
Outcomes of BEREC Plenary meeting 23-24 February, 2012

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All Expert Groups and Project Requirement Definitions (PRD) approved

- BEREC Workprogramme 2012 already approved in December 2011
 - 12 Expert Working Groups set in charge
 - 20 different work streams to be carried out
 - Key themes i.e. on Net Neutrality, International Roaming, Consumer Empowerment, Universal Service, Review of Common Positions, enhanced Benchmarking activities,...

Positive assessment of Phase II cases carried out

- 3 cases opened concerning market 7 in Poland
 - establishment of Expert Group, setup and work performed very smooth and quickly
 - resulted in a respected opinion
 - cases led to common statement between all parties involved
- work performed creates a reliable basis for future cases
 - new cases already opened concerning market 4, 7 in Netherlands and concerning SMS termination in Denmark

BEREC medium term strategy finalised

- Public consultation results (Jan 16th, 2012)
 - 7 stakeholders gave inputs
 - mainly strong supportive
- Core themes:
 - Infrastructural developments: Next generation networks, access policy
 - Consumer empowerment: boosting choice and protection (privacy, security)
 - Service related developments: i.e.. continued work on International roaming, special rate services, cross border services – all of these contribute to enhance competition, creation of internal market

Costing methodologies discussion

- Commission study on cost accounting of key products initiated
- EC asked BEREC and it's expert team about main concerns regarding the model and it's parameters
- controversial theme of copper pricing versus fiber pricing in order to promote fiber deployment
- automatic effects on pricing only?
- substitution effects of new and enhanced copper technologies (“second life of copper”)

Review of BEREC common Positions 1

- due to 2009 regulatory Framework national NRA's to take utmost account to BEREC CP's
- common positions on key wholesale access products created 2007:
 - wholesale unbundled access
 - wholesale broadband access
 - wholesale leased lines
- review and update to be done in the following fields:
 - issues related to non-discrimination (Stage 1)
 - issues related to access including other issues towards NGA
 - issues relating to pricing

Review of BEREC common Positions 2

- Stage 1 relates to non discrimination, whereas
 - BEREC proposes draft high level principles for NRA adoption to increase ex-ante compliance with non-discrimination obligation
 - in that respect BEREC is exploring the following:
 - creation of a level playing field
 - timely availability of wholesale access products
 - provision of access products of reasonable quality
 - provision of efficient wholesale switching processes
- all stages of review to be finalized by end 2012

Promotion of Broadband, outcome of public consultation, report approved

- 16 contributions from stakeholders received
- Respondents strongly supported report and BEREC approach
- Report to highlight key factors of BB-promotion strategies of governments, NRA's, operators and PPP's
- supply- and demand side obstacles identified by NRA's
- Report provides advice to policy makers to effectively promote BB adoption
- Report published today on BEREC webpage

Traffic Management Investigation carried out

- over all Memberstates to investigate whole market
 - more than 400 operators
 - covering 430 mio subscribers
 - for measures taken (blocking, throttling,...)
 - User volume restrictions such as fair-use limits, speed limits, data caps, complete blocking with or without extra data volume
 - traffic management practices behind network security and integrity argument

Traffic Management Investigation carried out

- advanced Traffic management practices
 - in order to manage congestion in form of
 - Traffic peaks (buffered in the network)
 - Real congestion (packets dropped)
- next steps to be taken
 - first output of the investigation by press-release
 - in depth analysis for improvement period, cross-check countries overviews
 - second output Submission to Commission and publication

International Roaming (Roaming 3)

- BEREC to estimate wholesale costs by EC request for
 - mobile termination rates, SMS and price per MB
 - submission to Commission, in order to advise Parliament and Council
 - for setting wholesale price caps in a new roaming regulation
- estimation show costs by 2014
 - voice termination likely to be below 5c/min
 - SMS termination to be below 1c/min
 - Data termination to be below 5c/MB

BEREC RSPG cooperation

- Joint BEREC-RSPG Expert Working Group
- Report on economic and social value of spectrum approved
 - as a first step by BEREC BoR
 - has been approved by RSPG February 29th, 2012 yesterday
- Main themes:
 - use of radio spectrum for electronic communications services (ECS)
 - various processes of authorisation and frequency assignments used in Member States
 - examines different experiences and views of regulators
- Report to be published

Management Committee

- Office Staff rules to be set to common EU-standards
- 2012 Budget figures approved
- 2013 Budget estimates to be submitted to Commission
- Midterm strategy paves way for upcoming BEREC Brussels presence

BEREC Documents approved for publication

Decision on the appointment of EWG Chairs	BoR (12) 04
BEREC Medium Term Strategy Outlook	BoR (12) 09
BEREC Broadband promotion report	BoR (12) 12
BEREC-RSPG Report on economic and social value of spectrum	BoR (12) 15

BEREC public consultations

BEREC Draft high level principles in relation to non-discrimination	BoR (12) 10
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Next BEREC Meetings

BEREC Board of Regulators and
BEREC Management Committee Meeting
May 24-25, 2012

Dr. Georg Serentschy, BEREC Chairman