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Main Results of the 35th Meeting of the BEREC Board of Regulators

The BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) held its 35th ordinary plenary meeting on 14-15 June 2018 in Gdansk-Sopot, Poland.

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 Termination Rates at the European level;
- BEREC Annual Reports 2017;
- BEREC Report on the outcome of the consultation on the draft preliminary report in view of a Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage.

1.2 For internal use:

- BEREC internal benchmark report on 'traditional' non-residential market indicators.

2. Documents approved as regular items

2.1. For publication:

- BEREC Report on mobile infrastructure sharing;
- BEREC study "Post-mergers and acquisitions market developments fact finding report";
- BEREC Report on Layer 2 wholesale access products excluding Ethernet-based leased lines on Market 4.

2.2. For public consultation:

- Draft BEREC Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage.

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 P2 and P3;
- 2018 BEREC Work Programme status update;
- BEREC Office background paper on the procedure for monitoring the development phase of the Net Neutrality measurement tool (technical coordination);
- 12th Assessment report on Article 7/7a Phase II cases
- Non-paper on access to BEREC internal documents;
- Outline of the BEREC Work Programme 2019;
- Draft Agenda 6th BEREC Stakeholder Forum;
- BEREC TRAI Joint Statement for an Open internet;

- Memorandum of Understanding Between Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) And Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC);
- Status update on national NN cases and questions;
- Preliminary Schedule for the ordinary BEREC and Contact Network (CN) meetings in 2019.

4. Other main topics discussed

During the plenary meeting, the BoR exchanged views on the implementation of the Net Neutrality Regulation and discussed a few national cases. The BoR members also discussed the ongoing review of the telecommunications regulatory framework, issues related to the data economy, and BEREC international cooperation.

5. Next meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the BoR will take place on **4-5 October 2018 in Portoroz (Slovenia)** and will be hosted by the [Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia](#) (AKOS). A workshop is planned ahead of the Plenary on 3 October 2018.

Introduction and participation

The BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) held its 35th ordinary plenary meeting on 14-15 June 2018 in Gdansk-Sopot, Poland.

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) 102 Draft BEREC Agenda
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair welcomed the meeting participants who were participating in a plenary meeting for the first time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Ilir Zela – AKEP, Albania; – Mr Tonko Obuljen – HAKOM, Croatia; – Mr Bernardo Lorenzo – CNMC, Spain; – Mr João Miguel Coelho – ANACOM, Portugal. <p>A representative of the meeting host (UKE) presented information on the logistics of the meeting and the social event.</p> <p>The BEREC Chair opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda for approval by the BoR. He invited the BoR to suggest any additional issues to be raised or presented under “Any other business” (AOB).</p> <p>Three NRAs asked to add items for information under AOB.</p>
Conclusions	The agenda was approved with the proposed changes.

2. List of ‘A’ items

Document(s)	<u>Approval for publication:</u>
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	<p>BoR (18) 103 Draft BEREC Report on Termination Rates at the European level</p> <p>BoR (18) 104 Draft BEREC Annual Reports 2017</p> <p>BoR (18) 106 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the consultation on the draft preliminary report in view of a Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage</p> <p><u>Approval for internal use:</u></p> <p>BoR (18) 105 Draft BEREC internal benchmark report on 'traditional' non-residential market indicators</p>
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair presented the list of 'A' items, as outlined above. The list of 'A' items had been drawn up on the basis of the conclusions of the CN, according to which BoR approval of the documents mentioned above should be possible without further discussion. The BEREC Chair informed the BoR members that, if needed, they still could make statements for the minutes on any of the 'A' items. The BEREC Chair firstly requested the consent of the BoR Members for including all items in the list and, secondly, he asked the BoR to approve the documents in the list of 'A' items.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR approved the documents included in the list of 'A' items.

