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Main results of the 19th meeting of the Board of Regulators (BoR)

I. Documents approved for publication:

- [BEREC's Opinion on the Commission Recommendation on Relevant Product and Service Markets Susceptible to ex ante Regulation](#);
- [BEREC Common Position on geographic aspects of market analysis \(definition and remedies\)](#) and the related [report on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft Common Position](#);
- [BEREC Annual Reports - 2013](#);
- [BEREC integrated snapshot on termination rates \(fixed, mobile and SMS\), as of January 2014](#).
- [BEREC Evaluation: Recommendations and Follow-up Actions Report 2014](#);
- [Revised BoR Rules of Procedure](#);
- [Draft Agenda for the 2nd Stakeholder Forum Meeting, 16 October 2014, Brussels](#).

II. Discussion on important subjects:

The BoR held an orientation debate and provided guidance on the following topics:

- The BEREC medium-term strategy outlook;
- The structure of the BEREC Expert Working Groups (EWGs);
- The draft BEREC 2015 Work Programme (WP).

BEREC will consult the stakeholders on its future Strategy and its 2015 WP during the stakeholder forum event to take place on 16 October 2014.

III. Information provided to the BoR

The BoR was informed about the recent development of the legislative process for the Telecoms Single Market (TSM) initiative; progress in the implementation of the BEREC WP 2014; the state of cooperation with the US FCC, REGULATEL and EMERG; and the outcome of the BEREC study trip to Japan.

IV. Next meeting

The [next BoR meeting](#) will take place on **25-26 September 2014 in Rome (Italy)** and will be hosted by the Italian NRA - [Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni](#) (AGCOM).

Introduction and participation

The BoR held its 19th meeting on 5 and 6 June 2014 in Dublin (Ireland), kindly hosted by the Commission for Communications Regulation ([ComReg](#)). The meeting was attended by high-level representatives of the NRAs established in each EU Member State which have primary responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the markets for electronic communications networks and services. High-level representatives of the NRAs from the EFTA States and the States that are candidates for accession to the EU, the Commission, the EFTA Surveillance Authority and US FCC also took part in the meeting.

Items discussed

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Document(s)	BoR (14) 62 Draft BEREC CN Agenda
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda for approval by the BoR meeting. The BoR members were invited to suggest any additional issues to be raised or presented under AOB.</p> <p>HAKOM made a request to inform the BoR about some forthcoming organisational changes under “Any other businesses” (AOB).</p>
Conclusions	The BoR adopted the agenda with the addition of one more sub-item under AOB dedicated to the forthcoming structural changes at HAKOM.

2. Information by the BEREC Chair on important activities since the last meeting

Document(s)	BoR (14) 54 Information on the recent electronic voting procedures
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair informed the BoR about his new initiative launched in April 2014 for increasing the internal transparency. At the beginning of each month when there is no plenary meeting, the BEREC Chair intends to inform in writing all BEREC members and observers about all important events which have taken place during the previous month.</p> <p>Such information was already been circulated at the beginning of April 2014 and in mid-May 2014.</p> <p>The BoR members have been provided also with information on the electronic voting procedures conducted since the 18th plenary.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information presented.

3. Adoption of the “A” items

Document(s)	<p>BoR (14) 55 Draft BEREK termination rates (TR) benchmark snapshot (as of January 2014) - integrated report on fixed, mobile and SMS TR (to approve for publication)</p> <p>BoR (14) 56 Draft BEREK internal FTR report as of January 2014 (to approve for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 57 Draft BEREK internal MTR report as of January 2014 (to approve for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 58 Draft BEREK internal SMS TR report as of January 2014 (to approve for internal use)</p>
Introduction by	BEREK Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREK Chair presented the list of “A” items as listed above. The list of “A” items had been drawn up on the basis of the conclusions of the CN according to which approval by the BoR should be possible without further discussion.</p> <p>Additionally, in order to provide the plenary with more time for strategic discussion, the chair suggested adding the following documents to the list of “A” items:</p> <p>BoR (14) 60 Draft BEREK Annual Report on developments in the electronic communications sector in 2013 and Annual Report on the activities of BEREK in 2013 (to approve for publication);</p> <p>BoR (13) 177-20 Draft PRD for the Radio Spectrum EWG (to approve for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 72 Draft BEREK Report on the public consultation (PC) of the revised CP on geographical aspects of market analysis (definition and remedies) (to approve for publication);</p> <p>BoR (14) 73 Draft BEREK CP on geographical aspects of market analysis (definition and remedies) (to approve for publication);</p> <p>In that respect the BEREK Chair requested the consent of the BoR members for including all items in the “A” list and then he asked the BoR to approve the “A” items.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the list of the “A” items.

