

EENA contribution to the BEREC Call for Inputs on interfaces for mobile networks for developers and third-party services

The European Emergency Number Association (EENA) welcomes BEREC's Call for Inputs on interfaces for mobile networks for developers and third-party services. EENA would like to highlight that, when considering current and future use cases for Network APIs, emergency communications and public warning should not be overlooked. Some Network APIs may potentially provide useful capabilities in an emergency context. For example, information related to the number of devices in a geographical area, device location, roaming status or device reachability could potentially support emergency services, public warning authorities or other competent authorities.

While the potential role of Network APIs in this area is still emerging, EENA believes that public-interest and emergency use cases should be taken into account as the ecosystem develops. In particular, aspects such as interoperability across mobile networks, availability and resilience, roaming and appropriate access for competent authorities may deserve consideration. Network APIs should complement, rather than replace, existing mechanisms for emergency communications and public warning. EENA therefore encourages BEREC to keep emergency communications and public warning in scope in its future work on Network APIs and their potential use cases.