

18th Meeting of the Board of Regulators

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Conclusions

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I. Documents approved for publication:

1. [BoR Decision on BEREC Expert Working Groups](#) (EWGs);
2. [International Roaming BEREC Benchmark Data Report: April – September 2013](#);

II. Documents approved for public consultation:

[Draft BEREC Report on monitoring the quality of Internet access services in the context of net neutrality](#); the consultation will run in the period 17 March – 28 April 2014.

III. Documents approved for signature:

Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between BEREC and the Euro-Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG).

IV. Discussion of important subjects:

The BoR discussed and provided guidance on the following topics:

1. The review of the Commission Recommendation on relevant markets;

The BoR discussed the review of the Commission Recommendation on relevant markets in the light of the discussion held during the Workshop with stakeholder organised by BEREC on 26 February 2014 in Stockholm.

2. The BEREC medium-term strategy outlook and the structure of the BEREC EWGs;

The BoR discussed the revision of the BEREC medium-term strategy outlook and agreed on a way forward.

The BoR also discussed the structure of the BEREC EWGs and agreed on a way forward.

3. The 2nd BEREC Stakeholder meeting;

The BoR decided to organise the 2nd BEREC stakeholder forum meeting in October 2014 in Brussels. The exact date and place of the meeting will be communicated to the public at a later stage.

4. BEREC's involvement in the European Commission Expert Group (EG) 3 of the Smart Grids Task Force.

The BoR decided that it would be beneficial for the telecommunications sector if BEREC would follow closely the discussion in EG3 and contributes actively to it from a telecommunications regulatory perspective. In that respect the BEREC EWGs concerned were asked to establish a dedicated work stream, which could support BEREC's representatives in the EG3.

5. BEREC's communication plan and strategy for 2014.

V. Documents approved for internal use:

1. BEREC internal report "Layer 2 Wholesale Access Products in the European Union (EU)";
2. BEREC procedure to solve questions and share information among NRAs on the application of Regulation (EU) No 531/2012;
3. Outline of the annual report on developments in the electronic communications sector in 2013 and annual report on the activities of BEREC in 2013;
4. Guidelines for organising and hosting high-level BEREC events.

VI. Information provided to the BoR

The BoR was informed about recent development of legislative process on the Telecoms Single Market (TSM) initiative, the status of implementation of the BEREC Work Programme (WP) 2014, the conclusions from the recent Article 7/7a Phase II cases, the cooperation with US FCC, the forthcoming BEREC study trip to Japan and others.

VII. Next meeting

The [next BoR meeting](#) will take place on 5-6 June 2014 in Dublin (Ireland) and will be hosted by the Irish [Commission for Communications Regulation](#) (ComReg).

Introduction and participation

The BoR held its eighteenth meeting on 27 and 28 February 2014 in Stockholm (Sweden), kindly hosted by the [Swedish Post and Telecom Authority](#) (PTS). The meeting was attended by high-level representatives of the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) with primary responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the markets for electronic communications networks and services established in each EU member state, and the Commission. Representatives of the NRAs from the EFTA states and the states that are candidates for accession to the EU also took part in the meeting, represented at high level.

Items discussed

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Document(s)	BoR (14) 22 Draft BoR agenda
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda for approval by the BoR meeting. The agenda was adopted without changes.</p> <p>The Chair introduced the newly nominated BoR representatives from EETT (Hellenic Republic), RTR (Austria), RU (Slovak Republic), the European Commission and the EFTA Surveillance Authority and gave them the floor to introduce themselves.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the meeting agenda and took note of the information presented.

2. Information from the BEREC Chair on activities since the last meeting

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair provided the participants of the meeting with information on important activities undertaken recently, as follows:</p> <p>2.1. Important recent and forthcoming meetings:</p> <p>2.1.1. The first meeting for 2014 between the BEREC Chair and Vice-Chairs took place on 9 and 10 January 2014 in Stockholm; the Chair and Vice-Chairs agreed on the following division of tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the BEREC Chair will be responsible for stakeholder engagement and legislative initiatives; – ANACOM will be responsible for the BEREC Office, the BEREC WP 2015 and co-operation with REGULATEL and EMERG;

- **HAKOM** will be responsible for developing a strategy for better use of IRG and its future;
- **FICORA** will be responsible for the stakeholder forum, ‘spring cleaning’, optimising the structure of the EWGs and, in co-operation with BIPT, for the review of the Rules of Procedure (RoP);
- **BIPT** will be responsible for the BEREC strategy and, in co-operation with FICORA, for the RoP;
- **AEC** will be responsible for co-operation with third parties, such as the FCC and the Eastern European Partnership (EaP), and for the BEREC study trip.

