BEREC expert workshop on IP-Interconnection in co-operation with OECD

20 June 2012, 9:00-18:00
Hotel Silken Berlaymont Brussels

BEREC organized the first expert workshop on IP-interconnection in co-operation with the OECD in November 2011. Experts from the IP-interconnection community met with experts on interconnection from national regulatory authorities to discuss future interconnection in an all-IP world. The workshop served as a fruitful starting point for a BEREC work item on IP-interconnection.

BEREC will publish a consultation document "An assessment of IP-interconnection in the context of net neutrality" at the end of May. It is part of a larger work-stream on "Net Neutrality" also analysing other aspects of Net Neutrality such as transparency, quality of service and competition issues. The project aims at providing a better understanding of interconnection arrangements between IP networks (players across the value chain, types of interconnection, recent developments). Also the regulatory aspects of IP-interconnection are assessed with regard to preserving Net Neutrality in the context of IP interconnection. The consultation document includes a number of questions on which BEREC seeks input from stakeholders particularly from the Internet community. The workshop is intended to present the document and invite initial feedback. A final document taking into consideration the consultation input is due for publication by the end of the year.

Another focus of the workshop is the upcoming Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs). The World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT), convened in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, will take place 3-14 December 2012. This International Telecommunication Union conference will consider a review of the ITRs. While the BEREC and ITU processes are completely independent they touch on common themes (e.g. charging principles for IP-interconnection). This session will explore the implications of domestic and regional approaches on IP-traffic exchange for the discussions that will occur at WCIT-12.

The format of the three sessions is intended to allow for an extensive discussion between participants and delegations are asked to send working level experts. Due to the desire to make the workshop interactive, the total numbers are limited and participation is by invitation.

Programme

9:00-9:30   Registration and Coffee

9:30 – 10:00   Opening words by Jørgen Abild Anderson, Chair of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (OECD) and Göran Marby, Director General PTS, BEREC Vice-chair

10:00- 13:00 Session 1: Public Administrations approach to IP-interconnection

10:00-10:15   William Lehr, MIT (Moderator)

10:15-11:00   Cara Schwarz-Schilling, Chair BEREC NGN EWG: "An assessment of IP-interconnection in the context of net neutrality" (Consultation document)

11.00-11:30   Coffee Break

11:30-12:00   Pascal Dagras, Head of Unit, Arcep, Information gathering on IP-interconnection

12:00-12:30   Huw Saunders, Director of Network Infrastructure, Ofcom

12:30-13:00   Reinald Krüger, Head of Unit B-5, European Commission

13:00-14:00   Lunch

14:00-15:30   Session 2: Stakeholders Comments

Kurt Erik Lindquist, CEO Netnod (Moderator)

Mike Blanche, Program Manager - Network, Peering and Content Distribution, Google,

Harald Summa, CEO DE-CIX

Falk von Bornstaedt, Head of Peering, Deutsche Telekom

Patrick Gilmore, Chief Architect, Akamai

Remco van Mook, Director of Interconnection, EMEA, Equinix

15:30-16:00   Coffee Break

16:00-17:30   Session 3: The International Dimension: The upcoming Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)

Sam Paltridge, OECD (Moderator)

William Drake, International Fellow at the Institute of Mass Communication and Media Research, University of Zurich

Mindel de la Torre, Chief International Bureau, FCC

Geoff Huston, Chief Scientist at APNIC (Asia Pacific Network Information Centre)

Daniel Pataki, Director, ETNO

Rod Beckstrom, CEO, ICANN

17:30 – 18:00 Wrap up by Sam Paltridge, OECD and Cara Schwarz-Schilling BEREC

For updates on the programme check *http://berec.europa.eu/whatsnew/index_en.htm*

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