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ERG

Main outcomes of the 26th ERG Plenary

Daniel Pataki, ERG Chair
Brussels, 17 October 2008

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FOREWORD

The Dublin Agenda at a glance

- **Statement on the Review**
- **NGN**
- **Consistency**
- **Work Programme 2009**

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STATEMENT ON THE REVIEW

- I/ERG looks forward to a timely agreement on a new regulatory framework for electronic communications
 - NRAs' independence is of fundamental importance
 - future institutional arrangements in which NRAs are at the heart of efforts to achieve greater consistency
 - regulatory process should reflect the developing cooperative approach
 - NRAs have the relevant expertise to define and implement remedies tailored to their national markets

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IP-IC/NGN REGULATORY PRINCIPLES

➤ **Content of the Common Statement:**

- separation between transport and service important for the development of innovative services
- maximum efficient number of PoI offered in NGNs for lowest interconnection rate
- power to set minimum quality of service requirements should be entrusted directly upon NRAs
- standardisation, interoperability, reference offer
- NGNs core will lead to a lower overall cost level
- Bill & Keep has promising properties for a future interconnection regime, but needs further study → work plan

Input received during public consultation was taken into account

➤ **Content of the Supplementary document:**

- Consultation report
- Country Study updates
- Technical background information
- Implications on regulatory accounting

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RECOMMENDATION ON NGA

Content of the Response:

- **Scope of the recommendation**
- **Ladder of investment and access to ducts**
- **Pricing principles mainly on duct usage**
- **Transparency and process**
- **FTTH, FTTN**

Conclusion:

- **Predictable regulation is essential**
- **Recommendation has to be more flexible**
- **ERG is ready to work closely with the Commission**

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CONSISTENCY

ERG is committed to measures which lead to further and greater consistency

- **Termination rates**
- **Regulatory accounting**
- **Geographical markets**
- **International roaming**
- **Others**

TERMINATION RATES

- **Snapshot of mobile termination rates:**
 - further fall in regulated termination rates across Europe and
 - further narrowing of the differences in MTRs between countries.
 - based on national glide-paths average MTR expected to fall by 1.7 eurocents by the second half of 2009
- **Symmetry of termination rates:**
 - rates are already symmetric in some member states
 - NRAs have defined or planned a realistic glide-path to achieve symmetry over the next few years (few exceptions are foreseen)

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REGULATORY ACCOUNTING

- **Prepared on yearly basis since 2005**
- **Clear trend towards an increasingly harmonised approach**
- **Increasing use of LRIC and CCA**

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GEOGRAPHICAL MARKETS

Consultation with large interest (22 responses):

- **Main changes after consultation**
 - **More guidance on treatment of business services**
 - **More guidance on geographically segmented markets vs. differentiated remedies**

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INTERNATIONAL ROAMING

- **Monitoring of compliance**
 - Periodical data collection ongoing; third ERG implementation report planned by end 2008
- **Additional investigations**
 - Further study on Commission proposals

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OTHERS

Further monitoring of compliance of application of ERG Common Positions:

- **Monitoring of compliance of application of ERG Common Positions:**
 - **Broadband Common Position Conformity**
 - **Symmetry of MTR/FTR Action Plan**

- **Benchmarking activities:**
 - **Broadband retail prices benchmarking methodology developed**

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2009

- **Programmatic Approach:**
Adjusting regulation to a changing market environment and preparing for legal and institutional change
- **Priority areas:**
 - **Framework Review**
 - **NGN evolution**
 - **Dynamic and more finetuned regulation**
- **Continuity from 2008 WP**
- **Next steps:**
 - **Public Consultation: 17 October – 7 November,**
Public Hearing: Brussels, 6 Nov. 2008
 - **Final adoption at next Plenary**

SUMMARY OF APPROVED DOCUMENTS

- I/ERG Statement on the FR ERG (08) 52
- I/ERG Response to the Draft Rec NGA ERG (08) 38rev2
- ERG Common Statement on IP-IC/NGN Core ERG (08) 26
- ERG CS on IP-IC/NGN Core Suppl Doc ERG (08) 26b
- MTR snapshot ERG (08) 41
- Methodology on BB retail price comparison ERG (08) 44
- ERG CP on Geographic Aspects of Market Analysis ERG (08) 20
- ERG CP on Geo Aspcts of Mkt Analysis Cons Report ERG (08) 20b
- Regulatory Accounting Report in Practice 2008 ERG (08) 47
- Draft I/ERG Work Programme 2009 ERG (08) 48rev1

All documents will be available on the ERG website at: <http://erg.ec.europa.eu>
and the IRG website at: <http://www.irg.eu>