The BEREC Chair and Vice-Chairs decided to meet on a monthly basis, primarily via video conference. Their next meeting was scheduled for 21 March 2014.

2.1.2. On 12 December 2013 and 14 January 2014, BEREC had two working meetings with the Commission concerning the Connected Continent package.

2.1.3. On 22 January 2014, a BEREC delegation, led by the BEREC Chair, had a meeting with the rapporteur of the European Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), Ms Pilar del Catillo, on the subject of the Connected Continent package. The meeting was followed up with further discussions over the telephone.

2.1.4. On 22 January 2014, a BEREC delegation took part in the ITRE discussion concerning the package and was present during the hearing of the person nominated to be the new Administrative Manager of the BEREC Office.

2.1.5. On 12 February 2014, the BEREC Chair met a number of stakeholders in Brussels.

2.1.6. On 13-14 February 2014, the BEREC Chair spoke in Athens at the conference ‘Speeding up New Generation Networks (NGN) ubiquity: A pillar for digital growth’.

2.1.7. On 14 February 2014, the BEREC Vice-Chair attended the next EMERG plenary in Amman on behalf of BEREC.

2.1.8. On 23-24 February 2014, the BEREC Chair spoke at the GSMA World Mobile Congress in Barcelona. During this visit, the Chair met with the Chairman of the US FCC and co-operation between BEREC and the FCC in 2014 was discussed. Further information on this discussion was presented under agenda item 13 ‘International activities’.

2.2. Recent electronic voting procedures:

Since the last plenary, the BEREC Chair has only launched one BoR electronic voting procedure, which was for the approval of the BEREC Opinion on the Phase II investigation in accordance with Article 7a of Directive 2002/21/EC as amended by Directive 2009/140/EC: case DE/2013/1527 wholesale voice call termination on individual mobile

	<p>networks (market 7) in Germany.</p> <p>More information on the activities relating to Article 7/7a was presented by the BEREK Office under agenda item 7.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

3. Key regulatory developments on the Swedish market for electronic communications services

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	PTS representative
Information presented	<p>A PTS representative presented information on the key regulatory developments on the Swedish market for electronic communication services. He pointed out the increasing tendency for using big volume data subscriptions, bundled offers and OTT services more frequently, which leads to high annual growth in total traffic. For example the traditional terrestrial TV service providers tend to have smaller number of users than the newly launched OTT service providers.</p> <p>The new demand on the consumer side and the increased use of smart mobile devices lead to the introduction of new mobile business models. As a result of this the flat call and SMS rates with variable data packages tend to dominate the new subscriptions.</p> <p>The roll-out of LTE has provided 2.3 million subscriptions with the opportunity to use services in LTE networks (data as per June 2013) and the number of subscriptions has been constantly increasing.</p> <p>According to the recent data 99% of the population has access to LTE (4G) networks, 57% of house-holds have access to fibre and there is an increasing take-up of fastest broadband subscriptions (100 Mbit/s).</p> <p>Based on these results it can be concluded that the customer demand creates new investment opportunities and vice-versa – the availability of infrastructure creates additional demand.</p> <p>Due to the fact that 390 households and businesses lack broadband access Sweden decided to dedicate part of the 700 MHz for ensuring broadband coverage of those households which do not have access to such services yet.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