4. Oral up-date on the key regulatory developments on the Irish market for eCommunications networks and services

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of ComReg
Information presented	A Representative of ComReg presented an oral up-date on the key regulatory developments on the Irish market for electronic communications networks and services with emphasis on the role of regulation on the market developments.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

5. Oral overview of the recent developments on the Telecoms Single Market¹ (TSM) initiative

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	TSM Ad Hoc EWG Chair (AGCOM)
Information presented	<p>The TSM Ad Hoc EWG Chair made a short overview of the work executed in the field of TSM since the Stockholm Plenary (27-28 February 2014), during which the Ad Hoc team was requested to follow closely the ongoing legislative process on the TSM on behalf of the BoR.</p> <p>Consequently, after the publication of the EP legislative resolution of 3 April 2014 on the proposal, the TSM Ad Hoc EWG prepared a short BEREC statement, which was published on 4 April 2014 by BEREC.</p> <p>Subsequently, the TSM Ad Hoc EWG examined in detail the legislative resolution mentioned above and prepared a more substantial opinion on the subject with the involvement of the other EWGs concerned.</p> <p>As a final result, the TSM Ad Hoc EWG developed a draft proposal for BEREC opinion, which was approved by electronic voting procedure on 15 May 2014.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and thanked the TSM Ad Hoc EWG for the work done.

6. BEREC Opinion on the revised Commission Recommendation on relevant markets

Document(s)	BoR (14) 71 Draft BEREC's Opinion on the Commission Recommendation on Relevant Product and Service Markets Susceptible to <i>ex ante</i> Regulation
Introduction by	MEA EWG Chairs (CNMC/ARCEP)
Information presented	<p>The MEA EWG Chairs briefly presented the second draft Recommendation on relevant markets released in March 2014 and some related background information, including also the expected timeline for completion the work on the draft Recommendation by the Commission.</p> <p>The MEA EWG Chairs reported that, based on technological and market development, the Commission proposes in its current draft Recommendation to reduce the list of relevant markets susceptible to <i>ex ante</i> regulation from 7 to 4. In particular, according to the current draft, Markets 1 and 2 of the Recommendation in force² should no longer be subject to <i>ex ante</i> regulation at EU level. In addition, the boundaries between current Markets 4, 5 and 6³ should be re-defined as new Markets 3 and 4. New Market 3 is subdivided</p>

¹ Regulation of the European Parliament (EP) and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC, 2002/22/EC, and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012

² Respectively, the retail market for access to the public telephone network at a fixed location for residential and non-residential customers; and the wholesale market for call origination on individual public telephone networks provided at a fixed location.

	<p>into Market 3(a): “Wholesale local access provided at a fixed location”, and Market 3(b): “Wholesale central access provided at a fixed location for mass-market products”. The proposed new Market 4 is defined as “Wholesale high quality access provided at a fixed location”.</p> <p>The MEA EWG examined in detail the draft Commission Recommendation. The Chair also organised a Heads meeting with the Commission on the topic to further discuss the way ahead.</p> <p>As a consequence of these reflections and taking into account the different market situation in the Members States, the MEA EWG proposed to the BoR to approve an Opinion, in which BEREC, in general, supports the Commission draft Recommendation and Explanatory Note and welcomes the Commission’s review of the list of relevant markets susceptible to <i>ex ante</i> regulation, particularly in the context of the continued developments that have taken place across the EU since the previous review. These developments, while not uniform across Member States, have included technological innovation, trends towards increased bundling and convergence, as well as growth in over-the-top (“OTT”) services. Therefore BEREC shares the Commission’s long term objectives for the development of the European electronic communications markets but has some concerns in relation to some short term issues.</p> <p>In order to enable the NRAs to be most effective in encouraging competition to the benefit of end-users, the MEA EWG proposed to BEREC to suggest the Commission considering the several proposals for amendments and clarifications to the Commission draft Recommendation and relevant Explanatory Note in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horizontal and methodological issues: transition to IP-based networks, impact of OTT services, self-supply, joint SMP and oligopolies and relation between retail markets and (the relevant) wholesale markets. - The proposed removal of current Markets 1 and 2: While BEREC recognises Commission’s long term ambitions, BEREC considers that the draft revised Recommendation does not properly take into account short to medium term market conditions within some Member States with respect to current Markets 1 and 2. Therefore the MEA EWG suggested to BEREC asking the Commission to envisage a transitional period for these markets. Some other more general suggestions in relation to the termination markets (including for value added services) and the markets for access to data at a fixed location were also considered.
Conclusions	<p>The BoR discuss its Opinion on the revised Commission Recommendation on relevant markets and agreed on a final text, which was approved for submission to the Commission and publication.</p>

