

indirect level. The report predicts an optimistic outcome for the economy as a whole but more 'subtle' employment effects in the telecommunications sector specifically.

Multimedia—Potentials and Challenges from an Economic Perspective

Dieter Elixmann & Peter Kürble (Eds)

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Patrick Troy

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