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5th BEREC Stakeholder Forum: Incentivising new models of investment and fostering innovation in a convergent market

On 18 October in Brussels BEREC will hold its 5th Stakeholder forum where stakeholders from telecoms and digital environments will gather to exchange views on topics which appear crucial for the future of these environments, in particular in a context of intense legislative debate on the regulatory framework review.

The forum will provide the opportunity in particular to discuss on the best regulatory approaches to promote new models of investment and competition, at a time when investments in very-high capacity network are crucial for the emergence of the Gigabit society.

This 5th Stakeholder forum will also aim at considering, in another roundtable, the way regulators should balance setting consumer safeguards with the need to foster innovation, when the convergence of content and traditional electronic communication services and the emergence of new players in this market offer new opportunities to consumers but might also create new regulatory challenges.

Roundtables will be moderated by Henk Don (ACM, The Netherlands) and Sara Andersson (PTS, Sweden).

Speakers for the first roundtable will include Maxime Lombardini, CEO of Iliad; Brad Burnham, Co-founder of Union Square Ventures; Filipa Carvalho, Director for Regulation of NOS; Alastair Davidson, Director of Wireless Infrastructure Group (UK mobile wholesale network provider); Richard Feasey, Independent Consultant. .

The second roundtable will benefit from the views of Kevin Martin, Vice-president of Facebook; Michael Bryan-Brown, Managing Director at Liberty Global; Guillermo Beltrà, BEUC and David Jevons, Partner at Oxera.

On this occasion, Johannes Gungl, BEREC incoming Chair, will also present the key work areas of BEREC next year, which include a focus on 5G deployment and the promotion of innovation in network technologies.

Sébastien Soriano, BEREC Chair 2017 will give a keynote speech between the two roundtables. Steve Unger, BEREC Vice-Chair 2017 will give the welcome address and Commissioner Andrus Ansip will make the closing remarks.

<u>BEREC Stakeholder Forum is open to the public</u> and will be live-streamed on the BEREC website. Everyone is invited to ask questions to the speakers or react on the discussions via Twitter <u>#BERECforum</u>.

5th BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting agenda

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