7. Review of the BEREC medium term strategy outlook

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT)
Background information	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT) presented information on the work done since the 18th BoR meeting (27-28 February 2014, Stockholm) in relation to the review of the BEREC Medium Term Strategy Outlook (document No BoR (12) 09).</p>

	<p>After a call for volunteers, a small Ad Hoc Group of 10 people was established to develop a questionnaire on the challenges facing regulators in the coming three years. The questionnaire was sent to the NRAs on 15 April 2014 and it contained 3 main sections, as follows:</p> <p>Section 1: Strategic/Core issues at national level;</p> <p>Section 2: Strategic/Core issues at EU-Level;</p> <p>Section 3: Strategic Priorities for BEREC.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Ad Hoc team summarised the inputs received and grouped them around the main sections of the questionnaire, which were presented to the BoR as basis for an orientation debate.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR held an orientation debate on the review of the BEREC Medium Term Strategy Outlook and decided to continue this discussion during the 20 th BoR plenary meeting (25-26 September 2014, Rome).

8. Review of the BEREC EWG structure

Document(s)	BoR (14) 63 BEREC EWG structure
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA) presented a discussion paper on the review of the EWG structure. During its 18th plenary meeting, the BoR agreed to assess the current EWG structure and to hold an orientation debate at the 19th plenary meeting (5-6 June 2014, Dublin) on the evolution of this structure.</p> <p>As a first step of the assessment, the 2014 EWG Chairs and the BEREC Office were requested to reply to a questionnaire, which was used as a basis to summarise the positive sides of the current EWG structure, the challenges and any proposals for improvements.</p> <p>The BoR shared its was informed that there should be a close link between the review of the EWG structure and the BEREC Medium Term Strategy Outlook and the preparation of the 2015 BEREC WP.</p> <p>Therefore it would be advisable for the BoR to decide simultaneously on the revision of these three documents at its 21st plenary meeting in December 2014.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR held an orientation debate on the structure of the BEREC EWGs and decided to continue this discussion during the 20 th BoR plenary meeting (25-26 September 2014, Rome).

9. BEREC 2013 Annual Reports (moved to the list of “A” items – see the conclusions under agenda item 3)

10. Outline of the BEREC 2015 WP

Document(s)	BoR (14) 76 Outline of the 2015 BEREC WP (to follow on 3 June 2014)
Introduction by	2015 BEREC Chair (ANACOM)
Information presented	<p>The 2015 BEREC Chair presented the outline of the 2015 BEREC WP. The process of the early preparation of the 2015 WP was initiated by the 2015 BEREC Chair in order to ensure predictability and good planning in the work of BEREC and the BEREC Office. Accordingly, a call for input has been sent to EWG Chairs, the Commission, the NRAs, stakeholders and the Office regarding the main areas and specific topics or issues to be included in the 2015 WP, including possible desired deliverables. The 2015 Chair has received 15 inputs on the basis of which she has prepared a draft outline of the 2015 WP, which includes all of the suggestions, thus containing a long list of topics to be prioritised afterwards. Then this document was sent to all NRA with the request to prioritise the activities included in it.</p> <p>The outcome of the prioritisation exercise was presented for discussion at the to the BoR but the 2015 BEREC Chair was of the opinion that the list was still too long and suggested a second round of prioritisation. The 2015 Chair presented also information on some other internal coordination steps planned in the preparation of the draft BEREC 2015 WP before the 20th BoR plenary meeting.</p> <p>The BoR was invited to express its views on the proposed methodology for preparing the 2015 WP, including the proposal for a second round of prioritisation, in order to reduce the number of topics to be included in the 2015 WP.</p> <p>The draft BEREC 2015 WP will be presented for approval for public consultation at the 20th BoR plenary meeting (September 2014) and for final approval at the 21st BoR meeting (December 2014).</p>
Conclusions	The BoR agreed with the proposed approach and took note of the information on the next steps.

