# IRG and ERG Work Programme and meetings in 2008

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# MAKING EUROPE MORE COMPETITIVE - *TIME* IS EU'S KEY INDUSTRY

| | Global top 10 operators by market cap descending | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Telco** | **IT-Hardware** | **IT-Software** | **Media / Entertainment** |
| 1 | AT&T | Cisco Systems | Microsoft | Comcast |
| 2 | China Mobile(1) | IBM | Google | Time Warner |
| 3 | Vodafone | Intel | Oracle | Walt Disney |
| 4 | Nippon TT & NTT | HP | SAP | News Corp |
| 5 | America Movil(2) | Nokia | Yahoo | Vivendi Universal |
| 6 | Verizon & V Mobile | Samsung | EMC | Bertelsmann |
| 7 | Telefonica | Apple Computer | Accenture | DirecTV |
| 8 | Deutsche Telekom | LM Ericsson | First Data | Viacom |
| 9 | France Telecom | Dell | Softbank | Thomson(3) |
| 10 | Sprint Nextel | Sony | Symantec | CBS |

(1) Including China Telecom figures
(2) Including Telefonos de Mexico figures
(3) Canada
Source: Forbes Global top 2000 (year 2006); Infinancials;

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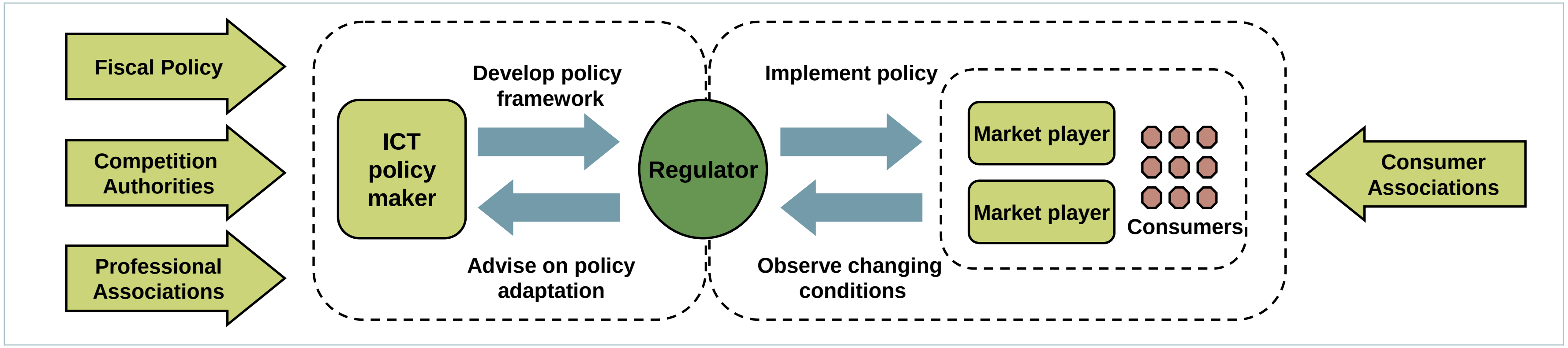
# REGULATION PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR FURTHER GROWTH OF *TIME* INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER WELFARE




**The current regulatory frameworks account for considerable success over the last years and can be acknowledged as the 'right toolset for its time'**

