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Election 2020 Manifesto

The telecoms sector:

- **employs 25,000**
- **invested approximately €3bn in the network over the past 5 years**
- **plans even greater future investment**
- **paid €932m for spectrum licences since 2012**
- **generates substantial VAT and other tax revenue for the Exchequer**



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Priorities for General Election 2020

5G rollout

Address the growing opposition to the rollout of **5G** which will damage job creation locally and undermine the ambition for Ireland to be a digital leader

Issue a ministerial circular letter to all councils explaining the benefits of **5G**, the safety standards and the role of councils

Establish an expert scientific panel under the aegis of the Environmental Protection Agency to monitor the relevant scientific safety standards

Rural mobile connectivity

Spectrum fees and receipts from spectrum auctions transferred to the Exchequer should be allocated for investment in initiatives to improve **mobile coverage** in rural areas

European Electronic Communications Code (EECC)

In order to comply with the **EECC**, which is currently being transposed, industry needs:

- ◆ clarity on its obligations under the Code
- ◆ advance notice of new or amended IT requirements

Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce

Industry urges retention of the government's **Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce**, which should focus on infrastructure rollout to ensure high quality service and availability

Digital piracy

Establish a taskforce involving the Revenue Commissioners, An Garda Síochána and the relevant Government Departments to combat **digital piracy**

Cybersecurity

Allocate adequate resources to the National **Cybersecurity** Centre to meet the growing cyber threat

“Telecommunications Industry Ireland calls for a dedicated Minister for Communications and Digital to lead Ireland’s digital agenda and co-ordinate its delivery across government.”

John Keaney, Chair, Telecommunications Industry Ireland