3. Information from the Chair

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Chair briefed the BoR on the outcome of the recent important meetings he held and on the meetings that he is going to attend.</p> <p>He recalled that the list of meetings he had attended is regularly circulated to all BEREC Members and Observers.</p> <p>The BEREC Chair informed the BoR that he will participate in the Global Symposium for Regulators, planned for July 2018 in Geneva. He also informed the BoR about a meeting in Stockholm he is going to attend on 25-26 June 2018 (Broadband for all Conference), where he will also meet with RSPG to discuss future cooperation between RSPG and BEREC.</p> <p>Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans</p> <p>The BEREC Chair informed the BoR about the request received from the European Commission to support implementation of the Initiative for a Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans. He reported on the outcomes of the kick-off meeting held on 13 June 2018 between the representatives of the Western Balkans, European Commission, BEREC representatives and the BEREC Office. He reported that the aim of the meeting was to agree on the future cooperation and topics to be covered, which are roaming, termination rates regulation and capacity building.</p> <p>Future of BEREC and the workshop</p> <p>The BEREC Chair also informed the BoR about the planned discussion on the future of BEREC. He noted that the 10th anniversary of BEREC is</p>

	<p>approaching and pointed out that, throughout the years, BEREC contributed to the harmonisation under the current telecoms regulatory framework, as well as the development of the new framework.</p> <p>He informed the BoR that the next workshop will be dedicated to reflection about whether changes to BEREC's mode of operation are necessary and, if so, what should be done and what kind of improvements should be made.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

4. Information from the BEREC Office

Document(s)	<p>BoR (18) 107 Information on the electronic voting procedures since the last plenary meeting</p> <p>BoR (18) 108 Information on planned electronic voting procedures between P2 and P3</p> <p>BoR (18) 109 2018 BEREC Work Programme status update</p> <p>BoR (18) 110 BEREC Office background paper on the procedure for monitoring the development phase of the Net Neutrality measurement tool (technical coordination)</p> <p>BoR (18) 111 12th Assessment report on Article 7/7a Phase II cases</p> <p>BoR (18) 112 Non-paper on access to BEREC internal documents</p>
Introduction by	BEREC Office Representatives
Information presented	<p>A BEREC Office representative reported on the operational budget, with emphasis on the spending on meetings and on reimbursement of expenses for EWGs' experts. He emphasised the increase in the use of the AVC conference facility by EWGs.</p> <p>He mainly focused on the ongoing tender procedure for the development and implementation of the Net Neutrality (NN) measurement tool and presented to the BoR a background paper on the procedure for monitoring the development phase of the tool. He reported that the deadline for sending the offers was set for 11 May 2018.</p> <p>Article 7/7a report</p> <p>A BEREC Office representative also presented a summary of the recent Article 7/7a phase II cases. According to the current Internal Guidelines for the elaboration of BEREC Opinions in Article 7 and 7a Phase II cases (BoR (16) 225), the BEREC Office should prepare an assessment report after the completion of the work of BEREC Phase II Expert Working Groups in order to identify possible weaknesses, points for improvement and any obstacles encountered. The presented report summarises the Phase II investigations opened under Art 7/7a in 2017 as well as the 1st quarter of 2018. The report also summarises the experience with the newly created back-up Pool of Rapporteurs. Based on the outcomes of this exercise, the BEREC Office representative asked the BoR to give the Remedies EWG a mandate to analyse whether and how the Guidelines should be amended.</p> <p>Access to documents</p>

	<p>Finally, a BEREC Office representative presented a non-paper on access to BEREC internal documents for discussion. In light of the recent increase in the number of requests for access to BEREC internal documents, the Office had been asked to gather and present information on the applicable rules and how other EU institutions and agencies handle such requests. He recalled the basic principles and rules and presented the exceptions which could be used to refuse the disclosure of documents.</p> <p>The BEREC Office representative also presented some statistics on access to BEREC documents compared to a few other agencies. He also reported about the procedures of other EU Agencies and presented some ways forward.</p>
Conclusions	<p>The BoR decided that BEREC should set up a special group of NRAs' experts with skills in software development to advice on the implementation of the NN measurement tool project.</p> <p>The BoR decided to postpone the amendment of the Guidelines on the elaboration of BEREC Opinions on Article 7/7a Phase II cases once the EECC will be published.</p> <p>The BoR also agreed to introduce the recommendations, as proposed in the Non-paper on access to BEREC internal documents.</p>