11. Information by the BEREC Office

Document(s)	BoR (14) 59 2014 BEREC Work Programme (WP) status update
Introduction by	Representative of the BEREC Office
Information presented	<p>– 2014 BEREC WP status update</p> <p>The BEREC Office presented the status of implementation of the 2014 BEREC WP. The BEREC Office presented a list of the deliverables finalised since its last plenary meeting (27-28 February 2014, Stockholm) and information on the other ongoing activities related to the implementation of the WP.</p> <p>– Recent Article 7/7a Phase II cases</p> <p>The BEREC Office informed the BoR that since the last plenary there have been two Article 7/7a Phase II cases, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 7a Phase II investigation concerning Case EE/2014/1572 (The market for call termination on individual public telephone networks provided at

	<p>a fixed location in Estonia (Market 3)), opened by the Commission on 7 April 2014.</p> <p>- Article 7 Phase II Investigation concerning Case CZ/2014/1583 (Wholesale terminating segments of leased lines in the Czech Republic (market 6)), opened on 5 May 2014. Following the opening of a Phase II investigation, CTU has withdrawn the measure notified.</p> <p>In its presentation, the BEREC Office also covered two Article 7/7a Phase II case opened earlier, namely Case DE/2013/1527 (Wholesale voice call termination on individual mobile networks (market 7) in Germany); and Case LV/2014/1538 (Wholesale voice call termination on individual fixed networks (market 3) in Latvia).</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

12. BEREC activities in the field of radio spectrum (moved to the list of “A” items – see the conclusions under agenda item 3)

13. 2nd BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting (16 October 2014, Brussels)

Document(s)	BoR (14) 68 Draft Agenda for the 2 nd BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting (16 October 2014, Brussels)
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-chair (FICORA) reminded the BoR that in September 2013 BEREC organised the 1st BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting, and noted that the next one will be organised in Brussels on 16 October 2014.</p> <p>The BEREC Vice-chair (FICORA) proposed to approve the draft agenda of the 2nd Stakeholder Forum meeting, which could focus on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the review of the BEREC Medium Term Strategy Outlook; – the BEREC 2015 WP; for the WP there will be a written consultation and a complementary public hearing to be included in the stakeholder forum agenda; – the margin squeeze test; – the future model for roaming.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the draft agenda for the 2 nd Stakeholder Forum meeting.

14. Review of the Common Position (CP) on geographical aspects of market analysis (moved to the list of “A” items – see the conclusions under agenda item 3)

15. Communication activities 2014

Document(s)	BoR (14) 66 Draft BEREC Communication Plan
Introduction by	BEREC Office Communication Officer
Information presented	The BEREC Office Communication Officer presented the revised draft BEREC Communication Plan. The first draft was presented in Stockholm

	<p>during the 18th BoR meeting. The BoR discussed it and asked the BEREC Office to prepare a second draft on the basis of the meeting conclusions.</p> <p>Following that request the BEREC Office Communication Officer presented the second draft of the BEREC Communication Plan focusing on the changes introduced after the 18th plenary meeting.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the Communication Plan for internal use.

