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### Introduction

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These guidelines are to assist authors and commentators in ensuring that contributions are relevant, of good quality and meet appropriate community standards.

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### Content guidelines

The Society encourages contributions and debate on issues of relevance to telecommunications and the digital economy. However, it is pointed out that offensiveness, bias, polemic, irrelevancy and lack of precision weaken arguments and degrade the discussion. The use of "loaded" words should be avoided. The Wikipedia content policies provide useful background reading for authors, particularly the [Manual of style - Words to watch](#) <sup>[5]</sup>.

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