5. Information from the Commission

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	European Commission Representative
Information presented	<p>The European Commission representative briefed the BoR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Code / BEREC Regulation <p>The EC representative informed the BoR that the co-legislators reached a political agreement on the Code on 5 June 2018 during the last trilogue.</p> <p>He reported on the main provisions agreed during the final trilogue. He reported on the double-lock mechanism (which will be applicable in 2 cases – symmetric access and co-investments), intra-EU calls, universal service provisions, the effective harmonisation of end-user rights and the revised BEREC Regulation.</p> <p>He noted that the EECC and BEREC Regulation are expected to enter into force in late 2018, after publication in the Official Journal of the EU. The EECC will then have to be transposed into national law by Member States within two years. The BEREC Regulation will be effective immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AVMS Directive <p>The EC representative informed the BoR that the co-legislators successfully concluded the negotiations for the revision of the AVMS Directive at the final trilogue on 6 June 2018. As a consequence, ERGA would adopt a more formal shape, a bit between BEREC and RSPG.</p>

- TRR

The EC representative updated BEREC on the single Eurorates for MTRs and FTRs. He noted that BEREC's involvement is welcome. Regarding the regulation of termination rates he informed that the Commission is keen to facilitate the transition up to 2020, with regard to the market reviews for call termination services which will become due in the interim period he recalled the possibility to anticipate the fact that the review period shifts from 3 to 5 years. He also encouraged NRAs to continue updating their existing models with the new data as they become available, and where this can be done with reasonable efforts.

- Roaming

The EC representative noted that the RLAH rules entered into force one year ago. In this context he highlighted the need to review the decisions granting derogations. In the Commission's view, it should not be taken for granted that derogations are renewed by NRAs automatically. In general the EC representative expressed the view that the EC would expect the number of derogations to decrease, in particular due to the steep decrease in wholesale roaming prices. He stressed that the derogations can only apply exceptionally and to the extent necessary to prevent domestic price increases.

- ePrivacy Regulation

The EC representative reported that the EU member states' telecoms ministers held a policy debate on the proposed ePR, based on the latest compromise text proposed by the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU. He informed the BoR that the discussions between Member States will continue, with the aim of reaching a common position under the incoming Austrian Presidency.

- April package

The EC representative briefly the main elements of the April package ie. the review of the PSD Directive, the Communication on "fake news" (online disinformation), which had been presented in the Data Economy workshop the day before.

- FFD Regulation

The EC representative informed the BoR that the negotiations between the Council, Parliament and Commission are expected to start already in June 2018. He reported that the FFDR would prohibit data localisation restrictions within the EU on non-personal data, with an exception for public security.

- SMP Guidelines (adoption)

The EC representative reported that the revised SMP Guidelines were adopted on 27 April 2018 and are applicable as of 30 April 2018. He informed the BoR that, as of then, the Commission had already had the

	occasion to consider the application of these Guidelines in one of its Article 7 decisions.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

6. BERC Work Programme 2019

Document(s)	BoR (18) 113 Outline of the BERC Work Programme 2019
Introduction by	Incoming BERC Chair (ComReg)
Information presented	<p>The annual BERC Work Programme is the basis for the work to be carried out by BERC during the year in question. The Incoming BERC Chair briefly recalled the work done so far and outlined the next steps for developing the BERC WP 2019.</p> <p>He highlighted that the Code places a heavy workload on BERC in the short term and presented mandatory topics which BERC needs to deliver in accordance with the Code.</p> <p>Based on the inputs received, the Incoming BERC Chair will refine the outline of the WP 2019 and review the final list of mandatory tasks. The document should be prepared throughout the summer, together with the PRDs.</p> <p>The Incoming BERC Chair reported that the draft BERC Work Programme 2019 will be submitted for adoption at Plenary 3 for public consultation and will be presented at the Stakeholder Forum that takes place in Brussels on 17 October 2018. The final adoption of the WP 2019 is planned for Plenary 4.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and agreed that the draft BERC WP 2019 should be prepared for adoption for public consultation at P3 2018.

