

## **BEREC Statement on European Parliament's vote on Telecoms legislative proposals**

BEREC notes the European Parliament's adoption of its first reading position on the proposed "Connected Continent" Regulation at its Plenary session and welcomes the general approach adopted by the Parliament.

BEREC particularly welcomes the European Parliament's recognition of the need for a broad, careful and comprehensive assessment of the European regulatory framework during the next Commission term. Furthermore, BEREC appreciates the proposed removal of some of the complex regulatory processes which had been tabled by the European Commission, the deletion of some of the Commission's proposals on grounds of subsidiarity and proportionality and the suggested increased consistency in the regulatory tasks of the national regulators.

BEREC acknowledges the hard work carried out by the Parliament under an unusually demanding timeframe, and looks forward to the continuing discussions around the legislative proposal, both in Council and (after the coming elections), in the European Parliament. BEREC will now continue the examination of the proposal in line with its statutory role as a technical advisory body, and remains at the disposal of the legislators as they continue the process of scrutinising the Commission's legislative proposals, with a view to further strengthening the internal market for the provision of electronic communications networks and services.

### **Background**

On 16 September 2013, BEREC issued a statement on the publication of a European Commission proposal for a Regulation on the European single market – available at [http://berec.europa.eu/eng/document\\_register/subject\\_matter/berec/others/?doc=1432](http://berec.europa.eu/eng/document_register/subject_matter/berec/others/?doc=1432) – followed by a more detailed commentary on the draft Regulation, on 17 October 2013, available at the link [http://berec.europa.eu/eng/document\\_register/subject\\_matter/berec/download/0/2922-berec-views-on-the-proposal-for-a-regula\\_0.pdf](http://berec.europa.eu/eng/document_register/subject_matter/berec/download/0/2922-berec-views-on-the-proposal-for-a-regula_0.pdf)

**Note to the Editor:**

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