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# CHALLENGES IN 2008

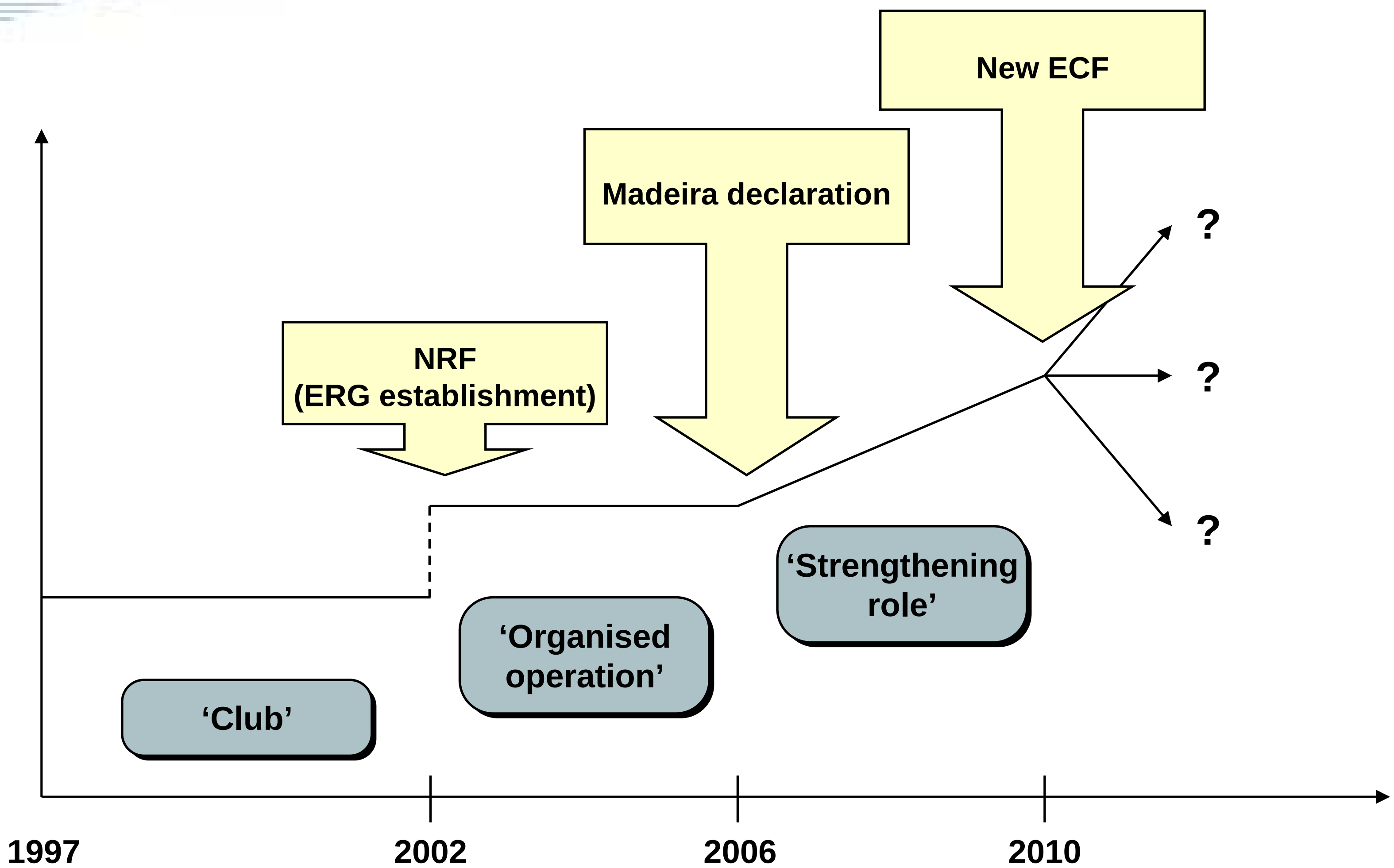
1. **2008 will be a key year in terms of the legal and institutional reform designed for the next decade**

2. **There is a great and immediate demand for further consistency in regulation in order to exploit the full potential of the European Single Market**

3. **Regulators must prepare themselves to have the appropriate tools to ensure fair competition under changing technological and market conditions**