7. 6th BERC Stakeholder Forum meeting

Document(s)	BoR (18) 114 Draft Agenda 6 th BERC Stakeholder Forum
Introduction by	Representative of the BERC Vice-Chair (ComReg)
Information presented	<p>The representative of the BERC Vice-Chair briefed the BoR about the state of arrangements for the 6th Stakeholder Forum meeting, which will take place on 17 October 2018 in Brussels (Belgium), at Hotel Le Plaza.</p> <p>The Stakeholder Forum will start with an introduction and promotion of the draft BERC Work Programme 2019 and will be followed by two panels. The first panel will be dedicated to <i>BERC effectiveness & stakeholder engagement</i>. Its objective is to obtain stakeholders' insights into what they consider are BERC's strengths in terms of how BERC creates value for stakeholders, including how it engages with stakeholders and the contribution it makes to value creation generally, where BERC might be able to improve matters, what opportunities there are for BERC to make improvements and what impediments there may be to maintaining or enhancing BERC's effectiveness to sustain value creation. The second</p>

	panel, on <i>Efficient Investment in the European telecoms sector</i> , aims to continue the conversation on efficient investment in telecoms, helping to build a collective understanding of underlying drivers.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

8. Roaming and Mobile

8.1 BEREC Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage

Document(s)	BoR (18) 115 Draft BEREC Common Position on monitoring mobile coverage
Introduction by	Roaming and Mobile EWG Co-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	<p>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. A public consultation on the document ran from 11 October to 8 November 2017. In response to this consultation, BEREC received 5 contributions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The draft report provides information on the NRA's current practices and the outcome of last year's public consultation and identifies four Common Positions on monitoring mobile coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CP1: Specification of mobile coverage in Europe; – 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. <p>The BoR was informed that stakeholders will be asked to comment on the document, as well as to give guidance regarding the the potential to define common metrics for mobile coverage. The public consultation on the Common Position will be open for 20 working days and will run from 20 June 2018 until 19 July 2018.</p> <p>The results of the public consultation and the final Common Position will be presented to CN4 and Plenary 4.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and approved the document for public consultation.

8.2 BEREC Report on mobile infrastructure sharing

Document(s)	BoR (18) 116 Draft BEREC Report on mobile infrastructure sharing
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Introduction by	Roaming and Mobile EWG Co-Chair (Arcep)
Information presented	<p>In promoting infrastructure sharing, NRAs have been trying to achieve a good balance between the enhancement of competition through infrastructure roll-out and a limitation of the cost and impact of the roll-out of existing mobile networks.</p> <p>The future roll-out of 5G networks may multiply the number of base stations with the use of small cells and higher frequency bands compared to those of existing networks. As a consequence, BEREC decided to have a look at the current arrangements for infrastructure sharing across Europe.</p> <p>The document presents different regulatory and legal frameworks for the existing sharing arrangements in European countries, as well as the benefits and challenges related to such arrangements. It also gives an insight into the future evolution of the sharing arrangements and the role of 5G in shaping the requirements/regulatory framework.</p> <p>The report is a first step towards identifying best practices on mobile infrastructure sharing arrangements and seeking to develop a common BEREC position. The objective is to facilitate the enhancement of mobile connectivity in European markets, in particular with regard to the rollout of 5G networks, whilst protecting and promoting competition.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and approved the document for publication.

