Department, FCC.
Graham Louth Director of Spectrum Markets, OFCOM.
Junko Koizumi Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.
Philip Laven Director, Technical Department, European Broadcasting Union.

Closing Remarks 15:30pm

Isolde Goggin Chairperson, ComReg.