

PRESS RELEASE

**The Office of Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications invites
visitors for Open Day to only EU agency in Latvia**

On 25 September, the Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (the BEREC Office) will join the initiative of the European Commission Representation in Latvia and the European Parliament Information Office in Latvia to have an Open Day. This will be the first time that anyone interested will be invited to visit the only EU agency located in Latvia. To visit the BEREC Office and participate in the Open Day activities, please register by 23 September.

The BEREC Office provides professional and administrative support to the daily operations of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications and facilitates the exchange of information and best practices among the national regulators for electronic communications in EU member states. Located in Riga, this EU agency assists the BEREC Chair to ensure effective operations of the Board of Regulators and, at its request, to set up Expert Working Groups.

Ensuring better connectivity, affordable prices for all and quality of the electronic communications networks and services in the EU, BEREC has been established to contribute to the development and better functioning of the internal telecoms market in order to bring greater benefits to consumers and businesses. Moreover, in the coming years, BEREC will have an important role in the implementation of the Single Digital Market in the EU.

'I would like to invite the public to visit the BEREC Office – the only EU agency based in Latvia – on 25 September. The BEREC office can be reached every day via the BEREC public website and social networks, and we would be delighted to meet you and tell you about our work in person. During the Open Day, the BEREC Office staff will tell and show you what, why and how we work within the EU institutional framework, and as part of the professional support offered by the BEREC Office to BEREC. This opportunity will be especially useful for people with a particular interest in electronic communications and decision-making in the European Union,' **the BEREC Office Administrative Manager László IGNÉCZI said.**

The Open Day guests will be able to watch presentations about the work of the BEREC Office and meet its specialists to ask them questions about the nature of the agency's operations and its impact on the daily life of every EU citizen.

The Open Day public session will take place on Friday, 25 September, from 14:00 until 15:00. To visit the BEREC Office, [please register at this link \(http://berec.europa.eu/eng/events/berec_event_2015/100-berec-office-open-day-on-25-september-2015\)](http://berec.europa.eu/eng/events/berec_event_2015/100-berec-office-open-day-on-25-september-2015) by **23 September**.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR

BEREC is composed of a Board of Regulators consisting of the Heads of the 28 national regulatory authorities (NRAs). BEREC advises its member NRAs and the European Commission, and assists the European Parliament and Council, on issues related to the application of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications. BEREC seeks to ensure fair competition and consistency of regulation in the internal market for electronic communications, for the benefit of European consumers. In particular, it provides expert advice on market definitions, analysis and remedies, on the definition of transnational markets, and on cross-border disputes and numbering issues. BEREC also provides expert opinions on emerging challenges including the promotion of broadband, net neutrality and converging markets, and plays an active role in public discussions on these issues.

About BEREC Office

The BEREC Office is an EU agency that provides professional and administrative support to BEREC. The BEREC Office collects information from the national regulators of EU member states (NRAs), ensures the exchange of information among them in relation to all the BEREC tasks, and shares regulatory best practices among the NRAs. The BEREC Office assists the BEREC Chair in the preparation of the work of the Board of Regulators, and setting up Expert Working groups upon request of the Board of Regulators. The Office opened in 2011, in Riga, and this was the first and, so far, the only EU-level agency located in Latvia.

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