9. Cooperation with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Document(s)	<p>BoR (18) 117 Memorandum of Understanding Between Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) And Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)</p> <p>BoR (18) 118 BEREC TRAI Joint Statement for an Open internet</p>
Introduction by	BEREC Chair (RTR) and Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Information presented	<p>The Chair of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India attended the BEREC BoR meeting and gave a keynote speech to the BoR members.</p> <p>The Chairman of TRAI also shared the Indian approach to data sharing with the BoR.</p> <p>A joint BEREC and TRAI statement for an Open internet and a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the two parties were signed.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

10. Regulatory Framework - oral update on the ongoing regulatory framework review

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	RF EWG Co-Chairs (NMHH/AGCOM)

Information presented	The Co-Chairs of the RF EWG informed the BoR about the progress in the work of the EWG and the recent developments in the review of the regulatory framework.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

11. Market and Economic Analysis

11.1 Post-mergers and acquisitions market developments report

Document(s)	BoR (18) 119 Draft BEREC study “Post-mergers and acquisitions market developments fact finding report”
Introduction by	MEA EWG Co-Chairs (CNMC/Arcep)
Information presented	<p>This report presents estimates of price effects of three mobile-to-mobile telecom mergers in the EU that took place in the years 2013 and 2014 in Austria, Germany and Ireland. Detailed tariff data from MNOs in 13 European countries, as well as other control variables (MTRs and GDP), are used to estimate price effects of the mergers with the well-established DiD-framework (differences-in-differences) and the synthetic control group approach.</p> <p>The general conclusions of the study and lessons learned are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Effects of mergers on QoS is more difficult to assess, however evidence gathered in the report points to negative effects in the short and medium run. – The report confirms that a careful approach should be taken with “4-to-3” mergers. Structural remedies may not be possible to fully implement and MVNO remedies may take considerable time to become effective or might not be sufficiently effective (or at least not in all parts of the market). <p>This report provides some evidence that, even with such remedies, the studied mergers led to price increases compared to a situation without the mergers in the short to medium run (even up to three years after the merger in the Austrian case).</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and approved the document for publication.

11.2 Data Economy – Guidance of the Heads for the next steps

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	MEA EWG Co-Chairs (CNMC/Arcep)
Information presented	The role of data is becoming increasingly relevant in most sectors of the economy. The telecommunications sector is no exception, especially given its growing interactions with other sectors that are at the core of the data economy (online platforms, audio-visual content providers, sensors collecting data, etc.), notably due to the fact that data flows are carried by electronic communications services (ECS) and as ECS providers seek to meet the demand for data economy-related services as markets develop.

	A final BEREC Report on the Data Economy is due for adoption at Plenary 2 2019, while the outcome of the discussion will serve as an input to the public consultation to be launched by BEREC after Plenary 3 2018.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and agreed to prepare the draft public consultation paper on the Data Economy.

11.3 Addressing Big Data in the electronic communications sector: the AGCOM experience so far

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	Representative of AGCOM
Information presented	A representative of AGCOM presented to the BoR the findings of a public enquiry it had launched at a national level on so-called “Big data”. The aims of the study were to identify potential competition concerns and define a regulatory framework that could foster competition in the markets of the digital economy, to protect privacy and consumers and to promote pluralism within the digital ecosystem.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

12. Implementation of Net Neutrality rules – exchange of experiences

Document(s)	BoR (18) 125 Status update on national NN cases and questions
Introduction by	Representatives of NRAs (ANACOM, Ofcom, BnetzA)
Information presented	In accordance with the conclusions of Plenary 4 2017, and in order to facilitate the exchange of good practices on the implementation of Net Neutrality rules, 3 members of the BoR presented their national cases related to the implementation of the Net Neutrality Regulation.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