4. Adoption of the list of 'A' items

Document(s)	<p>BoR (14) 12 Draft BoR Decision on the BEREC Expert Working Groups (EWGs) (adoption for publication)</p> <p>BoR (14) 13 Draft guidelines for organising and hosting high-level BEREC events (adoption for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 14 Outline of the 2013 annual reports on developments in the electronic communications sector and the BEREC activities (adoption for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 15 Draft BEREC procedure to solve questions and share information among NRAs on the application of Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 (adoption for internal use)</p> <p>BoR (14) 16 Draft international roaming BEREC benchmark data report April-September 2013 (adoption for publication)</p>
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair presented the list of 'A' items given above. This list was drawn up on the basis of the conclusions of the Contact Network (CN) and according to which it should be possible to gain their approval without further discussion. The BEREC Chair informed the BoR members that they can still make statements for the minutes on any of the 'A' items if necessary. If a position taken on an 'A' item might entail further discussion or if a member of the BoR so requests, this item can be withdrawn from the 'A' list.</p> <p>In addition the Chair proposed a minor change to document BoR (14) 13: draft Guidelines for organising and hosting high-level BEREC events.</p> <p>In order to accommodate some concerns raised during the CN about the seating of experts in the 2nd row the Chair proposed to add one sentence at the end of section VII. 1.1. dedicated to the seating plans for the plenary meetings (p. 12), as follows: 'As a general rule the BEREC Office must ensure seating of at least one expert behind the Head whom the expert supports.'</p> <p>As the seating plans for plenary meetings are prepared by the BEREC Office and the current obligation concerns only the BEREC Office, the proposed text should be acceptable for everyone and the Chair suggested adopting the document as 'A' item with the proposed addition.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the 'A' items.

5. Revision of the Commission Recommendation on relevant markets - oral overview and initial discussion

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Market and Economic Analysis (MEA) EWG Chairs (CNMC/ARCEP)
Information presented	<p>At the beginning of the discussion of this topic the BEREC Chair informed the meeting that many BoR members had requested organising internal high-level discussion on documents with strategic importance in addition to the presentations done during plenary meetings.</p> <p>The MEA EWG Chairs (CNMC/ARCEP) informed the BoR that the Commission published on 24 January 2014 unofficial version of the revised draft Recommendation on relevant markets.</p> <p>The current draft is not the formal draft of the Commission Recommendation, which requires BEREC's formal opinion in accordance with Article 15(1) of the Framework Directive. The Commission has published the current unofficial version to increase the transparency of the review process and obtain BEREC's preliminary views in order to align its final draft with BEREC views as far as possible.</p> <p>The Commission plans to formally consult BEREC on the basis of a new draft to be published by mid-March. For the adoption of the new Recommendation in the autumn of 2014, the Commission expects to obtain BEREC's formal opinion after its next plenary. The draft BEREC opinion should be ready for the second CN meeting to take place on 15-16 May 2014 and should be adopted on 5-6 June 2014 by the plenary.</p> <p>In that respect the MEA EWG Chairs welcomed the proposal of the Chair to have further discussion on the main policy issues with the Heads, whose steering at such early stage could be very useful for finalising the work on the draft opinion.</p> <p>The MEA EWG Chairs also emphasised that as part of the internal reflection BEREC hosted a stakeholder workshop, which was fully open to the public and provided BEREC with useful feedback on the stakeholders' view on the topic.</p> <p>The MEA EWG Chairs provided further details on the positions of the different stakeholder groups, which on many occasions are the contrary.</p> <p>The MEA EWGs Chairs concluded that the workshop proved to be a very good exercise, which increased the transparency of BEREC's work and at the same time provided the stakeholders with the opportunity to feed into BEREC opinion.</p> <p>The MEA EWG is of the opinion that BEREC needs to undertake further discussion on a range of horizontal, methodological and transitional issues in addition to the specific issues related to the newly proposed markets subject to ex-ante regulation.</p> <p>At the end of the discussion the BEREC Chair presented his proposal for organising further discussion on this topic at Heads level before BEREC could</p>

	proceed with the adoption of its formal opinion during its next plenary, and asked the BoR members to agree with the proposed way forward.
Conclusions	The BoR discussed the review of the Commission Recommendation on the relevant markets including in the light of the discussion held during the BEREC stakeholders workshop (26 February 2014, Stockholm). The BoR asked the MEA EWG to start work on the preparation of BEREC's opinion on the basis of the information already gathered and decided to further discuss BEREC's approach at a Heads meeting to be organised in the period between the 18th and 19th BoR meetings.

