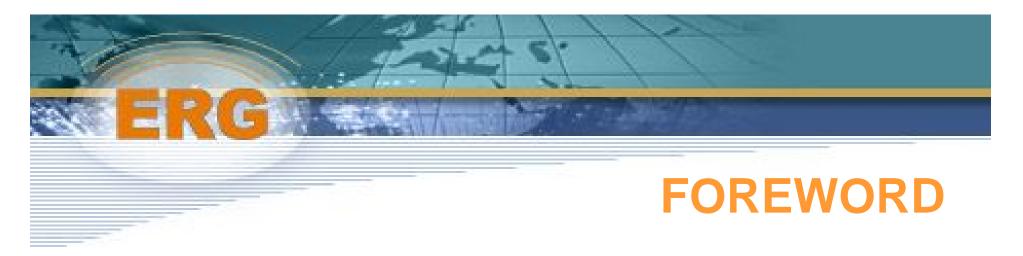


# Main outcomes of the 27<sup>th</sup> ERG Plenary

Daniel Pataki, ERG Chair Brussels, 11 December 2008



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



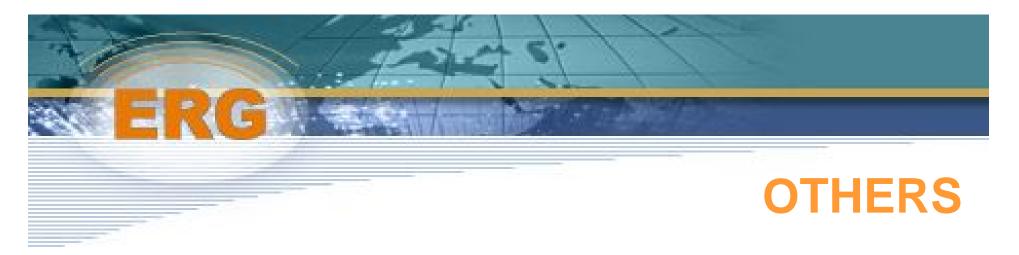
Programmatic Approach: Adjusting regulation to a changing market environment and preparing for legal and institutional change

**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"



#### **Ongoing work on the following issues were discussed:**

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

## **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



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



#### **Documents approved for publication:**

	ERG NGA Statement	ERG (08) 68
	IRG/ERG Work Programme	ERG (08) 48
	Consultation report WP	ERG (08) 48b
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The documents will be available on the ERG website at: <u>http://erg.ec.europa.eu</u> and the IRG website at: <u>http://www.irg.eu</u>.