**ERG is ready to response the challenges**

# ERG: STRONGER AND CHANGING ROLE



# STRATEGIC CHANGE TO A MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN ERG

## Bottom-up ERG working practice yields a set of minimum standards but less progressive directions

4 Agree on Common Position based on consensus decision

3 Derive universal principles and best practices

1 Pick a "hot" topic

2 Conduct NRA benchmark

NRAs …

## Modified approach needed if ERG wants to shape future regulatory frameworks

1 Agree on a regulatory vision and key focus areas that provide leverage

2 Identify specific priority policy areas and provide common regulatory framework

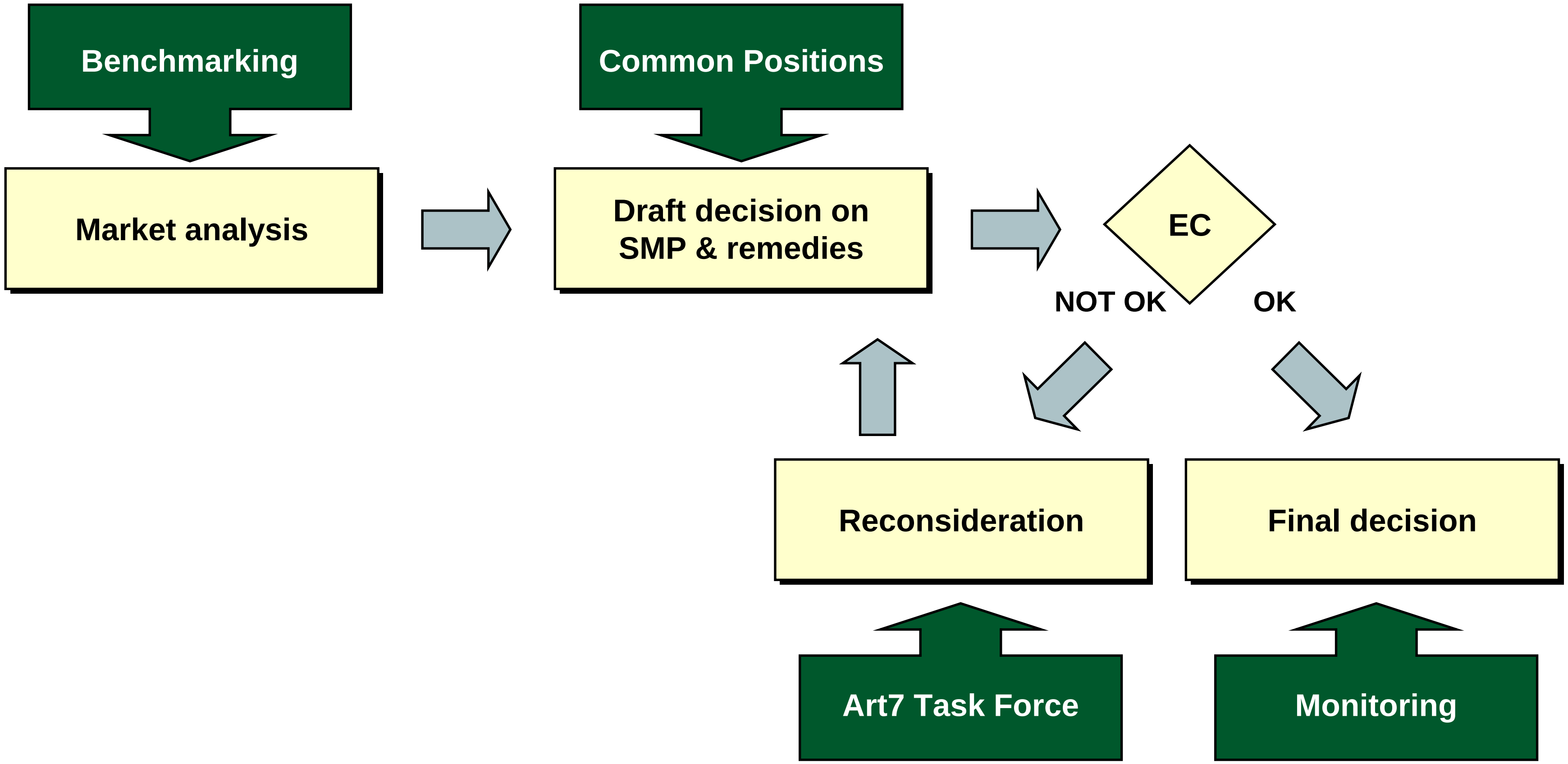
3 Derive common approach backed by majority voting

