Main outcomes of the 23rd ERG Plenary

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The Rome Agenda at a glance

- **Harmonising VoIP:** approval of a Common Position

- **Wholesale Broadband Access/Wholesale Local Access:** approval of a Report on the Best Practices for public consultation

- **Fixed/Mobile termination:** approval of two draft Common Positions on termination rates symmetry for public consultation

- **International Roaming Regulation:** approval of the next steps for the report on roaming charges in Europe

- **Work Programme 2008:** approval of the updated plan

Harmonising VoIP

The Common Position on VOIP was approved:

➢ **Key content of the CP: Numbering, Number Portability, Access to emergency services; PATS/ECS/PTN definition, Cross-border issues, Legal interception, 112 localization**

➢ **Consultation: Draft Common Position "ERG (07) 56 Rev1" submitted to consultation in October 2007, about 20 responses received**

➢ **Clarifications added to the final CP:**

    ➢ **Modified definition of the term "Telephony Service"**

    ➢ **Recommendations on numbering, number portability, access to emergency services**

    ➢ **Access to 112**

    ➢ **Network integrity obligations**

WBA/WLA

A draft Report on the Best Practices on Regulatory Regimes in Wholesale Unbundled Access and Bitstream Access has been approved for public consultation:

➢ **Objective of the Report:**

- ➢ provide examples and illustrations on how NRAs can implement the Common Positions set out in ERG 06 (69) and ERG 06 (70) by identifying "Best Practices" as achievable models
- ➢ using an evidence-based methodology to assess the impacts of broadband regulation

➢ **18 identified Best Practices:**

- ➢ 10 on Quality of Service
- ➢ 5 on Migration and Richness of Reference Offer
- ➢ 3 on Pricing

Fixed and Mobile termination

Draft Common Positions on MTR and FTR have been approved for public consultation:

➢ **Key content of the CPs: path towards symmetry**

➢ **Further content of the MTR CP: exceptions due to exogenous differences (access to spectrum) and transitory exceptions (late entry in the market), asymmetry before MTRs are at cost, to limit distortions created by MTRs above costs.**

➢ **Further content of the FTR CP: transition period is justified to allow OAOs to adapt to the new level of operational efficiency; NRAs should consider in next market 9 review setting a path to achieve symmetry in FTRs as soon as possible (e.g. over a period of 4 to 5 years) taking into account the prevailing local circumstances such as the date of market opening, the actual number of OAOs and their respective market shares.**

➢ **Accompanying document: economic introduction on MTR and FTR**

International Roaming Regulation

Next steps have been approved for the roaming data monitoring task:

➢ **Key content of the ERG Report:**

   ➢ **General approach – maximum transparency**

   ➢ **State of compliance on transparency provisions**

   ➢ **Detailed data collection for Q2 and Q3 2007**

➢ **Timing:**

   ➢ **Publication in January 2008**

   ➢ **Subsequent ERG reports planned for June 2008 and December 2008**

Work Programme 2008

The Work Programme 2008 was approved:

- ➢ **Outline of the WP:**

    - ➢ **Framework review,**
    - ➢ **Further harmonization of the internal market,**
    - ➢ **Response to emerging challenges on the market**

- ➢ **Consultation: Draft WP08 submitted to consultation in October 2007, hearing on Nov 20, about 10 responses received (general support and acceptance of WP 2008, some comments on specific items)**

- ➢ **Next steps in January/February 2008:**

    - ➢ **First PT&WG Chairs meeting**
    - ➢ **Final PRDs, resource commitment of NRAs**

Documents approved for publication

Final documents:

- ➤ **VoIP Common Position (ERG (07) 56rev2)**
- ➤ **Work Programme 2008 (ERG (07) 65 rev2)**

Draft documents for consultation (Dec 17 – Jan 25):

- ➤ **Report on the Best Practices on Regulatory Regimes in Wholesale Unbundled Access and Bitstream Access (ERG (07) 53 rev1)**

- ➤ **Common Position on MTR**
- ➤ **Common Position on FTR**
- ➤ **Economic introduction on MTR and FTR**

to be consulted jointly as ERG (07) 83

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