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Consultation on draft BEREC report on the regulatory treatment for fixed and mobile backhaul

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We are thankful for the opportunity to share our views to the published draft of the BEREC report on the regulatory treatment especially for mobile backhaul.

Demand for bandwidth is on the rise, increased by lessons learned through the COVID-19 pandemic. For fixed connections (including Wi-Fi indoor connections), only fiber networks will be able to cope with this demand midterm. In addition, rollout of 5G mobile networks do further increase demand for local fiber infrastructures. With fiber backhaul connections mobile networks operators/tower operators can deploy their own active elements. This enables them to implement solutions according to their own – and over time growing – needs.

At least in the German market, the provision of mobile backhaul is competitive and is based on negotiated solutions. Therefore, we do not see that such a specific sub-market (not a mass market in any case) would fulfil the Three-Criteria Test, as regulatory intervention is not necessary.

We are in line with the European Commission and its market recommendation (Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/2245 of 18 December 2020) and do not see backhaul solutions as part of the Market 1/2020. As backhaul solutions require specific capabilities also unlike business connections, they can only, if at all, be part of a separate market not yet deemed in need of regulatory oversight across the EU.

We do fully support the statements submitted by FTTH Council and BREKO.

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