

## **48<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the BEREC Office Management Board (MB)**

Hosted by the Croatian Network Regulatory Agency (HAKOM)

# **Conclusions**

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## Main Results of the 48<sup>th</sup> BEREC Office MB Meeting

The BEREC Office Management Board held its 48<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Plenary Meeting on 1 October 2021, in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in a hybrid setting (both physically and virtually).

During the Meeting, the MB discussed and/or approved the following documents:

### 1. Documents submitted for information:

- MB (21) 51 ENG Sustainability discussion paper for the Heads' debate
- MB (21) 52 Conclusions of the 3rd BAG Meeting
- MB (21) 53 BEREC Office consolidated interim activity report for the period January-June 2021
- MB (21) 54 Information on the transfers in the 2021 BEREC Office Budget carried out by the Director in the period April-June 2021
- MB (21) 55 Commission Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document (SPD) of the Agency for Support for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the period 2022-2024

### Other topics discussed:

The Management Board of the BEREC Office acknowledged the appointment of the 2023 Chairperson and the 2022 Deputy Chairpersons.

### 2. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the MB will take place on **10 December 2021**, and will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, subject to the COVID-19 situation.

## Introduction and participation

The BEREC Office MB held its 48<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Plenary Meeting on 1 October 2021, in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in a hybrid setting (both physically and virtually).

The Meeting was attended by the Heads and/or 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 Member State of the European Union (EU) and by the European Commission. Heads and high-level representatives of the NRAs with which BEREC has concluded working arrangements were also present.

## List of documents

The list of final documents approved by the meeting for publication, in compliance with the BEREC Regulation and the MB 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 MB are presented below.

## 1 Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the agenda

<b>Document(s)</b>	MB (21) 50 Draft MB Agenda
<b>Introduction by</b>	MB Chairperson (BIPT) <b>Michel Van Bellinghen</b> ( <a href="mailto:michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be">michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be</a> )
<b>Information presented</b>	The MB Chairperson opened the Meeting and presented the agenda for approval by the MB. The MB members were invited to suggest any additional issues to be raised or presented under “Any other business” (AOB).
<b>Conclusions</b>	The MB agreed on the agenda with no changes.

## 2 Appointment of Chairperson 2023 and Deputy Chairpersons for 2022

<b>Document(s)</b>	No documents
<b>Introduction by</b>	MB Chairperson (BIPT) <b>Michel Van Bellinghen</b> ( <a href="mailto:michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be">michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be</a> )
<b>Information presented</b>	Based on Article 17(1) of the BEREC Regulation, the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Management Board shall be the persons appointed as the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Board of Regulators. The same term of office shall apply.
<b>Conclusions</b>	The MB acknowledged the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Board of Regulators as the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Management Board.

## 3 Sustainability ENG

<b>Document(s)</b>	MB (21) 51 ENG Sustainability discussion paper for the Heads’ debate
<b>Introduction by</b>	Sustainability ENG Co-Chairs (BEREC Office) <b>Panos Karaminas</b> ( <a href="mailto:Panos.KARAMINAS@berec.europa.eu">Panos.KARAMINAS@berec.europa.eu</a> )
<b>Information presented</b>	<p>With the travel limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, BEREC’s operations became online based, therefore reducing the output of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to the previous years. Despite the change of operation format, BEREC continued to effectively and efficiently carry out its tasks and obligations, resulting in a decision of the BEREC to reduce the number of physical CN and Plenary Meetings (i.e. CN1 and Plenary 1 online) by 25%, creating a new standard and a long-term goal to make BEREC and BEREC Office operations carbon neutral. Such goals can be achieved by continuing to encourage the use of virtual collaboration technologies, by the implementation of new tools and technologies for better travel choices and through the promotion of the active use of green alternatives.</p> <p>The Co-Chair presented the main analysis related to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of flights, which constitute the main environmental contribution of BEREC’s operations, and proposed targets for its reduction.</p> <p>The MB was asked for feedback and guidance about BEREC’s overall vision of itself as an environmentally sustainable organisation, the required objectives to reduce BEREC environmental impact and the steps that</p>

	BEREC should put in place to manage and communicate its environmental sustainability policy.
<b>Conclusions</b>	The MB agreed to continue work on the measures and targets towards reducing BEREC and the BEREC Office's carbon emission gases.