6. Recent developments on the TSM initiative – oral overview

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Commission representative
Information presented	<p>The Commission informed the BoR that due to lack of translations of the amendments in all official EU languages ITRE rescheduled the date for its vote but the European Parliament (EP) kept its original plan to vote its legislative resolution at plenary in April 2014.</p> <p>Furthermore, the BoR was informed that the Council would soon start work on the document in full speed. For that reason the Commission is of the opinion that the act could still be adopted in a quick second reading. The Commission would support both institutions to achieve convergence and they believe that the interaction with BEREC would be extremely valuable, especially on issues such as net neutrality and roaming.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

7. Information from the BEREC Office

Document(s)	<p>BoR (14) 17 BEREC WP 2014 status update</p> <p>BoR (14) 18 8th assessment report on the recent Article 7/7a Phase II cases – conclusions</p>
Introduction by	BEREC Office representative
Background information	<p>The BEREC Office presented the implementation status of the BEREC WP 2014. The BEREC Office informed the BoR that the implementation of the WP is on track and the first deliverables were submitted for approval to the current meeting. Furthermore, the public consultation on geographic aspects of market analysis was over on 7 February 2014 and now the BEREC Office together with the MEA EWG is analysing the inputs received.</p> <p>The BEREC Office also presented the conclusions of the recent Article 7/7a Phase II cases, as presented in the eighth assessment report.</p>

	<p>The report provides an overview of the NRAs' participation in the Phase II EWGs, which shows that the participation of the NRAs is still relatively unbalanced. For that reason, the BEREC Office calls upon those NRAs that have participated only once or twice and have not participated recently in a Phase II EWG to increase their efforts to nominate rapporteurs and experts for the forthcoming Phase II cases.</p> <p>The BEREC Office representative also informed the BoR that the BEREC Office had an obligation to prepare a report for the BoR about the implementation of the BEREC internal Guidelines for the provision of BEREC opinions on cross-border disputes according to Article 21 of the Framework Directive and the BEREC internal Guidelines for BEREC regulatory assistance to NRAs pursuant to Article 2 (b) of the BEREC Regulation. The BEREC Office reported that since the approval of the procedures in September 2013, BEREC had not received any requests for assistance to NRAs or any opinions on cross-border disputes and for those reasons the BEREC Office did not prepared any report for the BoR.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

8. Net Neutrality (NN) - monitoring quality of internet access services in the context of NN

Document(s)	BoR (14) 24 Draft BEREC report on monitoring the quality of internet access services in the context of NN
Introduction by	NN EWG Co-chair (NPT) – Mr Frode Sørensen
Information presented	<p>The Co-Chair of the NN EWG presented a short overview of the draft BEREC report on monitoring quality of internet access services in the context of NN.</p> <p>He pointed out that the current exercise was preceded by an exchange of expertise and building of know-how on technical, regulatory and cost aspects relating to monitoring the quality of internet access services in the context of net neutrality.</p> <p>The draft report presented a description of the available quality monitoring methods. It contains a minimum metrics for monitoring the quality of internet access service (IAS), which are also applicable for wireless/mobile IAS. The EWG has also considered the use of additional parameters, for example to reflect aspects of network coverage and recommends an emphasis on open source and open data solutions.</p> <p>The NN EWG Co-Chair presented the two main use cases covered by the IAS quality monitoring systems, namely: 'Use case A' dedicated to ensuring transparency in the quality of the internet access service for end users and 'Use case B' dedicated to regulatory supervision through the monitoring of the quality of the IAS with regards to potential degradation of service.</p> <p>To ensure there is harmonisation of regulatory practices, the draft report recommends the exchange of experience among NRAs, their contribution to standardisation activities and collaboration to develop a common regulatory practice.</p>

	<p>To achieve further harmonisation, the draft report proposes that the NRAs consider the development and adoption of a common quality monitoring system on an opt-in basis.</p> <p>The draft report also recommends that BEREC conducts a feasibility study for a potential opt-in system in the future, which draws on the proposed quality monitoring approach and contains the recommended metrics and methods. The NN EWG suggested designing the system in such a way to allow additional measurement scenarios to be integrated smoothly into existing national systems.</p> <p>At the end of the presentation, the EWG Co-Chair suggested that the BoR approves the document for a public consultation to be launched in mid-March 2014, with duration of six weeks.</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR discussed the draft report and approved it for public consultation, subject to some adjustments as agreed during the meeting. The consultation will run in the period 17 March – 28 April 2014.</p>

