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ComReg invites firms to trial DSA technology

16.04.2007 - The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) said on Friday that "intelligent radio" or Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) technology has great benefits for advanced technology like Wi-Fi.

DSA technology is about maximising the use of the radio spectrum by gaining access to highly sought after frequencies at certain times or in certain locations.

Many industries like telecoms, broadcasting companies and equipment manufacturers rely on radio frequencies and could stand to benefit from the research on smart radio being carried out by the Centre for Telecommunications Value Chain Research (CTVR).

Essentially, according to a spokesperson for ComReg, mobile and broadband stand to benefit by accessing greater parts of the radio spectrum and accessing it faster.

As part of the DySPAN series of talks on DSA technologies to be held in Dublin next week, manufacturers can actually test out their products and services in various demonstration sessions.

The benefits of smart radio could potentially trickle down to the consumer end. Ofcom in the UK has carried out research into DSA, looking at advanced roaming applications for mobile phones, PDAs and other mobile devices.

Smart radio technology could help a user's mobile device detect and choose the lowest-cost network to carry out a particular communication.

ComReg chairperson Mike Byrne said: "ComReg is keen to encourage innovative developments and more efficient ways to use spectrum. We wish to encourage development in these technologies through our test-and-trial licence scheme.

"We would like to invite interested parties to consider using the test-and-trial licence scheme to investigate the potential of this technology," he said.

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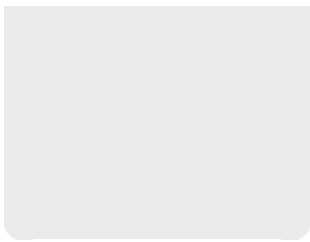


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