16. Framework Implementation (FI)

16.1. Review of the BoR Rules of Procedure

Document(s)	BoR (14) 67 Review of the BoR Rules of Procedure (RoP)
Introduction by	FI EWG Chair (AGCOM)
Information presented	<p>The FI EWG Chair (AGCOM) presented the work done by the EWG in relation to the review of the RoP. To save time, the EWG Chair presented the proposed changes both to the BoR and MC RoP which, in most cases, are similar.</p> <p>The changes passed for approval cover the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increased transparency on invitation of observers and other participants in BoR meetings (Articles 1.6 and 1.7); – Rules covering the late submission of documentation (Article 6.1); – Stricter deadline for distribution of BoR (and CN) action points and draft minutes by the BEREC Office (Article 7); – Secret ballot for decisions concerning persons by default (Article 9.3); – Increased transparency on electronic comments round processes (Article 10.3); – Rules for voting by delegation/proxy introduced for e-clearance processes (Article 10.5 and 10.6); – Alignment of RoP to the current internal guidelines and practices on Article 7-7a FD processes (Article 13); – Formal evidence to the MTSO (Article 14.1); <p>As concerns the MC RoP, a clear identification of the Incoming Chair as the Vice-Chair responsible for the human resources of the BEREC Office was suggested.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the revised RoP for publication.

16.2. Capacity of the European National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs)

Document(s)	BoR (14) 75 Draft BEREC Internal Report on the regulatory capacity of the European NRA (update)
Introduction by	FI EWG Chair (AGCOM)
Information	The FI EWG Chair (AGCOM) recalled that in 2013 the BoR approved an

presented	<p>internal report on NRAs' regulatory capacity. The objective of the report was to present a comprehensive picture of NRAs' global institutional settings, following the overall completion of national transposition processes of the 2009 regulatory framework as well as other activities in the Member States potentially impacting NRAs' powers and competencies.</p> <p>As requested by the BoR this year the FI EWG has updated the report with inputs from the NRAs.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the Report for internal use.

17. BEREC Evaluation

Document(s)	BoR (14) 61 BEREC Evaluation: Recommendations and Follow-up Actions Report 2014
Introduction by	Evaluation EWG Chair (ACM)
Information presented	<p>The Evaluation EWG Chair made a short overview of the 1st evaluation exercise of BEREC and the BEREC Office.</p> <p>The EWG Chair reminded the BoR that in 2012 the Commission initiated an evaluation of the performance of BEREC and the Office, as required by the BEREC Regulation. A study by Price Waterhouse Coopers - Luxembourg (PwC) was published by the Commission in 2013, together with a Commission Staff Working Document (SWD) in which the Commission included also some of its own observations.</p> <p>The PwC Report acknowledged that BEREC is a recently established body, but already contained some insights and suggestions on how BEREC could further improve its role and efficiency and could add value to strengthening the internal market in this area. This need was acknowledged also by the Commission in its SWD.</p> <p>The PwC Report and the Commission SWD were sent to the Council and the European Parliament.</p> <p>The Council of the EU did not proceed with any follow-up but the EP issued a resolution on the subject (of 10 December 2013). The EP resolution contained some additional recommendations for streamlining the work of BEREC and the BEREC Office.</p> <p>Therefore the Evaluation EWG studied all the recommendations made and included in the document submitted to the plenary information on the progress achieved. The EWG suggested also to the BoR to consider some additional actions for those issues which have not been fully addressed.</p> <p>The Evaluation EWG asked the BoR to approve the Report for publication and requested discharge of its activity.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR discussed the 2014 Report in relation to the Evaluation of BEREC and the BEREC Office and approved it for publication. The BoR granted the discharge to the Evaluation EWG in relation to its activity.

18. Oral up-date in relation to the request for BEREC input on wholesale roaming and fair use criteria

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	IR EWG Co-chair (CNMC)
Information presented	<p>The IR EWG Co-chair (CNMC) presented a short update concerning the Commission request for BEREC's input on wholesale roaming and fair use criteria in relation to the recently adopted EP legislative resolution on the TSM. In the Commission's view, such input could contribute to well-informed discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators after the EP elections and could support a smooth and predictable transition to the new requirements for the mobile sector to follow after the final approval of the legislative act.</p> <p>The IR EWG has considered the Commission request and has noted that the issues raised by the Commission are very complex and will require collection of additional data, which currently is not available to BEREC. Therefore, the IR EWG prepared a questionnaire to be filled in by the NRAs and the operators by 15 June 2014.</p> <p>Due to the tight schedule, the EWG asked all NRAs to respect this deadline and to send all the information needed on time.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

