

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BEREC mid-year Plenary adopts net neutrality package and considers future challenges**

The BEREC Board of Regulators held its 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting on 24 and 25 May 2012 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Net neutrality was the focus of discussions, as BEREC adopted a report on its investigation of traffic management practices, as well as three documents for public consultation, on the topics of net neutrality and competition, quality of service and IP interconnection (see separate press release [here](#)).

This mid-year stock-take saw BEREC and the Commission note the successful operation of the Phase II procedure (the procedure by which the Commission scrutinises regulators' decisions on their national markets), which benefited from the participation of all EU regulators and generated 8 BEREC opinions since January 2012. Looking ahead, regulators discussed BEREC's strategic development, launching a programme of operational improvements and a regular internal forum for the development of the group's own strategic policy thinking.

Following the adoption of the third International Roaming Regulation on 28 March 2012, BEREC is currently preparing guidelines for the implementation of Article 3 of the Regulation (decoupling and wholesale access), which it intends to publish for public consultation in June 2012.

Also adopted was a Report on the Competitive Effects of NGA Co-investments, following a public consultation, as well as BEREC's Annual Report 2011.

The 11<sup>th</sup> BEREC Plenary meeting was the second under the chairmanship of Dr. Georg Serentschy, Chairman of the Austrian regulatory authority, RTR. The next BEREC Plenary meeting will be held on 27-28 September 2012.

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Note to the editor:

*About BEREC*

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