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Conclusions

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Annex I – List of documents

The BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) held its 37th ordinary plenary meeting on 6-7 December 2018 in Prague, Czechia.

During the meeting the BoR discussed and/or approved the following documents:

1.   Documents approved as 'A' items

1.1   For publication:

-   BEREC Report on geographical market definition;

-   BEREC Report on technical and economic replicability assessment in the context of symmetric access;

-   BEREC Report on Regulatory Accounting in practice 2018;

-   BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft BEREC Report on contractual simplification;

-   BEREC Report on contractual simplification;

-   BEREC Report on Termination Rates at the European level;

-   BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft BEREC Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage;

-   BEREC Report on transparency and comparability of international roaming tariffs;

-   Summary of the 6th BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting;

1.2   For internal use:

-   BEREC Communications Plan 2019;

-   BEREC Report on the conclusions of the workshop on the update of the Common Positions for Markets 3a, 3b and 4;

-   PRDs for the BEREC Work Programme 2019;

-   BEREC tasks in the EECC Development of Guidelines;

-   Governance Plans for the Development of the NN Tool;

-   Outline of BEREC Annual Reports 2018.

1.3   For public consultation:

-   Draft BEREC Report on access to physical infrastructure in market analyses;

-   Draft BEREC Report on termination of contracts and switching of provider;

-   Draft BEREC Report on a set of indicators to measure the Internet of Things (IoT);

2. Documents approved as regular items

2.1. For publication:

- BEREC Opinion for the evaluation of the application of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and the BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines;

- BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the evaluation of the application of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and the BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines;

- BEREC Report on practices on spectrum authorization and award procedures and on coverage obligations with a view to considering their suitability to 5G;

- BEREC Common Position on information to consumerson mobile coverage;

- BEREC Work Programme 2019;

- BEREC report on the outcomes of the public consultation on BEREC Work Programme 2019;

- BEREC decision amending BoR decision for the procurement of a study on "The Determinants of Investment in Very High Capacity Networks – A System Dynamics Approach";

- Decision of the Board of Regulators on the Co-Chairs of the BEREC Expert Working Groups 2019-2020.

2.2. For internal use:

- "Scoping and Proposal" Document for the development of the BEREC Guidelines on common approaches to the identification of the network termination point in different network topologies;

- "Scoping and Proposal" Document for the development of the BEREC Guidelines on Intra-EU communications;

2.3. For public consultation:

- Draft BEREC Common Position on infrastructure sharing;

3. Documents submitted for information and/or consideration

- Information on the electronic voting procedures since the last plenary meetings;

- Information on planned electronic voting procedures between P4 and P1;

- 2018 BEREC Work Programme status update;

- Draft Board of Regulators Rules of Procedure;

- Draft Outline BEREC Work Programme 2020.

4. Other main topics discussed

During the plenary meeting, the BoR also discussed topics related to the implementation of the new telecommunications regulatory framework and BEREC international cooperation. One NRA presented its decision on the Wholesale Fixed Access market analyses. The BoR was informed about issues related to Brexit.

5.   Next meeting

The next ordinary plenary meeting of the BoR will take place on **6-8 March 2019 in Budapest (Hungary)** and will be hosted by the Hungarian National Media and Infocommunications Authority (NMHH).

The BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) held its 37th ordinary plenary meeting on 6-7 December 2018 in Prague, Czechia.

The meeting was attended by the Heads and/or high-level representatives of the NRAs from each EU Member State which have primary responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the markets for electronic communications networks and services. Heads and high-level representatives of the NRAs from the EFTA States and the States that are candidates for accession to the EU, the European Commission and the EFTA Surveillance Authority also took part in the meeting.

List of documents

The list of final documents approved by the meeting for publication in compliance with the BEREC Regulation and the BoR transparency rules is presented in Annex to the Conclusions.

Items discussed

A short overview of the information presented under each agenda item, a summary record of the proceedings and a record of the conclusions reached by the BoR is presented below.

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Document(s)	BoR (18) 212 Draft BEREC Agenda
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	The BEREC Chair opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda for approval by the BoR meeting. The BoR was invited to suggest any additional issues to be raised or presented under "Any other business" (AOB).
Conclusions	The agenda was adopted without any changes.

