



Commission for
Communications Regulation

Information Notice

**Broadband Cost Reduction Regulations: Single
Information Point (SIP)**

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1. The Broadband Cost Reduction Regulations (“the Regulations”)¹ became effective on 20 July 2016 and implements Directive 2014/61/EU² in Ireland. The primary purpose of the Regulations is to put in place a framework of rights and obligations aimed at facilitating and reducing the cost of deploying high-speed public communications networks ultimately to the benefit of businesses and consumers.
2. Regulation 10(1) of the Regulations sets out the functions of the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”). These include the function of acting as a Single Information Point (“SIP”) as set out at Regulation 10(1)(c) of the Regulations:

“10(1)(c) The regulator shall carry out [...] the functions of the single information point [...] regarding access to information provided to the single information point by network operators and to facilitate access via a single information point to information regarding statutory permits for civil works required to develop elements of a highspeed electronic communications network including, where appropriate, exempted development provisions and the conditions and procedures applicable to granting a statutory permit.”
3. The SIP will facilitate access to relevant information regarding:
 - i. permits, licenses or consents for civil works required to develop elements of a high-speed electronic communications network; and
 - ii. the procedures applicable to granting permits, licenses or consents.
4. Information provided to ComReg which is within the scope of the SIP (i.e. regarding permits for civil works or information regarding civil works) may be made available subject to a request.
5. ComReg has published the SIP on its website³ as follows:

<http://www.comreg.ie/media/2016/09/Single-Information-Point-PDF-11-10-16.pdf>
6. Organisations who wish to be included on the SIP or have any questions should contact sip@comreg.ie.

¹ S.I. No. 391 of 2016 <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2016/si/391/made/en/pdf>

² Directive 2014/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks

³ <http://www.comreg.ie>