

Outcomes of BEREC Plenary meeting

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Management Committee Meeting

- BEREC Office in own office since first week September
- BEREC Office autonomy granted mid September
- Further recruitment decisions; BEREC Office staff to be 21 end 2011.
- Support by BEREC Office important for the BoR
- Official opening of BEREC Office in Riga on October 14th

Next generation networks

Revision of state aid guidelines

- NRAs role: advise on policy decisions in member states.
- Issue of legal basis and inconsistent approach NRA role.
- Subsidised networks: future proof and pro competitive.
- Stagnant demand side for broadband take up.
- Issue of proportionality.
- Prolongation of measures after 7 year.

Next generation networks

Implementation of NGA recommendation

- BEREC's analysis based on the ladder of investment.
- Regulatory certainty and consistency essential.
- Conformity check still showing different stages of NGA roll out and deployment.
- In 2012 BEREC aims for definite best practices.

Net neutrality and transparency

- Informed end users plus easy switching is a key.
- Several ways to convey information: tiered approach, visual representation, real time information tools, various levels of detail depending on user type.
- Roles for NRAs and European initiatives
- Consultation until 2 November 2011
- Submit responses to BEREC Office

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Benchmarking reports

- Two benchmark reports approved, MTR and SMS TR.
- MTR continuous decrease: last year 25%.
- On average 9,7% annual decrease of MTR since 2004
- SMS TR report is a new quarterly report.
- First findings: average wholesale price of 3,33 €cents.

Cost accounting in practice

- Annual report on methodologies.
- Stable picture with clear preferences:
 - Price control through cost orientation w/o price cap.
 - Cost base CCA
 - Accounting methodologies LRIC/FDC
- High degree of harmonisation.
- Developing effective RA frameworks for NRAs.

International roaming report

- Broad picture in line with previous reports.
- Average unregulated prices for voice calls made and SMS higher than average Eurotariffs
- Average unregulated prices for voice calls received fell below Eurotariff
- Average wholesale and retail data roaming prices lower, now well below regulated caps.
- Still a significant margin for off net retail data roaming.

BEREC's Work Programme 2012

- Aim for harmonisation remains priority.
- Important issues: NGA, NN, IR, BEREC opinions on new recommendations and US obligation, article 7 cases
- Additional focus on consumer empowerment.
- Consultation period until 3 November 2011
- Submit responses to BEREC Office
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- Public hearing 21st of October at Latvian permrep

BEREC documents approved for publication

BEREC report on regulatory accounting in practice 2011	BoR (11) 34
BEREC MTR benchmark report (data as of July 2011)	BoR (11) 35
BEREC SMS benchmark report (data as of January 2011)	BoR (11) 36
Draft 2012 BEREC work programme for consultation	BoR (11) 40
BEREC report on International Roaming	BoR (11) 41
BEREC's response to the Commission's questionnaire on the revision of the State Aid Guidelines	BoR (11) 42
BEREC report on the implementation of the NGA recommendation	BoR (11) 43
Draft guidelines on transparency as tool to achieve net neutrality for consultation	BoR (11) 44