2. Election of Chair 2020 and Vice-Chairs for 2019

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	Every year at its last ordinary plenary meeting, the BoR must appoint the Chair for the year subsequent to the following year. The newly elected Chair 2020 and the Outgoing Chair must serve one year (2019) as Vice-Chairs.
	During the BEREC Office Management Committee (MC) meeting the BEREC Chair proposed that all members elected respectively as Chair of the MC for 2020 and Vice-Chairs of the MC for 2019 should hold the same positions in the BoR.
	The BEREC Chair requested the BoR to endorse the agreement reached during the MC session, as well as the results of the elections.
	The following election results were endorsed by the BoR:

	– BEREC Chair 2020 - Mr Dan Sjöblom the Director General of the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS); – BEREC Vice-Chair 2019 - Mrs Tanja Muha, Director of the Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS) – BEREC Vice-Chair 2019 - Mr Konstantinos Masselos, President of the Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission (EETT); – BEREC Vice-Chair 2019 - Mr Marcin Cichy the President of the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE).
Conclusions	The BoR endorsed the agreement reached during the MC session, as well as the outcome of the elections.

3. List of 'A' items

Document(s)	<u>For publication:</u> BoR (18) 213 Draft BEREC Report on geographical market definition; BoR (18) 214 Draft BEREC Report on technical and economic replicability assessment in the context of symmetric access; BoR (18) 215 Draft BEREC Report on Regulatory Accounting in practice 2018; BoR (18) 216 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft BEREC Report on contractual simplification; BoR (18) 217 Draft BEREC Report on contractual simplification; BoR (18) 218 Draft BEREC Report on Termination Rates at the European level; BoR (18) 219 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft BEREC Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage; BoR (18) 220 Draft BEREC Report on transparency and comparability of international roaming tariffs; BoR (18) 221 Draft summary of the 6th BEREC Stakeholder Forum meeting; <u>For internal use:</u> BoR (18) 222 Draft BEREC Communications Plan 2019; BoR (18) 223 Draft BEREC Report on the conclusions of the workshop on the update of the Common Positions for Markets 3a, 3b and 4 BoR (18) 224 Draft PRDs for the BEREC Work Programme 2019; BoR (18) 225 Draft BEREC tasks in the EECC Development of Guidelines;

	BoR (18) 226 Governance Plans for the Development of the NN Tool;
	BoR (18) 227 Draft Outline of BEREC Annual Reports 2018.
	For public consultation:
	BoR (18) 228 Draft BEREC Report on access to physical infrastructure in market analyses;
	BoR (18) 229 Draft BEREC Report on termination of contracts and switching of provider;
	BoR (18) 230 Draft BEREC Report on a set of indicators to measure the Internet of Things (IoT);
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	The BEREC Chair presented the list of 'A' items, as outlined above. The list of 'A' items was drawn up on the basis of the conclusions of the CN, according to which BoR approval of the documents should be possible without further discussion. The BEREC Chair informed the BoR members that, if needed, they can still make statements for the minutes on any of the 'A' items, and that if a member of the BoR so requests, any item may be withdrawn from the list of 'A' items.

The BEREC Chair requested the consent of the BoR Members for including all items in the list and asked the BoR to approve the documents in the list of 'A' items. |
| **Conclusions** | The BoR approved the documents included in the list of 'A' items for publication, internal use and public consultations.

The Report on technical and economic replicability assessment in the context of symmetric access and the PRDs for the BEREC Work Programme 2019 were adopted subject to editorial changes. |

4.   Information from the Chair

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	The BEREC Chair recalled the information he had circulated to the BoR on the outcome of the recent important meetings he held and on the meetings that he is going to attend.

The BEREC Chair informed the BoR about a meeting he had had with RSPG during the Stakeholder Forum on 17 October 2018 in Brussels.