13. Next Generation Networks

Document(s)	BoR (18) 120 Draft BEREC Report on Layer 2 wholesale access products excluding Ethernet-based leased lines on Market 4
Introduction by	NGN EWG Co-Chair (RTR)
Information presented	<p>In recent years, several NRAs imposed Layer 2 wholesale access products (L2 WAP) on SMP operators. BEREC already analysed L2 WAPs imposed as a remedy on the wholesale local access market (Market 3a) and on the wholesale central access market (Market 3b) and published a report on common characteristics of L2 WAPs (BoR (15) 133) and a Common Position on L2 WAPs (BoR (16) 162).</p> <p>In addition to Markets 3a and 3b, L2 WAPs have also been imposed on the market for wholesale high-quality access at a fixed location (Market 4) in some countries. According to the EC’s Recommendation on relevant product and service markets of 2014, Market 4 may include not only leased lines (with traditional and/or alternative interfaces, namely Ethernet) but</p>

	<p>also other high-quality access products if they fulfil certain criteria. Indeed, several NRAs included in Market 4 other high-quality access products than leased lines, in particular advanced bitstream products and imposed such products as a remedy on the SMP operator.</p> <p>In order to get a deeper insight into these products and to contribute to consistent regulation of access products, as well as to foster knowledge transfer between NRAs, the report analyses L2 WAPs imposed on Market 4 with a focus on advanced bitstream products (not including Ethernet-based leased lines). The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to give an overview of L2 WAPs currently in place on Markets 3a, 3b and 4; – to analyse the reasons why such products have been imposed on Market 4; – to examine the extent to which L2 WAPs imposed on Market 4 in different countries have characteristics in common and to identify these common characteristics; and – to analyse the main differences between L2 WAPs imposed on Market 4 and L2 WAPs imposed on Markets 3a and 3b. <p>The EWG Co-Chair presented to the BoR the main findings of the report. In general 11 common characteristics were identified and presented to the BoR. He highlighted that the analysis is descriptive and does not aim to be normative or to recommend best practices.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information and approved the document for publication.

14. BEREC International cooperation

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Vice-Chair responsible for international cooperation (Arcep)
Information presented	<p>The BEREC Vice-Chair responsible for international cooperation briefed the BoR in relation to the extension of the MoUs with other networks of regulators and planned international activities.</p> <p>The BEREC Vice-Chair responsible for international cooperation also reported on the results of the Mini-Board study trip to Canada and Washington.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15. AOB

15.1 Information on the Preliminary Schedule for the ordinary BEREC and Contact Network (CN) meetings in 2019

Document(s)	BoR (18) 121 Preliminary Schedule for the ordinary BEREC and Contact Network (CN) meetings in 2019
Introduction by	Incoming BEREC Chair (ComReg)

Information presented	<p>The Rules of Procedure of the Board of Regulators and the BEREC Office Management Committee state that any BEREC member may host a meeting of the Board of Regulators/Management Committee. This provision is applied by analogy for the meetings of the Contact Network. The final decision about the meeting dates and the meeting host is entrusted to the Incoming BEREC Chair. The BEREC and Contact Network meetings are open for participation only to BEREC members and observers.</p> <p>The Incoming BEREC Chair presented to the BoR the preliminary schedule for BEREC plenary and CN meetings in 2019.</p>
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15.2 Information on the next plenary meetings and the workshop (3-5 October 2018, Portoroz, Slovenia)

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

15.3 Decision on the application of the Roaming Regulation following a BEREC Opinion

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of the NRA (BnetzA)
Information presented	The representative of the NRA reported on a recent decision it had taken on a dispute between operators relating to the refusal of a request for wholesale roaming access. The NRA recalled that it had asked BEREC for its opinion on the case and that its final decision is fully in line with BEREC's response.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15.4 Cross-border issue with calls from outside the EU

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of the NRA (CNMC)
Information presented	The representative of the NRA reported an issue related to unbalanced levels of MTRs regarding calls from outside the EU and abusive practices of some operators.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.

15.5 Invitation to the conference

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of the NRA (EETT)

Information presented	The representative of the NRA informed the BoR about the 25 th anniversary of EETT and invited the NRAs to a IEEE Greece 5G/IoT Summit which will take place in Thessaloniki on 25 October 2018.
Conclusions	The BoR took note of the information.