

BEREC expert workshop on IP-Interconnection in co-operation with the OECD

21 November 2016, 9:00-17:30

Thon Hotel City Centre Brussels

BEREC has previously organised two expert workshops on IP-interconnection in co-operation with the OECD. These took place in 2011 and 2012. In November 2016, the goal of the third workshop is to bring experts from the IP-interconnection community in contact with experts on interconnection from national regulatory authorities and to discuss future IP-interconnection in light of recent market developments and legislative initiatives such as the EU Regulation 2015/2120 including rules on Net neutrality in the European Union and the FCC's Open Internet Order in the United States.

BEREC has fulfilled its task to publish Guidelines on net neutrality in August 2016. With regard to IP-interconnection it clarified that the EU-Regulation 2015/2120 in its Art. 3 (3) concerns equal treatment of all traffic "when providing internet access service" and therefore excludes IP interconnection practices from its scope. However it is acknowledged that NRAs may take into account the interconnection policies and practices of ISPs in so far as they have the effect of limiting the exercise of end-user rights under Art.3(1) of the Regulation.

BEREC's 2012 report, 'An assessment of IP interconnection in the context of net neutrality', described how the Internet ecosystem had managed to adapt IP interconnection arrangements to reflect (inter alia) changes in technology, in the (relative) market power of players, in demand patterns and in business models without the need for regulatory intervention. In 2017 BEREC will take a look at recent technical and commercial evolutions and update this report in light of new market developments as well as legislative initiatives. The workshop is also aimed at informing this work.

At the workshop the latest results of a survey on trends in IP-interconnection will be presented – the first such update since 2011 when it was featured in an OECD report on this subject.

Programme

9:00 - 9:30 *Registration and Coffee*

9:30 – 10:00 *Opening words by Henk Don, Member of the Board of ACM and BEREC, Tracey Weisler, Chair of the Working Party for Communication Infrastructures and Services Policy of the OECD*

10:00 – 10:40 *Session 1: Trends on Internet Interconnection 2016*

KEYNOTE Trends in IP-interconnection 2016, Update of survey first conducted in 2011
Bill Woodcock, Executive director, Packet Clearing House

10:40 - 12:00 *Session 2: Measuring performance in Internet interconnection*

Moderator: Cara Schwarz-Schilling, BEREC EWG Co-Chair and Head of Section, BNetzA

Collin Anderson, Researcher, Measurement-Lab

Nick Hilliard, Chief Technical Officer, Internet Neutral Exchange Association

Charlie Vlieland-Boddy, Senior Consultant, Oxera

Frederic Gonzales, Policy Analyst, OECD Trade and Services Division

12:00 - 13:00 *Lunch*

13:00 - 14:45 *Session 3: Industry viewpoints on Internet traffic exchange*

Moderator: Bill Woodcock, Executive director, Packet Clearing House

Sylvie LaPerriere, Interconnection Strategy, Google

Philip Bowie, Executive Director, Regulatory Policy and Planning, AT&T

Christian Kaufmann, Senior Director for Network Services, Akamai

Falk von Bornstaedt, Head of IP Transit and Peering, Deutsche Telekom ICSS

Martin Levy, Network Strategy, Cloudflare

Nina Hjorth Bargisen, Network strategy and Partner Engagement Manager
EMEA, Netflix

14:45 - 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 - 17:00 Session 4: *Public authorities approach to IP interconnection*

Moderator: Tim Denton, Chairman of the Internet Society of Canada, Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Registry of Internet Numbers (ARIN)

Madeleine Findley, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition FCC (via video conference)

Mario Fromow, Commissioner, Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones de México

Thibaud Furette, Head of Open Internet Unit, ARCEP

Jan Tichem, Policy Analyst, ACM

Eduardo Martinez-Rivero, Head of Unit, Antitrust Telecoms, European Commission

17:00 - 17:30 *Wrap-up Cara Schwarz-Schilling, BEREC and Sam Paltridge, OECD*

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