He informed the BoR that he will meet with RSPG on Monday, 10 December 2018 to further discuss coopearation between BEREC and RSPG. |

	In addition, he informed the BoR about the outcomes of the meeting with the Western Balkans economies, which took place on 5 December 2018.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

5. Information from the BEREC Office

Document(s)	BoR (18) 231 Information on the electronic voting procedures since the last plenary meeting
	BoR (18) 232 Information on the electronic voting procedures planned between P4 (2018) and P1 (2019)
	BoR (18) 233 2018 BEREC Work Programme status update
	BoR (18) 257 Draft decision amending BoR decision for the procurement of a study on "The Determinants of Investment in Very High Capacity Networks – A System Dynamics Approach"
Introduction by	BEREC Office Representative
Information presented	The BEREC Office submitted to the BoR for information: the recent and planned electronic voting procedures and the implementation status of the 2018 BEREC Work Programme (WP-2018).
	A BEREC Office representative also updated the BoR on:
	– The expiration of the list contained in the Pool of Rapporteurs and called for nominations from NRAs;
	– The progress made in the development and implementation of the Net Neutrality (NN) Measurement Tool. He reported that the implementation of the project is on track;
	– Governance structure for the NN Measurement Tool;
	– BEREC Annual Reports 2018, for which contributions from EWG Co-Chairs are expected by the end of January 2019;
	– The operational budget, with emphasis on the spending on meetings and on reimbursement of expenses for EWGs' experts, use of AVC conference facility, etc.;
	– The Phase-II cases submitted since the last plenary meeting;
	– The next sessions of BEREC training.
	In addition the BEREC Office representative explained the reasons for amending the BoR decision for the procurement of a study on "The Determinants of Investment in Very High Capacity Networks – A System Dynamics Approach".
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.
	The BoR approved the decision for publication.

6.　Information from the Commission

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Commission Representative
Information pre-sented	- **European Electronic Communications Code & BEREC Regulation** The EC represenative reported that the Code and BEREC Regulation had been officialy adopted, by the EP on 14 November 2018 and by the Council on 4 December 2018. - **Roaming** The EC representative reported that the EC will soon publish an interim report on the implementation of the RLAH rules. He emphasised that in general the report states the implementation of the new roaming regulation was successful. - **Termination Rates Recommendation** The EC representative reported on the work on the establishment of the Eurorates for fixed and mobile termination rates. He noted that the work on the mobile Eurorate is well advanced. The EC has recently finished the consultation on the cost model, which ran from 29 October to 23 November 2018. The EC representative informed the BoR that a meeting with the Steering Committee is planned to take place on 13 December 2018 to dis-cuss the outcomes of the consultation. He also reported that the next con-sultation round is planned for February and March 2019. Regarding the fixed termination rates, he informed the BoR about the Workshop on the Assessment of the Costs of Fixed Voice Call Termination Rates, which was held on 23 October 2018, during which the scope and methodology of the cost model had been discussed. - **WACC** The EC representative informed the BoR that the consultation on WACC finished on 3 October 2018. He reported that the EC received several responses from NRAs and an input from BEREC. He noted that the main point of controversy is related to the method of calculating one of the parameters of the WACC formula, the risk-free rate (RFR). He reported that the EC is working internally on how to reflect the inputs in the final document. The EC representative informed the BoR that the EC will come back to BEREC at the EWG level to further discuss all the issues in mid-January 2019. He emphasised that the intention is to finalise the work, as initially planned, in the first half of 2019. - **e-Privacy Regulation** The EC representative noted that the Austrian presidency tried to overcome the deadlock in the negotiations by moving discussions to the political level (COREPER), but it was not well received by the Member States. He reported that further discussions are neccessary. The EC

	representative emphasised his view that any regulation in this area would be better than the current situation. He expressed hope for moving forward with this dossier under the next presidency.
	− **Cyber Security**
	The EC representative reported that the finalisation of the negotiations on the Cybersecurity Act is planned for next week.
	− **Platforms to Business Regulation**
	The EC representative informed the BoR that the EP has adopted its negotiation position, which will allow the start of negotiations with the Council in December 2018.
	− **CEF**
	The EC representative reported that the Council and EP adopted a partial general approach on the Connecting Europe Facility for the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework. He noted that the work is progressing, but the final allocation of funds depends on the final EU budget.
	− **WiFi for EU**
	The EC representative informed the BoR that the EC had successfully launched a call for projects in November 2018. He reported that more than 2800 municipalities will be awarded with vouchers. He reported that there is a good spread and balance across the EU. He informed the BoR that three more calls will be organised in the next two years.
	− **NN Evaluation**
	The EC informed the BoR that the EC had a series of exchanges on net neutrality and the Regulation with stakeholders. He noted that the dominant message is not to change the Regulation. However, he reported that the focus will be on BEREC and the update and reflections on the BEREC net neutrality Guidelines in 2019.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

