

Body of European Regulators
for Electronic Communications

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What is BEREC?

BEREC is the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1971 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018, which replaced the previous one – Regulation (EC) No 1211/2009. BEREC commenced its activities in January 2010.

BEREC is composed of the Heads or nominated high-level representatives of the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) of the EU Member States.

BEREC is also open to the participation of Regulatory Authorities of third countries with primary responsibility in the field of electronic communications, where those third countries have entered into agreements with the European Union to that effect.



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Mission

“Committed to ensure independent, consistent, high-quality application of the European regulatory framework for electronic communications markets for the benefit of Europe and its citizens.”

BEREC contributes to the development and better functioning of the internal market for electronic communications networks and services. It does so, by aiming to ensure a consistent application of the EU regulatory framework and by aiming to promote an effective internal market in the telecoms sector, to bring even greater benefits to consumers and businesses alike.

Furthermore, BEREC assists the European Commission and the NRAs in implementing the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications. It provides advice on request and on its own initiative to the European institutions and complements at European level the regulatory tasks performed at national level by the NRAs.

The NRAs and the European Commission have to take utmost account of any opinion, recommendation, guidelines, advice or regulatory best practice adopted by BEREC.

BEREC tasks

BEREC's overall task is to assist the European Commission, the other European institutions and the National Regulators as a preeminent advisory Body in the field of the Electronic Communications sector.

To this aim BEREC issues guidelines on several topics, delivers opinions, recommendations, common positions, best practices and methodologies. In addition, BEREC reports on technical matters, keeps registers, lists or databases.

The role of BEREC has been enhanced by the new BEREC Regulation and the Directive (EU) 2018/1972 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code, which provides a significant number of new tasks.

BEREC fulfils its tasks also in compliance with:

- the Roaming Regulation (Regulation (EC) 531/2012) and
- the Telecoms Single Market Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2120)

BEREC strategic objectives

1. Promoting competition and investment

Effective and sustainable competition is what drives efficient investment and choice for end-users, therefore this strategic objective outlines BEREC's role in promoting effective competition, and in doing so promoting efficient investment and innovation in new and enhanced infrastructures and services.

2. Promoting the internal market

To enable EU citizens and businesses to enjoy a (high) minimum level of services and benefit from pan-European services wherever they are, BEREC develops consistent regulatory practices and address the cross-border issues.

3. Empowering and protecting end-users

To ensure end-users' continued ability to use the services of their choice, at appropriate levels of price and quality, BEREC strives to promote the interests of EU citizens and protecting the interests of vulnerable end-user groups. It includes a role for BEREC to study demand side aspects of the market, to monitor market evolutions and, to the extent possible.