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Sommario/riassunto	The current European consensus on competition in communications is based on a shared vision of contemporary market and technological developments. Roughly stated, the position, outlined in the 1994 Bangemann Report and the 1997 European Green Paper on Convergence (Marsden and Verhulst 1999, Blackman, 1998), claims the following: B Due to the "end of spectrum scarcity" and the convergence between telecommunications, computing and broadcasting, much of the sector specific regulation that encumbers the communications sector can be gradually removed. B Where previous technological constraints made some