7. Net Neutrality

7.1. BEREC Opinion for the evaluation of the application of the NN Regulation and the BEREC NN Guidelines

Document(s)	BoR (18) 244 Draft BEREC Opinion for the evaluation of the application of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and the BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines BoR (18) 245 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the evaluation of the application of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and the BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines
Introduction by	NN EWG Co-Chairs (Nkom/ACM)
Information presented	The objective of this BEREC Opinion is to provide input to the European Commission for its report to the European Parliament and the Council by

	30 April 2019 on the review of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120, based on BE-REC's experience with the application of the Regulation and the BEREC Net Neutrality Guidelines.
	In the draft Opinion, the EWG has evaluated the application of the BEREC Guidelines, with the objective of assessing whether these should be adapted to optimally support the objectives enshrined in the Regulation: protecting end-users' rights and simultaneously guaranteeing the continued functioning of the internet ecosystem as an engine of innovation.
	The EWG Co-Chairs reported that, in general, the Opinion states that the application of the Regulation and the NN Guidelines works well and that it seems that there is a consensus among NRAs and stakeholders not to reopen discussion on major topics which were agreed in 2016. They noted that, in this context, there is no desire on BEREC's part for the Regulation to be revised. However, some clarification on the application of the Guidelines could be considered. The Opinion suggests to draft an updated version of the Guidelines in 2019 with the involvement of stakeholders via public consultation.
	The EWG Co-Chairs informed the BoR that the draft Opinion also discusses new technologies and their relationship to the Regulation.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the documents for publication.

7.2. Implementation of Net Neutrality rules – exchange of experiences

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	NN EWG Co-Chairs (Nkom/ACM) and representatives of the NRAs (PTS, Ofcom, RTR, BIPT, BNetzA)
Information presented	Presentation of national cases and exchange of experiences.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

8. Next Generation Networks

Document(s)	BoR (18) 234 "Scoping and Proposal" Document for the development of the BEREC Guidelines on common approaches to the identification of the network termination point in different network topologies
Introduction by	NGN EWG Co-Chair (RTR)
Information presented	BEREC's 2019 Work Programme includes the subject of identification of the network termination point (NTP) within strategic priority 1 (responding to connectivity challenges and to new conditions for access to high-capacity networks). According to the EECC, BEREC has to adopt guidelines on common approaches to the identification of the NTP in different network topologies.

	The EWG Co-Chair presented to the BoR the "Scoping and Proposal" document for the development of these guidelines.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the document for internal use, subject to amendments provided by one NRA.

9. BEREC International cooperation

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	The BEREC Vice-Chair responsible for international cooperation briefed the BoR in relation to recent and forthcoming BEREC international activities.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

10. Roaming and mobile

10.1. BEREC Report on practices on spectrum authorization and award procedures and on coverage obligations with a view to considering their suitability to 5G

Document(s)	BoR (18) 235 Draft BEREC Report on practices on spectrum authorization and award procedures and on coverage obligations with a view to considering their suitability to 5G
Introduction by	Roaming and Mobile EWG Co-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	The draft BEREC Report on practices on spectrum authorization and award procedures and on coverage obligations with a view to considering their suitability to 5G compiles an overview of the current practices in the Member States with regard to frequency award procedures and their market-shaping aspects. It also includes information on existing coverage obligations for challenging areas and in general.
	The EWG Co-Chair reported that the draft report is based on a questionnaire circulated to the NRAs. 28 responses were received and 277 spectrum awards procedures were analysed.
	The draft report covers topics related to:
	− Choice and design of awards mechanism;
	− Competition measures;
	− Band-bundling and band structure;
	− Licences' scope and characteristics;
	− Coverage obligations;
	− Future for 5G (trying to identify future spectrum authorisation and award mechanisms, as well as coverage obligations for 5G).
	The EWG Co-Chair briefly described the sections of the report. He also noted that the most recent version of the document includes comments from RSPG members, following consultation with them.