9. Next Generation Networks (NGN)

Document(s)	BoR (14) 19 Draft BEREC internal report 'Layer 2 wholesale access products in the European Union'
Introduction by	NGN EWG Chair (BNetzA)
Information presented	<p>The NGN EWG Chair presented the draft BEREC internal report 'Layer 2 wholesale access products in the EU'.</p> <p>The draft report has been prepared to study the increasing trend in recent years for the introduction of (active) layer 2 (Ethernet) wholesale access products (hereinafter "L2 WAP") in market 4 (wholesale local access) or market 5 (wholesale broadband access) by some NRAs. These obligations imposed have been developed under different conditions and within different markets. The objective has been to provide alternative operators with more access opportunities.</p> <p>In order to gain a deeper insight into these products and to foster the exchange of experiences and contribute to the harmonisation of regulatory instruments used in the EU, this document provides an overview of the L2 WAP currently in place based on the experiences of six countries (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK). It covers both L2 WAP with local points of handover (PoHs) (also known as VULA) and L2 WAP with PoHs at higher levels of the network hierarchy, e.g. regional PoHs (also known as enhanced bitstream).</p> <p>The cases studied by the EWG demonstrate that, due to their complexity and their novel character in most of the EU Member States considered, L2 WAP have been designed as part of lengthy processes with the participation of stakeholders and the NRA and undergoing deep technical analysis. From high-level perspective all these products have some similarities, as they are based on Layer 2 products.</p> <p>The draft report contains a comparison between the L2 WAPs considered,</p>

	<p>which shows that there are many similarities from a high-level perspective. However, the product specifications are usually quite different. There are differences regarding the price structure, the VLAN concept, overbooking possibilities, quality of service (QoS) performance targets, customer identification, security measures, maximum Ethernet frame size and others.</p> <p>These differences, in the opinion of the EWG, reflect the differences in national circumstances, in particular the differences in the network structure and access technologies, in the equipment and/or technical solutions used by the incumbent operator, and differences in the requirements of alternative operators (e.g. the importance of IPTV-multicast or business services).</p> <p>Most of the L2 WAP analysed in this report have only been imposed or implemented recently and are not yet widely used by alternative operators. The actual demand for these products remains to be seen with increasing NGA rollout before further conclusions are drawn.</p> <p>Therefore, the information presented in the report has a descriptive character and is not intended to be normative or to recommend best practice.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the report and approved it for internal use.

10. BEREC involvement in the European Commission EG3 of the Smart Grids Task Force

Document(s)	<p>BoR (14) 21 Note from ACM and BNetZA on BEREC involvement in the European Commission EG3 of the Smart Grids Task Force</p> <p>BoR (14) 27 Note from the Commission on BEREC Participation in the EG3 of the Smart Grids Task Force</p>
Introduction by	Representative of BNetZA
Information presented	<p>The BNetZA representative informed the BoR that the Commission established a Smart Grids Task Force (SGTF) to provide advice on policy and regulatory issues at European level and coordinate the first steps towards the implementation of smart grids. The SGTF is composed of four Expert Groups dealing with smart grid standards, data protection and cyber-security in the smart grid environment, and regulatory issues for smart grid deployment.</p> <p>The objective of EG3 for regulatory recommendations for smart grid deployment is to create the EU energy retail market and identify synergies between the telecommunication and energy sectors at infrastructure and services level by addressing the regulatory challenges of smart grids. The priorities are to set out measures that will reduce the investment costs involved in the roll-out of smart grids and smart metering, and in broadband deployment.</p> <p>The EG3 is jointly led by DG Energy and DG Connect. Up until now, the telecommunications sector has been relatively underrepresented, especially from the telecom regulatory point of view.</p> <p>The EG3 is currently preparing a report to be ready by the end of the current</p>

	<p>year, which focussed on three main issues, namely: flexibility, regulatory and commercial arrangements and incentives, mechanism and structures for enhancing the use of smart grids.</p> <p>The EG3 started its work in 2009 and at this point of time it might be difficult for BEREC to</p> <p>In December 2013, BEREC therefore nominated two representatives to follow the discussions in the working group.</p> <p>The CN discussed BEREC's involvement in the works of EG3 and suggested to the BoR to closely follow the discussion in EG3 and actively contribute to it from a telecoms regulatory perspective, if needed, through a work stream attached to one of the existing EWGs (NGN, FR/M2M or End Users EWG).</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR discussed BEREC's involvement in the work of the EG3 and decided to follow closely the discussion in the EG3 and to contribute actively to it from a telecommunications regulatory perspective, when needed.</p>

