

ComReg Draft Strategy Statement 2025-2027

Public Consultation

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Commission for Communications Regulation ('**ComReg**') is the statutory body responsible for the regulation of the electronic communications (telecommunications, radio spectrum and broadcasting transmission) and postal sectors in the State.
- 1.2 ComReg is required by legislation to issue a strategy statement every two years, distinguishing between its functions in relation to electronic communications, premium rate services ('PRS'), radio frequency spectrum management, and postal services. ComReg currently publishes three strategy statements: one each on electronic communications and PRS, spectrum management, and postal services.
- 1.3 ComReg proposes to change its approach for its current round of strategy planning for the period 2025 to 2027. From 2025 ComReg intends to issue a <u>single</u> Strategy Statement encompassing the entirety of its functions. This will be a high-level, principles-based Strategy Statement that reflects the outlook for ComReg and its expanding remit over the next two years. More granular information on ComReg's activities aligning with the 2025-2027 Strategy Statement will be available as part of ComReg's annual action plans over the strategy period.
- 1.4 ComReg is now publishing its draft Strategy Statement for the period 2025-2027 for public consultation, pursuant to its obligations under Section 31 of the Act. ComReg strongly encourages all interested parties to read and provide feedback on this draft Strategy Statement.

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¹ Section 31 of the Communications Regulation Act 2002 (as amended by the Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Act 2010) (the '**Act**').

2 Next Steps

- 2.1 This public consultation will shape key elements of our 2025-2027 Strategy Statement. ComReg seeks the views of existing, but also especially new, stakeholders on the trends and challenges which will shape the 2025-2027 Strategy Statement, and any other relevant issues ComReg should consider.
- 2.2 Respondents to ComReg's Strategy Statement Call for Inputs indicated that ComReg should have regard to other outstanding publications when issuing consultations, in order to facilitate resource allocations by respondents, and, accordingly, to allow for high-quality and considered submissions. Accordingly, and bearing in mind that it currently has other consultations open, ComReg welcomes responses from stakeholders by 5pm on **Friday**, **February 14**th, **2025**.
- 2.3 Responses must be submitted in written form (post or email) clearly marked "Submissions to ComReg 24/103":

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- 2.4 Having analysed and considered the comments received, ComReg will review the draft Strategy Statement, and update where appropriate.
- 2.5 ComReg will publish all submissions to this consultation as well as all substantive correspondence on matters relating to this document, subject to the provisions of ComReg's guidelines on the treatment of confidential information (ComReg document 05/24). Electronic submissions should be made in an unprotected format to facilitate electronic publication.
- 2.6 As it is ComReg's policy to make all responses available on its website and for inspection generally, respondents are requested to clearly identify confidential material, and to place confidential material in a separate annex to their response, and to provide supporting reasoning as to why material in that annex is confidential.
- 2.7 When it has concluded its review of all submissions received and other relevant material, ComReg's intention is to publish a response to consultation and a final Strategy Statement for 2025-2027 as appropriate.