Conclusions	The BoR approved the document for publication subject to editorial changes.

10.2. BEREC Common Position on infrastructure sharing

Document(s)	BoR (18) 236 Draft BEREC Common Position on infrastructure sharing
Introduction by	Mobile and Roaming EWG Co-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	At Plenary 2 2018 in Gdansk-Sopot, the BoR adopted a BEREC Report on mobile infrastructure sharing, which describes the different existing sharing models (passive infrastructure, active infrastructure, frequency sharing, etc.). This report served as an input to the work on the BEREC Common Position on infrastructure sharing. It describes criteria to be taken into account by NRAs in assessing mobile infrastructure sharing agreements, where NRAs have competence to do so. It is intended to provide NRAs, stakeholders and interested parties with information relating to the treatment of such agreements in Europe. The document also provides 'background information' relevant to the consideration of infrastructure sharing agreements. This includes information on relevant legal frameworks applicable to mobile infrastructure sharing, as well as information on the potential benefits and drawbacks of infrastructure sharing agreements. The intention of this section is to provide information on the wider market context. The Common Position consists of: - A typology of different infrastructure sharing models; - The main objectives to be pursued when considering network sharing agreements; - The parameters to consider when assessing network sharing agreements.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the document for public consultation.

10.3. BEREC Common Position on information to consumers on mobile coverage

Document(s)	BoR (18) 237 Draft BEREC Common Position on information to consumers on mobile coverage
Introduction by	Mobile and Roaming EWG Co-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	In 2017 BEREC published a Preliminary Report in view of a Common Position (CP) on monitoring mobile coverage, facilitating a common understanding and fostering a consistent approach on how mobile coverage information can be made available and understandable among NRAs and to the public throughout Europe.

	Building on last year's report, the BEREC EWG continued its work with the aim of establishing a set of future-proof CPs that would establish a common understanding on how mobile coverage is defined, measured and reported.
	The draft BEREC Common Position on information to consumers on mobile coverage was presented to the BoR. It identified a set of CPs, as follows:
	– CP1: Technical specifications for providing relevant and comparable information on mobile coverage to European consumers – CP2: The use of signal predictions for mobile coverage estimation; – CP3: Ensuring the accuracy of coverage information provided to the public; – CP4: Availability and presentation of mobile coverage information.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the document for publication.

10.4. BEREC Guidelines on Intra-EU communications – "Scoping and Proposal" Document

Document(s)	BoR (18) 238 "Scoping and Proposal" Document for the development of the BEREC Guidelines on Intra-EU communications
Introduction by	Mobile and Roaming EWG Drafting team leader (EETT)
Information presented	According to the new BEREC Regulation, BEREC shall draft Guidelines laying down criteria for NRAs assessing derogations from retail price caps for regulated intra-EU communications.
	The drafting team leader outlined the key aspects of the Scoping and Proposal document to be taken into account when drafting the BEREC Guidelines on Intra-EU communications.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the document for internal use.

11. Market analysis - Wholesale Fixed Access

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	Representative of the ACM
Information presented	The ACM representative presented the outcome of the Wholesale Fixed Access market analyses (markets 3a and 3b), which found joint dominance and imposed (virtual) access remedies on both cable and copper/fibre networks.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

12. Reflection on BEREC Chairmanship 2018 – General observations

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	The BEREC Chair informed the BoR that this agenda point will be postponed to Workshop in the margins of the next plenary meeting in Budapest.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

13. Regulatory Framework

Document(s)	BoR (18) 239 Draft Board of Regulators Rules of Procedure
Introduction by	RF EWG Co-Chair (AGCOM)
Information presented	The Co-Chair of the RF EWG reported to the BoR about the progress on the tasks entrusted to the RF EWG. The EWG Co-Chair presented the first draft of the revised Board of Regulators Rules of Procedure to the BoR.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and agreed that the EWG will further analyse the RoP, taking into account comments made during the meeting.

