

ERG 27th Plenary Meeting

Hosted by NCAH
Budapest, Hungary

Conclusions

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Conclusions

Agenda adopted.

Approved documents

ERG Plenary Agenda

ERG (08) 58rev1

2. Information by the Chair and the Chair's Secretariat

Background

No issues to report by the Chair or the Chair's Secretariat.

3. High-level policy implications of NGA development (AGCOM)

Background

This item provided the opportunity for the Plenary to discuss high-level policy implications of NGA development throughout Europe.

Presentations were given from OPTA, Ofcom, ANACOM, BAKOM, BNetzA, EETT, ARCEP, MCA, Ficora.

Conclusions

The ERG NGA Statement, as redrafted in light of the discussion, is approved for publication. NGN PT will work further on the issue and ERG will discuss this again at the Berlin plenary.

Approved documents (subject to the above conclusions):

ERG NGA Statement

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4. Remedies and Benchmarking (Ofcom)

Background

Ofcom presented an oral update on the VoIP action plan work and the next steps.

Conclusions

It was agreed to finalize the VoIP Action Plan report with any outstanding NRA inputs.

5. International Roaming (Ofcom)

Submitted papers:

Draft Briefing Notes

ERG (08) 57rev1

Background

Ofcom provided the draft briefing notes after the electronic clearance and presented first results from the ERG data monitoring exercise covering the period from April to September 2008 and informed the plenary about talks with various MEPs.

Conclusions

International Roaming report on third collection of data to be completed and approved via electronic clearance prior to Berlin plenary in 2009.

6. Customer empowerment (ANC)

Submitted papers:

Draft Report

ERG (08) 59

Background

ANC presented the draft Report on Ensuring Transparency of Tariff Information.

Conclusions

Plenary will approve publication of the document in Berlin and suggested the document be adjusted to incorporate comments.

7. Convergence (CMT)

Background

CMT provided a presentation giving an update on the draft Report on Guidance on the Application of the Margin Squeeze Test to Bundles and on the work on Fixed-Mobile Convergence.

Conclusions

Plenary took note.

8. I/ERG-RSPG Cooperation (PTS)

Submitted papers:

Draft Interim Report

ERG (08) 60

Background

PTS provided a draft interim Report on transitional spectrum issues.

Conclusions

Plenary approved the next steps.

9. Information from the Commission

Background

The Commission provided an update on the progress in the Telecom Council, indicating that there is a strong chance of an agreement on the review package before the expiry of the term of the European Parliament. While no major issues have arisen with respect to citizens' rights, transparency and security, the Commission sees some uncertainty with respect to spectrum regulation, and indicated that in regards to the implementation of the Article 7 procedure and related cooperation rules in the Framework as well as the institutional design, it remains open to further discussion.

The next Cocom meeting is scheduled for the 10th of December with a focus on the draft TR recommendation and the draft NGA recommendation.

The Commission requested that new Art 7 notifications only be uploaded after Christmas to ensure effective processing. The Commission considers the short notification form successful and is ready to discuss its related experiences at the next Plenary meeting in Berlin. The Commission provided an update regarding the two open phase II notifications: (a) of APEK (Slovenia), related to (former) Market 15 and (b) of CMT (Spain), related to (new) Market 5. In case of a veto decision, an extraordinary Cocom meeting will need to be organised for the 19th of December, however, the Commission believes that this time pressure can be managed by means of close cooperation. The Commission is awaiting the reports of the Art. 7- IRG Expert teams.

Conclusions

Plenary took note.

10. Work programme 2009 (BNetzA)

Background

BNetzA provided the draft IRG / ERG Work Programme 2009 after the public consultation and the draft report on the consultation. The WP contains the following 5 A-priorities:

- Framework Review
- International Roaming Regulation
- NGN/NGA evolution
- Scope of the Universal Service
- Monitoring of conformity with Common Positions.

Conclusions

The Work Programme was adopted with one additional item, namely to work on the business services market (as suggested by a number of stakeholders) and approved along with the consultation report for publication.

Approved documents (subject to the above conclusions):

IRG/ERG Work Programme
Consultation report

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ERG (08) 48b

11. PT structure 2009 and Project Requirement Documents (BNetzA)

Background

BNetzA provided the draft PRDs for the implementation of the Work Programme 2009 as prepared by the PT chairs together with an overview table summarizing all WP items acc. to the PRDs.

Conclusions

PT chairs and PRDs are approved, and Project Teams are to commence work accordingly and focus on A-priority items.

Approved documents:

PRDs 2009 pack

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12. Appointment of the Chair 2010

Background

The Chair made his proposal that Mr. John Doherty (ComReg) be elected as Chair of the ERG for 2010.

Conclusions

The Plenary elected John Doherty, Head of ComReg, as Chair 2010 of the ERG.

13. AOB

a) Next ERG plenary meeting (NCAH)

The next ERG plenary meeting will be held in Berlin 26/27 February 2009.

b) Next Regulate! Meeting (AGCOM)

Agcom confirmed that the next IRG/REGULATE! Summit meeting will be held in Italy 14-16 October 2009.

c) Paul Champsaur (ARCEP) was bid farewell and thanked for his work.