5 Voice ERG standpoint to other institutions

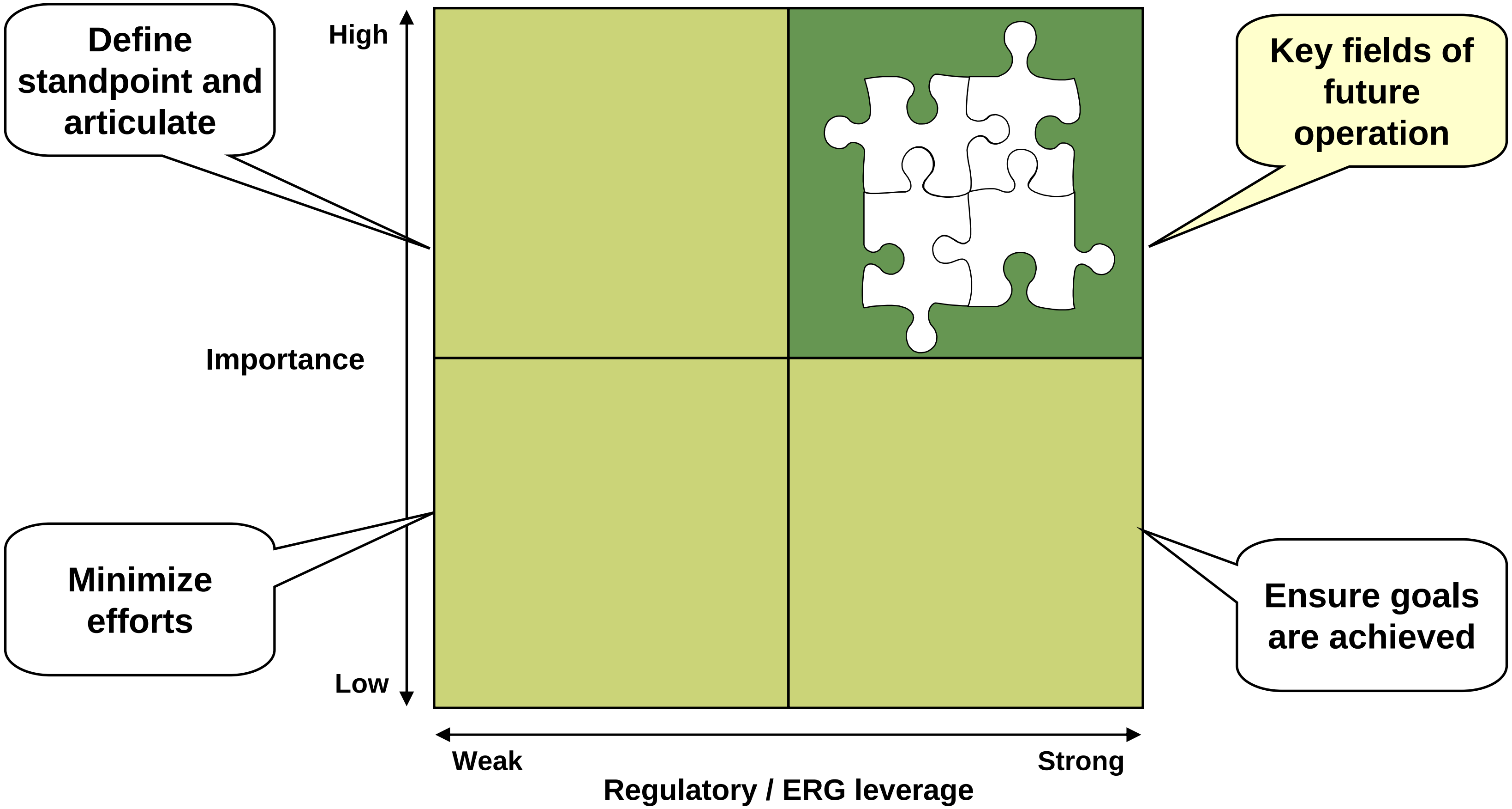
4 Apply common approach

NRAs …

# ERG ASSISTS NRAS TO BE BETTER IN THEIR CORE BUSINESS



# ERG CONCENTRATES ITS EFFORTS TO DRIVE IMPACT



# MAIN ITEMS AND STRUCTURE OF WP 2008

1. Framework review

2. Further harmonization of the internal market

3. Response to emerging challenges on the market

# 1. FRAMEWORK REVIEW

| No. | Item | Deliverable | Deadline | Consultation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.1 | Response to the Commission’s legislative proposals | ERG opinion where appropriate | Q1, Q2 | No |
| 1.2 | Opinions on specific topics | ERG opinion | Q2 | No |
| 1.3 | Expert views | ERG’s professional expert view | Continuous | No |
| 1.4 | Response to the revision of soft law | ERG opinion | Q2, Q3 | No |

## 2. FURTHER HARMONIZATION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET

| No. | Item | Deliverable | Deadline | Consultation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.1 | Common Positions (e.g. MTR) | ERG Common Positions | Q1, Q2 | Yes |
| 2.2 | Monitoring, Benchmarking activities | ERG Reports, Snapshot, etc | Continuous | No |
| 2.3 | Article 7 Expert Report | Expert Report | automatically in every second phase case | No |
| 2.4 | Roaming regulation | ERG Report | Q2, Q4 | No |

## 3. RESPONSE TO EMERGING CHALLENGES ON THE MARKET

| No. | Item | Deliverable | Deadline | Consultation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.1 | Future regulatory policies | | | |
| 3.1.1 | Convergence | ERG Report | Q1 | No |
| 3.1.2 | IP related challenges | ERG Report | Q1 | No |
| 3.1.3 | Next Generation Networks | ERG Common Position | Q3 | Yes |
| 3.2 | Cooperation with other regulatory bodies | | | |

# NEXT STEPS

- contributions welcome until 23rd November, and be published at the ERG website, if no confidential handling requested

- approval of final WP 2008, including the result of the public consultation, at the ERG/IRG Plenary, 6-7 December, Rome

- Rome's debriefing on 14th December, BXL

## MEETINGS IN 2008

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|---|---|
| **Plenary01** | **27 February 2008, joint RSPG and IRG/ERG meeting<br>28-29 February 2008, IRG/ERG Plenary<br>Goteborg, Sweden** |
| **Plenary02** | **(28)29-30 May 2008, Vilnius, Lithuania<br>(a one-day workshop may be held in advance)** |
| **Plenary03** | **9-10 October 2008, Dublin, Ireland** |
| **Plenary04** | **4-5 December 2008, Budapest, Hungary** |

**Please notice:**

**• the next year’s debriefing dates: on the following Thursday after the week of the Plenaries between 13.00 and 15.00 in Brussels,**