



ComReg: Brief Review

Established 1st December 2002 – under the Communications Act 2002

Most functions transferred from ODTR

Covers telecommunications regulation, spectrum management and posts

Holy Trinity of Commissioners

Objectives & Functions of regulator in statute:

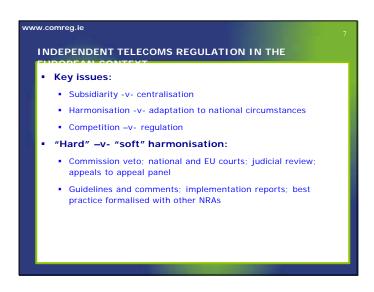
Promote competition

Contribute to development of internal market

Promote interests of consumers



The new framework in practice - NRA Increased interactions with Commission, ERG, IRG, NRA's, NCA... Vital to co-ordinate with other regulators, especially those facing similar issues But needs resources! ComReg has co-operation agreement with Irish Competition Authority Competition Authority participates in steering group for market reviews Parallel decentralisation of EC competition law – NCAs themselves participate in "network" Future interaction between ex-ante and ex-post



The new framework – NRAs and the Commission Fairly onerous notification requirements: Market definition (product and geographic) Market analysis and SMP designation(s) Results of prior public consultation Opinion of NCA Notification to other NRAs Specific regulatory obligations proposed NRAs in position akin to firms notifying under Merger Regulations Process and substance new to most NRAs Commission should review procedural rules after a reasonable time period

