

**Invitation to participate in the physical
BEREC Workshop to share experience on the
implementation of Article 22 of the EECC
Geographical surveys of network deployments**

Thursday, 15th September 2022, 10:00 – 16:00 CET

This is an invitation for broadband mapping experts working with operators, operators' associations, as well as NRAs and OCAs.

About the BEREC Workshop

The geographical information on the reach of broadband networks is considered an important tool to enable the effective design, implementation and monitoring of broadband policies and regulation. Such information can be put at use for various tasks, including but not limited to the allocation of public funds for the deployment of electronic communications networks, the design of national broadband plans including an adequate identification of market failure areas, the definition of coverage obligations for the rights of use of radio spectrum, market definition purposes and the verification of the fulfilment of universal service obligations.

The BEREC Workshop aims at providing a forum in which stakeholders and NRAs'/OCAs' broadband mapping experts are invited to discuss and provide their views on the matters of broadband mapping and the implementation of Article 22 European Electronic Communications Code (EECC). Particularly, BEREC is seeking stakeholders' views on the implementation of Article 22 to enable the detection of good practices in broadband mapping developments, as well as the difficulties experienced and whether solutions to overcome them have been found.

BEREC is planning for two types of interventions.

In part 1, BEREC is inviting some operators to present their own broadband mapping initiatives, to set the scene and to allow public offices' experts to understand how operators perform their broadband mapping.

In part 2, BEREC is inviting key operators' associations to provide their views on the implementation of national broadband maps according to the provisions of Article 22 and the BEREC broadband mapping Guidelines¹.

¹ https://berec.europa.eu/eng/document_register/subject_matter/berec/regulatory_best_practices/guidelines/9027-berec-guidelines-to-assist-nras-on-the-consistent-application-of-geographical-surveys-of-network-deployments

Why participate in the virtual workshop?

The intervention of stakeholders is very important for BEREC in order to gather their practical experience when implementing the broadband mapping according to the provisions of Article 22 EECC and the related BEREC Guidelines (BoR (20) 42).

Many operators have mapping systems in place, which have been developed to help with their own planning of network deployments, as well as to inform end-users on the availability of their services in a localised point. On the one hand, BEREC would like to hear about the operators' experiences on how Article 22 maps have been implemented in the different countries and are being used by operators in their own decision making. On the other, BEREC would like to benefit from the operators' experience and allow an exchange of information on new broadband mapping developments and of ideas on how could the BEREC Guidelines improve in the future.

An open, transparent stakeholder involvement is needed for the benefit of BEREC's judgments on the implementation of Article 22 EECC and on its views regarding the need of public broadband mapping initiatives in the future. Such conclusions would feed into the BEREC Implementation Report concerning the Article 22 Guidelines, as well as in the revised Guidelines when the time is right.

Practical information

This is a hybrid event, with physical presence at the IRG Secretariat (Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, Belgium) and remote participation possibilities.

Please register by the **22nd of August at the very latest** by the following [link here](#) indicating whether you will participate physically or attend remotely. Note that the number of seats is limited and they will be occupied on a first-come first-served basis, with priority given to operators.

The final agenda, as well as the connection details will be shared with the registered participants prior to the event.

We are at your disposal should you have any further inquiries.

We look forward to seeing you at the Workshop.

Best regards,

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