

Outcomes of Extraordinary ERG meeting 28 January 2010

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Agenda at a glance

- Approval of the Rules of Procedure
- Election of the 2010 and 2011 Chairs & Vice-Chairs for 2010
- Adoption of the BEREC Draft Work Programme for public consultation
- Approval of the vacancy notice and selection procedure of the Administrative Manager
- Budgetary aspects of Office for 2010 and 2011

Rules of Procedure

- Rules of Procedure for both Board of Regulators and for the Management Committee of the Office
- Required by the BEREC Regulation
- Adapted from IRG/ERG Rules of Procedure to reflect detailed requirements of Regulation and reflects new/changed role and responsibilities
- Will be published as soon as practicable

Chair & Vice Chairs

- **John Doherty, chair ComReg, Elected Chair 2010**
- **Chris Fonteijn, chair OPTA, elected Chair 2011 and Vice Chair for 2010.**
- **2 additional Vice chairs elected for 2010 :**
 - **Matthias Kurth, president, BNetzA**
 - **Reinaldo Rodriguez Illera, president, CMT**

Draft Work Programme

- Meeting agreed to public consultation on Work Programme
- ERG Work Programme for 2010, adopted in December after a public consultation will be foundation for first BEREC Work Programme
- Consistency and continuity in transition from ERG to BEREC
- Consultation period 3 weeks from week beginning 9 February

Administrative Manager of Office

- Key Appointment
- Tasks based on the provisions of the BEREC Regulation including responsibility for heading the Office and managing the budgetary aspects vis-à-vis the budget authority
- Vacancy notice will be published in the Official Journal of the EU in the coming weeks
- Meeting also agreed practical aspects of how the selection procedure would be managed

Office Budget

- The 2010 Budget prepared by Commission early in 2009 provides for expenditure of €3.67 m
- Delay in final agreement on the Telecom package impact on budget
- Staffing and spending for 2010 will not approach limits
- 2011 Planning cycle on-going being prepared on basis of best estimate but some uncertainties still exist
- Meeting considered assumptions – staffing levels, seniority of posts, mix of direct employees and SNEs, non-staff costs, etc

Other - Location of Office

- Decision is a matter for Council
- BOR expressed clear preference for locating secretariat/support function in Brussels as the best way to achieve the effective and efficient functioning of BEREC
- Factors include :
 - Proximity to the EU Institutions - facilitate BEREC's communication with the EU Institutions; co-location with Institutions is important to enable it to carry out its role fully.
 - Establishing and support to BEREC's Expert Working Groups, which the Office is responsible for helping to set up and support, is also crucial.
 - Transparency and Interaction with Stakeholders. Main stakeholder representatives based in Brussels.