11. Communication activities 2014

Document(s)	BoR (14) 20 Draft BEREC communication plan and strategy for 2014
Introduction by	BEREC Office Communication Officer
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Office Communication Officer presented a draft BEREC communication plan and strategy for 2014.</p> <p>The draft has been prepared following the recommendation from the BEREC Office Task Force to introduce a plan for external communication and to refer to this plan in the BEREC WP and the Office WP.</p> <p>The proposal has the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – increase the external visibility of BEREC's mission, achievements, activities, decisions and events; – increase knowledge among a broader audience of BEREC's role in the EU electronic communications sector and to stimulate the interest of stakeholders, including European consumers; – inform target stakeholders and, particularly, media in an effective and timely manner; – coordinate all external and public activities by setting out responsibilities, commitments and tasks for the BEREC community with BEREC Office support. <p>The BoR was requested to discuss and to provide further guidance on the proposed draft communication plan and strategy for 2014.</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR discussed the 2014 communication plan and strategy and asked the BEREC Office Communication Officer to revise it in line with the discussion held and to submit it for approval during the 19th BoR plenary meeting.</p>

12. BEREC workshops in 2014

12.1. Overview of BEREC workshops in 2014

Document(s)	BoR (14) 25 Overview of BEREC workshops in 2014
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair reminded the BoR that the BEREC WP 2014 and the project requirements documents (PRD) of the BEREC EWGs envisage the organisation of a dozen internal and public workshops as presented in Annex I of the overview of the 2014 BEREC workshops.</p> <p>To ensure there is better organisation of the workshops and optimal use of human and financial resources, the BEREC Chair asked the BoR to agree on the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to ask those EWG Chairs who have not provided their input on the workshops to submit the information needed to the BEREC Office as soon as possible, with public workshops as the priority;- to recommend that EWG Chairs do not schedule public workshops in December;- to ask the BEREC Office to consolidate and assess the information to be provided by the EWG Chairs and, if needed, to draw up proposals for the next plenary, eventually for amending the BEREC Office WP or for adopting ad hoc financing decisions, if needed. <p>The BoR was invited to provide any additional comments or considerations on the workshop organisation, including additional proposals for improving the coordination and planning of the 2014 workshops.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR discussed the organisation on the BEREC workshops in 2014 and agreed with the proposals of the Chair.

12.2. BEREC Stakeholder Forum

Document(s)	BoR (14) 29 BEREC Stakeholder Forum Meeting 2014
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA) reminded the BoR that BEREC organised its first stakeholder forum meeting in Riga on 25 September 2013 back-to-back with the sixteenth plenary meeting. Twelve European (not national) stakeholder organisations participated in the forum and welcomed this type of dialogue. BEREC received valuable feedback on the topics subject to discussion during the stakeholder forum and concluded that this type of meetings with the stakeholders should continue.</p> <p>In that respect the BEREC Chair and Vice Chairs during their meeting of 17 February 2014 discussed the organisation of the second stakeholder forum meeting to take place in 2014 and decided to propose to the BoR to discuss</p>

	<p>and agree on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – time and place of the 2nd stakeholder forum meeting: to hold it together with the debriefing from the 20th meeting (2 October 2014) or a couple of weeks after the Rome plenary and debriefing (a day of week 41 or 42, for example) in Brussels; – meeting agenda: to consider the following optional topics for discussion during the meeting: the 2015 BEREC WP, the revisions of the BEREC medium term strategy outlook, items related to the WP 2014 and especially deliverables that are scheduled to be submitted to public consultation after approval at the twentieth plenary meeting and others; – the stakeholder organisations to be invited: the European stakeholder organisations (at least the ones invited to Riga) and additionally the MEPs who are interested in BEREC issues. <p>The BoR was invited to discuss the most suitable time and place for the meeting, the potential topics for discussion and the scope of invited participants.</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR decided to organise the 2nd stakeholder forum meeting in October 2014 in Brussels. The BoR asked the BEREC Vice-Chair (FICORA) to initiate the organisation of the meeting and come back to the BoR with a more detailed proposal.</p>

