

# AGENDA

## BEREC Stakeholder Workshop on Combating Fraud

<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid workshop - IRG Secretariat Brussels and WebEx
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	21 May 2026, 13:30 - 16:30 CEST

**21 May 2026**

### Background

In recent years, the rapid digitalisation of services has been accompanied by a significant rise in online fraud targeting end users across the European Union. As highlighted in the [NIS Cooperation Group's report of 21 February 2024 on the cybersecurity and resilience of the EU's communications infrastructure and networks](#), smishing and vishing attacks have become increasingly prevalent. These techniques are used by malicious actors to deceive individuals into visiting fraudulent websites that impersonate trusted entities such as government services, delivery providers or retailers, or to compromise sensitive data, including two-factor authentication codes sent via SMS.

While smishing represents a critical and highly visible threat vector, it is only one aspect of a broader and rapidly evolving fraud landscape. Attackers are continuously adapting their methods, leveraging both technological vulnerabilities and human factors so as to exploit communications networks and digital services. As part of its efforts, BEREC will assess the current state of fraud in the electronic communications sector, identify key trends and determine the most pressing challenges which require coordinated action.

### Aim

This external workshop marks an important step in this process. Building on ongoing collaboration with ENISA and other important stakeholders, it will be a unique opportunity for dialogue among BEREC members, other relevant national authorities, electronic communications providers, equipment vendors and key European institutions, including the European Commission and Europol. The insights gathered will be important for further BEREC's forthcoming analytical work.

**From 13:15 Getting connected in WebEx**

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### **Start of Workshop**

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13:30 Welcome and introduction by the **Co-Chairs of the BEREC Cybersecurity Working Group**,  
**Katja KMET VRČKO** (AKOS/Slovenia) and **Zdravko JUKIĆ** (HAKOM/Croatia)  
and

Opening: **Marko MIŠMAŠ**, **BEREC Chair 2026**

13:35 Keynote speeches:

**Martin KÄHL**, Specialist at 'Expertise and Stakeholder Management Unit'  
**European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)**

**Gyula BARA**, Project Leader in the Unit 'Electronic Communications Policy,  
Implementation and Enforcement'  
**DG CNECT, European Commission**

**Sharon BRENNAN**, Manager of Network Trust  
**Commission for Communications Regulation Ireland (ComReg)**

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### **Panel 1: Global Regulatory Best Practices**

Introduction by the moderator (Katia GONZALEZ, SOMOS)

14:05 **Eduard BARTHOLME**, Bureau Chief Consumer & Governmental Affairs  
**Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**, United States of America

**Javier GUTIÉRREZ AFANADOR**, Communications Commissioner  
**Communications Regulatory Commission (CRC)**, Colombia

**Sanjay KUMAR**, Joint Advisor  
**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**, India

**Will PINKNEY**, Principal Infrastructure and Communications Group and  
Programme Director for Ofcom's Scams Programme  
**Office of Communications (Ofcom)**, United Kingdom

**Freddie MCBRIDE**, Chair of Working Group NaN (WG NaN)  
**Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)**, Ireland

**Q&A**

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15:00 Coffee break

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15:15 **Panel 2: Industry Solutions**

Introduction by the moderators (CSR WG co-chairs)

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15:20 **Lorik SEKIRAQA**, Senior Counsel, Government, Policy & Regulatory Affairs,  
EMEA  
**Twilio Inc.**

**Antongiulio LOMBARDI**, Regulatory Affairs Director  
**Giovanni BROCCATELLI**, Head of Core and Beyond the Core regulated Markets  
**Wind Tre S.p.A**

**Justen DAVIS**, Senior Director Industry Relations and Global Public Policy  
**SOMOS Inc.**

**Arturs ALKSNIS**, Vice President - Public Policy  
**Proximus Global**

**Haude LANNON**, Policy Director  
**GSM Association (GSMA)**

16:10 **Q&A**

16:25 **Closing remarks**  
**Katja KMET VRČKO** (AKOS/Slovenia) and **Zdravko JUKIĆ** (HAKOM/Croatia)

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16:30 **End of Workshop**

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