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Main outcomes of the 27th ERG Plenary

Daniel Pataki, ERG Chair
Brussels, 11 December 2008

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FOREWORD

The Budapest Agenda at a glance

- Framework Review
- NGA
- Work Programme 2009
- Internal housekeeping
- Achievements 2008

FRAMEWORK REVIEW

I/ERG welcomes the progress during the first reading by the European Parliament and the Council and looking forward the further development emphasising the following principles:

1. Governance:

- Two tier approach (where the decision making and operative functions are separated)
- The Plenary (consisting of NRA heads) should be in control and responsible for delivering regulatory opinions.
- Operative functions should be exercised by a Secretariat, which should be under the full control by the plenary, including that its director is appointed by the plenary.

2. Size of Secretariat:

- Should be sufficient to enable a professional running of the group, but not be excessive and lead to bureaucracy.
- Professionals who are essential to ensure delivering the body's mission.

3. Legal form and financing:

- The independence of the body from any other institutions should be safeguarded.
- Its financing should be stable allowing professional functioning and should not allow a control of the output through the budgetary control.

4. Participation:

- The group should be open to non-EU member NRAs for participation.

STATEMENT ON NGA

I/ERG discussed the progress of the deployment of NGA networks in Europe:

- A key enabler for a sustainable economic growth
- One of the key elements of the Commission's recovery plan to the current financial and economic crisis
- private investments may be complemented by public financing, however private investments should remain the main driving force
- the European regulatory framework remains fit for purpose, still in the current difficult economic circumstances,
- NRAs can stimulate infrastructure-based competition by applying the ladder of investment concept and in setting a consistent access policy.
- Planning investments requires stability and predictability of the regulatory environment.
- NGA networks should be open, standardized and interoperable. Where public finance is involved this must be a prerequisite.
- Initiatives simplifying the authorisation regime and lowering the costs of civil works and plans to free additional spectrum for wireless broadband networks are welcome
- ERG have agreed to continue to exchange information

Programmatic Approach:

Adjusting regulation to a changing market environment and preparing for legal and institutional change

Priority areas:

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

Public consultation: 10 comments:

Main change: new item: “Analysis of the business services market”

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OTHERS

Ongoing work on the following issues were discussed:

- **Roaming (3rd Data report)**
- **I/ERG-RSPG cooperation**
- **Consumer empowerment**
- **Convergence**

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INTERNAL HOUSEKEEPING

I/ERG appointed the I/ERG Chair 2010, and IRG Board Members 2009:

- **Matthias Kurth, BNetzA (Chair 2009)**
- **Daniel Pataki, NHH (Chair 2008)**
- **John Doherty, ComReg (Chair 2010)**
- **Chris Fonteijn, OPTA**
- **Roberto Viola, AGCOM**

IRG Secretariat workforce:

- **Permanent staff for 2009 was confirmed:
Ingrid Malfait, Berta del Olivo, Laszlo Kasa**

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ACHIEVEMENTS 2008

I/ERG has made determinant steps in 2008 and became a key point of reference in our sector:

- **Active advisory role on the Review**
- **A decisive voice on key regulatory policy dossiers**
- **A more effective and coherent organisation**

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SUMMARY OF APPROVED DOCUMENTS

Documents approved for publication:

- ERG NGA Statement ERG (08) 68
- IRG/ERG Work Programme ERG (08) 48
- Consultation report WP ERG (08) 48b
- I/ERG 2008 achievements

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