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Session 3 – End-user rights and Commercial practices

Use terminal equipment of the end-user's choice

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European Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2015/2120

Article 3 (1): “**End-users shall have the right to** access and distribute information and content, use and provide applications and services, and **use terminal equipment of their choice**, irrespective of the end-user’s or provider’s location or the location, origin or destination of the information, content, application or service, via their internet access service. [...]”



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BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines

BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines (BoR (16) 127)

“Use terminal equipment of their choice”



25. [...] The **right to choose terminal equipment** therefore covers equipment which connects to the interface of the public telecommunications network.



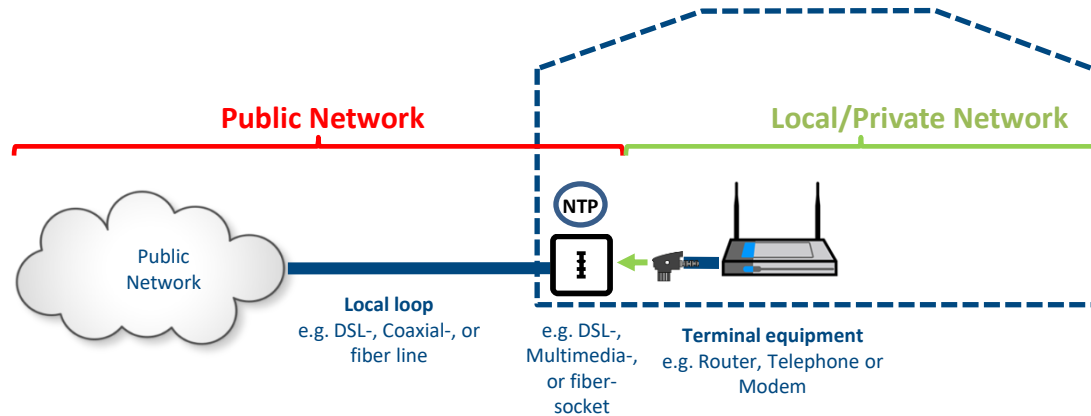
26. [...] **NRAs** should assess whether an ISP provides equipment for its subscribers and restricts the end-users’ ability to replace that equipment with their own equipment, i.e. whether it provides **“obligatory equipment”**.



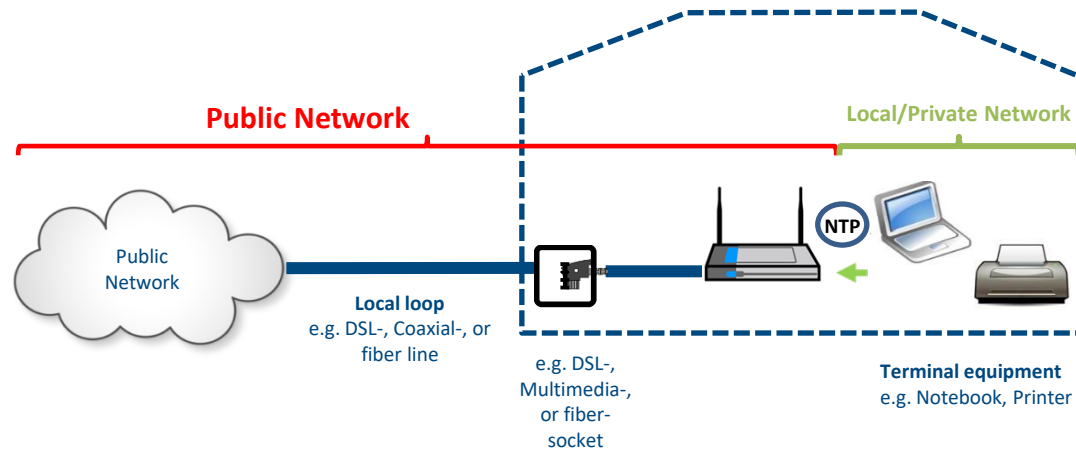
27. Moreover, NRAs should consider whether there is an **objective technological necessity** for the obligatory equipment to be considered as part of the ISP network [...].

Visualising the Network Termination Point (NTP)

Model A



Model B





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Why is obligatory equipment contradictory?

- **Restricts** the **end-users' free choice** of the terminal devices at their Internet connection
- **Makes it difficult** for the end-user to **switch network operators**
- **Undermines fair and vibrant competition** for the best terminal device
- **Reduces** the manufacturers' **incentive for innovation**, slowing down innovation cycles for products

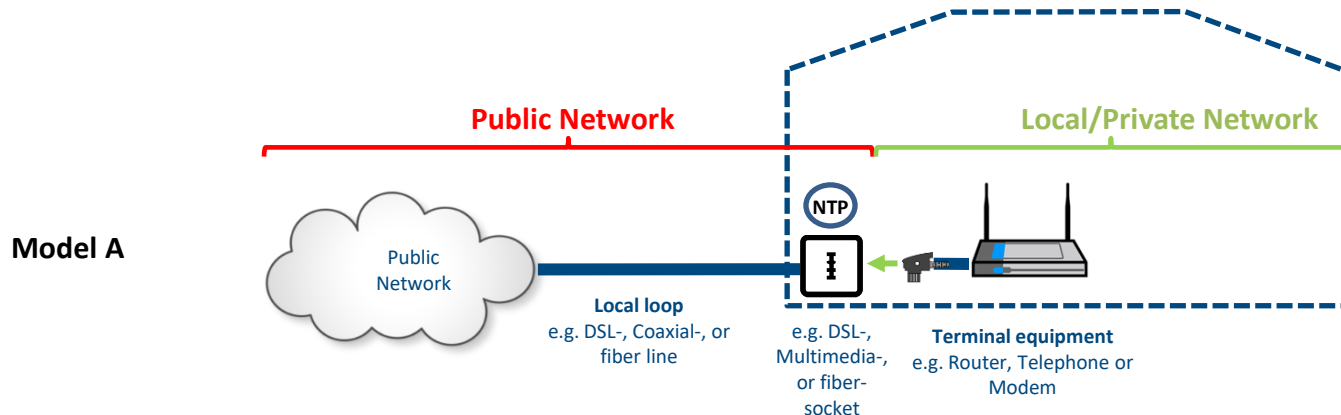


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The NTP in the current BEREC Process

BEREC Working Group: Fixed Network Evolution

- BEREC Guidelines on common approaches to the identification of the network termination point (NTP) in different network topologies
- For VTKE only model A is the NTP:





Free Choice of TTE is Possible

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Thank you for your attention!

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