

Public Consultation on the Europe's Telecom Reality Check: Draft BEREC

Fact finding report on connectivity, competition and regulatory highlights

in different jurisdictions

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General information

During the 66th BEREC ordinary meetings (12-13 March 2026), the Board of Regulators adopted the Europe's Telecom Reality Check: Draft BEREC Fact finding report on connectivity, competition and regulatory highlights in different jurisdictions (BoR (26) 36) for public consultation.

With the draft report, BEREC provides its view of where the EU stands in terms of connectivity, network quality, performance and pricing, compared to other jurisdictions. This fact-finding report is meant to provide an objective representation of several elements of the competitive context of telecommunications in Europe. It covers aspects such as the deployment of fixed and mobile fast broadband networks, services' supply, financial performance of telecom operators, as well as regulatory approaches.

You are hereby invited to participate in the below public consultation on the draft report.

Your details

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Practical details of the public consultation

Stakeholders are invited to comment and provide their views on the different chapters of the draft report following its structure:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Coverage of broadband networks and services penetration
- Chapter 3 Pricing and quality of broadband services provision
- Chapter 4 Perspectives related to the consumption of broadband services (urban/rural)
- Chapter 5 Comparative assessment of telecommunications access regulation
- Chapter 6 Consolidation trends and implications for telecoms
- Chapter 7 Overview of financial indicators
- Chapter 8 Conclusions
- Annex I - Service diversity

Stakeholders may also upload a document as a part of their contribution, see below.

In order to facilitate the processing of the responses, the comments provided **should clearly refer to certain sections/subsections/paragraphs of the draft report.**

Contributions should **preferably be sent in English.**

Stakeholders may submit their contributions **by Friday, 8 May 2026, close of business.**

In accordance with the BEREC policy on public consultations, BEREC will publish all contributions and a summary of these contributions, respecting confidentiality requests. In that regard, any request for reduction of the text on confidentiality grounds should clearly indicate which information is considered confidential and be accompanied by a non-confidential version.

Public consultation

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 1 "Introduction"**:

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I support the report's use of objective, cross-checked data from global jurisdictions to provide a consistent international benchmark for the European telecommunications sector. This is in contrast to reports from certain sections of the telecoms lobby which can sometimes "cherry-pick" data to support policy changes they are seeking.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 2 "Coverage of broadband networks and services penetration"**:

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I agree with the findings that EU broadband networks show strong growth in 5G and fiber coverage, with comparable performance to many of the comparator countries.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 3 "Pricing and quality of broadband services provision":**

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I support the conclusion that telecoms operators in the EU deliver strong consumer outcomes with high value for money, offering mid-to-high speed fixed internet at roughly half the price of the USA while maintaining superior upload speeds and lower latency.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 4 "Perspectives related to the consumption of broadband services (urban/rural)":**

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I agree with the report's conclusion that the EU-27 compares well with global peers in narrowing the digital divide, with 5G urban/rural gaps at par with the USA and China.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 5 "Comparative assessment of telecommunications access regulation":**

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I support the report's assessment that the EU's harmonized ex-ante regulatory framework successfully fosters competition and diversity, sustaining more market competitors, and better consumer outcomes, than the less regulated North American models for example.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 6 "Consolidation trends and implications for telecoms":**

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I agree with the report's conclusion that there is no clear empirical evidence linking increased market consolidation to higher investment; rather, mergers often lead to higher consumer prices without guaranteed innovation gains.

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 7 "Overview of financial indicators":**

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I support the finding that European operators are financially healthy, generally enjoying returns above their cost of capital and rising cash flows as they move past peak investment cycles. Many reports from lobby groups "cherry pick" investment numbers based on different points in the investment cycle to support the conclusions of their sponsors. With 5G and FTTH investment past its peak, capital intensity for operators is likely to fall going forward, as the emphasis moves to incremental mobile upgrades and increasing take-up for lower opex FTTH services.,

Please indicate comments on the **Chapter 8 "Conclusions"**:

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I strongly endorse the report's final conclusion that the current regulatory framework is the primary driver of investment and innovation, and there is no financial justification for loosening regulation or merger controls. That EU consumers benefit from consistently lower fixed and mobile broadband prices is a strength, but is seen as a problem by certain large European operator groups. Performance remains strong, as does coverage. The challenge now is to drive demand to support increased take-up of these new higher-speed services - and that requires new applications and services that require higher bandwidth connectivity.

Please indicate comments on the **Annex I "Service diversity"**:

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