14. Information on Brexit

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair and BEREC Incoming Chair (RTR/ComReg)
Information presented	The BEREC Chair and the Incoming Chair provided information on the Brexit process and explained how it might affect BEREC.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15. BEREC Work Programme 2019

Document(s)	BoR (18) 240 Draft BEREC Work Programme 2019 BoR (18) 241 Draft BEREC report on the outcomes of the public consultation on BEREC Work Programme 2019
Introduction by	Incoming BEREC Chair 2019 (ComReg)
Information presented	The annual BEREC Work Programme is the basis for the work to be carried out by BEREC during the year in question. In order to ensure timely preparation of the BEREC WP 2019, the Incoming BEREC Chair launched a public consultation, which ran from 26 March to 20 April 2018. The aim of this public consultation was to seek inputs from stakeholders on what topics and projects should be included in the WP 2019.

	Based on the inputs received through the public consultation, from stakeholders, NRAs and EWGs (32 institutions), the Incoming BEREC Chair sorted all of the proposed work items according to BEREC's strategic priorities and grouped them into three categories ("Multi-annual / carry over", "Mandatory" and "Discretionary").
	On 24 May 2018, NRAs were asked to rank their most favoured 15 discretionary items. The outcome of this exercise, together with the draft outline of the BEREC Work Programme 2019, was then presented to the BoR during Plenary 2 2018 in Gdansk-Sopot.
	After considering all the comments received after Plenary 2 2018 and having consulted with the EWG Co-Chairs, the final draft BEREC Work Programme 2019 was submitted to Plenary 3 2018 for adoption for public consultation.
	The public consultation on the draft BEREC WP 2019 ran from 10 October until 7 November 2019. The draft BEREC Work Programme 2019 was also presented at the Stakeholder Forum that took place in Brussels on 17 October 2018.
	The Incoming BEREC Chair reported to the BoR on the outcomes of the public consultation and presented the final draft BEREC Work Programme 2019.
	He reported that, following suggestions from some NRAs, a feasibility study on the provision of consistent information on pan-European 5G coverage and capability was added to the BEREC WP 2019.
Conclusions	The BoR approved the BEREC WP 2019 for implementation, submission to the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission and publication, subject to changes, as suggested.
	The BoR approved the BEREC report on the outcomes of the public consultation for publication.

16. Outline for BEREC Work Programme for 2020

Document(s)	BoR (18) 242 Draft Outline BEREC Work Programme 2020
Introduction by	Incoming BEREC Chair 2019 (ComReg)
Information presented	The new BEREC Regulation indicates that the Board of Regulators shall adopt the outline of the annual work programme by 31 January of the year preceding that to which the annual work programme relates. In this regard, the Incoming BEREC Chair 2019 presented an initial version of the document to be adopted by 31 January 2019.
	The Incoming BEREC Chair noted that the document mainly includes those projects that are in the 2019/20 WP to be delivered in 2020 and annually recurring projects.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and agreed that the Outline will be adopted via e-voting by 31 January 2019.

17. Appointment of the EWG Co-Chairs for 2019-2020

Document(s)	BoR (18) 243 Draft Decision of the Board of Regulators on the Co-Chairs of the BEREC Expert Working Groups 2019-2020
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	Article 4 (7) of Regulation No 1211/2009 establishing BEREC and the Office states that "the work of BEREC may be organised into Expert Working Groups". Article 11.1 of the BoR Rules of Procedure provides that "The Board of Regulators may decide to create Expert Working groups (hereinafter EWGs) to assist with the performance of the tasks and functions of BEREC and request the Office to provide support.".
	The current EWGs were established by the decision BoR/2016/04 of 8 December 2016. It was then renewed until 31 December 2018 at the last plenary meeting of 2017 in Copenhagen.
	The decision BoR/2016/04 (with further amendments) also appointed the EWG Co-Chairs for a two-year period, until 31 December 2018.
	The current term of office of the EWG expires by the end of 2018. Therefore, there is a need to appoint new EWG Co-Chairs for the following term of two years (in line with the provisions of Article 11.3 of the BoR RoP).
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and approved the document for publication.

18. AOB

Information on the next BoR ordinary plenary meeting (6-8 March 2019, Budapest, Hungary)

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	Representative of the meeting host (NMHH)
Information presented	The representative of the meeting host, NMHH, provided information on the logistics for the meeting.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.