#### 4 Recent activities of the BEREC Office Advisory Group (BAG)

<b>Document(s)</b>	<p>MB (21) 52 Conclusions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BAG Meeting</p> <p>MB (21) 53 BEREC Office consolidated interim activity report for the period January-June 2021</p> <p>MB (21) 54 Information on the transfers in the 2021 BEREC Office Budget carried out by the Director in the period April-June 2021</p> <p>MB (21) 55 Commission Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document (SPD) of the Agency for Support for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the period 2022-2024</p>
<b>Introduction by</b>	<p>BAG Chair (BNetZA)</p> <p><b>Annegret Groebel</b> (<a href="mailto:annegret.groebel@bnetza.de">annegret.groebel@bnetza.de</a>)</p> <p>BEREC Office Director</p> <p><b>Laszlo Igneczi</b> (<a href="mailto:Laszlo.IGNECZI@berec.europa.eu">Laszlo.IGNECZI@berec.europa.eu</a>)</p>
<b>Information presented</b>	<p>The BAG Chair informed the MB about the recent BEREC Office Advisory Group (BAG) activities, including the outcome of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Meeting on 2 September 2021. She briefly presented to the MB the documents as listed above and the BAG opinion on them.</p> <p>The MB was also updated about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Commission's Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document of the Agency for Support for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the period 2022-2024, as well as the preparatory work on the SPD for 2023-2025;</li> <li>– BEREC Office Budget for 2022 and meeting with one of the Vice-Chairs of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets (BUDG);</li> </ul> <p>The Director of the BEREC Office informed the MB about process for the adoption of the Single Programming Documents of the BEREC Office and the adoption of the annual budgets. He reported about the progress on the preparations of the documents for 2022 and following years. He also recalled the Agency's request for financial resources for 2022 and the difference between it and the draft budget tabled by the EC.</p> <p>He also updated the MB about the EP ITRE Committee amendments to the EC's proposal and the next steps leading to final adoption of the EU budget for next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the transfers carried out by the Director of the BEREC Office in the period April-June 2021;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the draft MB decision on reporting officers for the appraisal of the BEREC Office Director;</li> </ul> <p>The BAG Chair recalled that the new decision changed the composition of reporting officers from 2 MB Vice-Chairs to BAG Chair and 1 person elected from among the MB members. This new MB decision has still not been approved by the EC, who would prefer to have its permanent reporting officer. She informed the MB about the letter sent by the EC stating that it would like to have a permanent reporting officer for the appraisal of the BEREC Office Director. She informed the MB that after consultation with the Miniboard, it was concluded that this decision should not be reopened. The MB was informed that further discussions will be held to resolve this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Progress of the project for the new BEREC Office premises.</li> </ul> <p>The Director of the BEREC Office reported about the progress and recent developments concerning the project on the new BEREC Office premises. The MB was informed that the BEREC Office will join the ‘EU house’ project launched by the EP liaison office and the EC representation in Latvia. He reported that BEREC Office would share the premises with these organisations. He noted that a lot of synergies could be gained in the area of facility management, common meeting rooms or security. He presented the timeline of the project, which should end by late 2023 when all the bodies move into the new premises.</p>
<b>Conclusions</b>	The MB took note of the information.

## 5 AOB

### Information on the 49<sup>th</sup> MB Ordinary Meeting (10 December 2021, Sweden)

<b>Document(s)</b>	No documents
<b>Introduction by</b>	<p>MB Chairperson (BIPT)  <b>Michel Van Bellinghen</b> (<a href="mailto:michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be">michel.van.bellinghen@IBPT.be</a>)  Representative of the host NRA (PTS)  <b>Dan Sjoblom</b> (<a href="mailto:Dan.Sjoblom@pts.se">Dan.Sjoblom@pts.se</a>)</p>
<b>Information presented</b>	The MB Chairperson and the Representative of the Meeting host, PTS, provided information on the logistics for the Meeting.
<b>Conclusions</b>	The MB took note of the information.