

Your response

What is your response to this call for inputs?

Confidential? – N

The representation on television of the indigenous Celtic languages in the UK (Welsh, Irish and Scots Gaelic) is recognised as part of the BBC's remit. This role is also supplemented by the BBC's partnerships within the UK with the dedicated Celtic language television broadcasters, S4C and BBC ALBA. S4C and BBC ALBA also benefit from PSB Prominence on UK EPGs and from VOD availability through the BBC iPlayer.

Ofcom's recent document, 'Public service broadcasting in the digital age - Supporting PSB for the next decade and beyond' states that "S4C and BBC ALBA have a specific remit to support indigenous languages in Wales and Scotland respectively" but makes no reference to Irish as an indigenous UK language in Northern Ireland or to TG4.

At present, TG4 is the most important commissioner of Irish language content in Northern Ireland and also plays a very substantial role in the broader ecology of the whole creative economy in Northern Ireland.

TG4 asks that the thematic review include the portrayal on television of the Irish language and its communities and the role of the BBC and TG4 might play in achieving that portrayal.