12.3. BEREC workshop on BEREC medium-term strategy outlook – oral update

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT) informed the BoR that a number of policy changes require BEREC early attention there, such as the Connected Continent package and in particular the TSM proposal, the review of the Recommendation on relevant markets, the broadband roll out, the recent developments in the field of consumer rights, data retention, cybersecurity, internet governance, etc.</p> <p>Therefore the BEREC medium-term strategy outlook (MTSO) needs to evolve in order to meet the increased expectations of the stakeholders and to ensure a more proactive engagement of BEREC with certain regulatory issues.</p> <p>In that respect the BEREC Vice-Chair proposed to launch the review process of the MTSO by initiating a deeper reflection on the topic during the 19th and 20th plenary meetings or by organising a dedicated workshop.</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR discussed the issue and decided to continue this discussion during its next plenary meeting.</p>

12.4. Structure of the BEREC EWGs

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT)
Information presented	The BEREC Vice-Chair (BIPT) presented some challenges with the current working structure of BEREC and proposed to the BoR to organise an orientation debate on this issue during its next plenary meeting (5-6 June 2014, Dublin).
Conclusions	The BoR discussed the issue and decided to continue this discussion during the next plenary meeting.

13. BEREC international activities

13.1. Cooperation with EMERG

Document(s)	BoR (14) 23 Draft Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between BEREC and EMERG
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (ANACOM)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair in charge of cooperation between BEREC and EMERG (ANACOM) presented a draft MoU for cooperation between the two bodies. The MoU aims to establish an institutional framework for sharing information on subjects of common interest and to further strengthen the cooperation between BEREC and EMERG, which started in 2012.</p> <p>The MoU covers three types of cooperation activities, namely; organising an annual summit, joint working groups meetings (1 or 2 per year) dedicated to specific projects and exchange of information.</p> <p>The MoU was already approved by the EMERG plenary, which took place on 11-12 February 2014 in Amman.</p> <p>If approved by BEREC, the MoU will be signed at a meeting to be organised during the first half of 2014.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR discussed the proposed MoU and approved it for signature.

13.2. Cooperation with the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC CN Chair (PTS)
Information presented	The BEREC CN Chair presented a short oral up-date on the recent developments of the cooperation between BEREC and FCC by reminding that in March 2012, BEREC and US FCC signed a MoU on cooperation. The

	<p>cooperation established with FCC has proved to be very flexible and can accommodate discussion of any issues of mutual interest without any additional formalities.</p> <p>With a view to further enhancing the cooperation the BEREC Chair met the Chairman of FCC during the Mobile World Congress (24-25 February 2014, Barcelona).</p> <p>Both sides discussed the cooperation in 2014 and agreed and agreed to organise 3 video conferences on 3 different topics, which could include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The state of competition and market developments in the US and Europe; 2) Transition to all-IP networks; 3) Wireless and spectrum policy issues. <p>The Chair of FCC has been invited to attend one of the BEREC plenary meetings, which will provide BEREC with the opportunity to additionally discuss issues of mutual interest.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

13.3. BEREC study trip

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	The BEREC Chair informed the BoR that the Chair and the Vice-Chairs would organise the traditional BEREC study trip to Japan in the period 12-16 May 2014. During the visit, the BEREC delegation will take part in several meetings with the Ministry of Interior and Communications of Japan, including meetings with the Radio Department and the Telecommunications Business Department. The BEREC delegation will also meet several representatives of the Japanese ICT industry.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

14. Information from the Commission

Document(s)	BoR (14) 28 Information from the Commission
Introduction	Commission representative
Information presented	<p>The Commission had circulated written information on this agenda item, which presented the state of play of the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review of the Recommendation on relevant markets (initiative on which BEREC opinion will be requested); – Communication on ‘Internet Policy and Governance: Europe's role in

	shaping the future of Internet Governance'; – Cost reduction proposal has got through; – Review of the scope of the universal service.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15. AOB

Information from ComReg on the next BoR meeting, 5-6 June 2014, Dublin (Ireland)

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	ComReg representative
Information presented	A representative of the meeting host presented information on the next BoR meeting to be held on 5-6 June 2014 in Dublin (Ireland).
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information

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