19. Oral up-date on the BEREC study trip to Japan (12-16 May 2014, Tokyo/Kyoto)

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of AEC – Mr Robert Ordanovski
Information presented	<p>A Representative of AEC presented information on the BEREC study trip to Japan, which took place in the period 12-16 May 2014.</p> <p>During the visit, the BEREC delegation met representatives of the Ministry of Interior and Communications of Japan, including the Radio Department and the Telecommunications Business Department.</p> <p>The delegation met the 3 biggest telecommunication operators in Japan and other representatives of the ICT industry.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information

20. BEREC cooperation with REGULARTEL and EMERG - oral up-date

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-chair (ANACOM) – Dr Fatima Barros
Information presented	The BEREC Vice-chair (ANACOM) presented information on the recent and forthcoming events in relation to cooperation with REGULARTEL and EMERG. In particular the BoR Members and Observers were informed following the meetings of the joint BEREC-REGULARTEL working groups, the XII BEREC-

	<p>REGULATEL Summit will take place on 21 and 22 July 2014 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The BEREC Chair has invited as many BEREC members as possible to take part in the event to demonstrate the commitment of BEREC members to the implementation of the agreed MoU.</p> <p>In relation to the cooperation with EMERG the BEREC Vice-chair (ANACOM) recalled that the BoR had approved the MoU for cooperation between BEREC and EMERG for signature during its 18th BoR plenary meeting (27-28 February 2014, Stockholm). The MoU was signed electronically and both sides already organised a joint workshop on investigative powers and matters (Q1 2014). BEREC and EMERG have started the preparation for the annual summit (planned for Q1 2015 during the CNMC presidency of EMERG). The summit will be organised around the BEREC plenary dates.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information presented.

21. Information from the Commission

Document(s)	BoR (14) 79 Note to the BoR
Introduction by	Commission representative
Information presented	<p>The Commission informed the BoR that the Commission had just published the latest version of its Digital Scoreboard. The Commission pointed out the achievements, in particular the increase in the deployment of 30 MB/s broadband.</p> <p>At the same time the Commission pointed out that there is still plenty of work to do in the area of reaching the 100 MB/s target, the review of the universal service, where the Commission expects BEREC's input, the development of cross-sectoral cooperation (in the context of the Directive on cost reduction for broadband), etc.</p> <p>In relation to the Directive on cost reduction for broadband and the smart grids the Commission will organise a workshop on 26 June 2014 and invite all interested parties, including the NRAs, to attend it. The Commission also emphasised that these cross-sectoral issues will be very important in future for BEREC and therefore should be reflected in the BEREC WP.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

22. BEREC - FCC cooperation – overview on topics of mutual interest

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Chair and US FCC Representative
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair and a Representative of FCC presented a short update on the recent developments in the co-operation between BEREC and the FCC.</p> <p>The BEREC chair recalled that he recently met the FCC Chair and that they agreed to deepen their cooperation in the field of net neutrality and other issues of mutual interest.</p> <p>In that context, the FCC Representative presented information on the recent</p>

	developments of policy and regulation in the US in the following 3 areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preserving the open internet (NN); – Ensuring additional spectrum for mobile broadband; – Consumer empowerment.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

23. AOB

23.1. Calendar of meetings for 2015

Document(s)	BoR (14) 75 Calendar of meetings for 2015
Introduction by	Incoming BEREC Chair (ANACOM) – Dr Fatima Barros
Information presented	The Incoming BEREC Chair presented the calendar of BoR, MC and CN meetings in 2015.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

23.2. Information by AGCOM on the next BoR meeting, 25-26 September 2014, Rome (Italy)

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of AGCOM
Information presented	A Representative of AGCOM informed the meeting about current plans for the 20 th BoR meetings to take place on 25 and 26 September in Rome. The meeting will be preceded by a Heads workshop.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

23.3. Information by HAKOM on forthcoming institutional changes

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of HAKOM
Information presented	A Representative of HAKOM informed the meeting about the forthcoming merger of the telecommunications NRA with the Railway Regulatory Authority. He pointed out that the new authority will be called “Croatian Regulatory Authority for Network Industries” but the abbreviation of “HAKOM” will be preserved. They do not expect changes in the Council of HAKOM.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

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