

BEREC Workshop on switching and interoperability of data processing services

Friday, 28 April 2023, 10:00 – 12:20 CET, virtual

SPEAKERS' BIOS

Mr. Konstantinos MASSELOS, BEREC Chair 2023 (EETT, Greece)



Konstantinos Masselos is the BEREC Chair 2023 and the President of the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT). In 2006, he joined the University of Peloponnese as a Professor in Computing Systems Design in the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications. He served as Rector of the above mentioned university from 2012 to 2017. Between 2005 and 2008, he was Lecturer in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Imperial College London.

Also, during the period 2010-2016, he was an Honorary Lecturer in that same Department. From 2001 to 2004, he worked in the Greek electronic communications industry. Prof. Masselos has been involved in several research and development projects and has a long consulting experience in industry and public organisations. Since 2005, he has regularly been involved as an expert in various European Commission units. He was a member of the Scientific Committee of European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) from 2015 to 2017. He has authored over 120 papers in international journals and conferences.

Ms. Laura BALKE, Policy Officer in the Cloud and Software Unit, (DG CNECT)



Laura Balke is the Policy Officer responsible for the Data Act in the Cloud and Software Unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT). Outside of DG CNECT, Ms Balke has also worked in DG TRADE's unit for the USA and Canada and as a policy analyst in the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to joining the European Commission, Ms Balke worked for Bitkom, Germany's digital association, and in the Brussels office of Siemens. A graduate of Dresden University of Technology and the College of Europe in Bruges, Ms Balke has used her

studies to specialize on EU digital policy.

Prof. Daniel Schnurr, research fellow at CERRE and University of Regensburg



Daniel Schnurr is a professor of Information Systems and holds the Chair of Machine Learning and Uncertainty Quantification at the University of Regensburg. He is also a Research Fellow of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), a Brussels-based think tank. Previously, he was head of the research group Data Policies at the University of Passau. He received his Ph.D. in Information Systems from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in 2016, where he previously studied Information Engineering and Management (B.Sc. & M.Sc.).

In his research, Daniel Schnurr addresses the technical, economic, and societal implications of new machine learning methods and data as a crucial competitive factor and driver of innovation in digital markets. His research articles have been published in leading journals in Information Systems and Economics. His current research focuses on the role of artificial intelligence for competition, privacy and data sharing in digital markets, as well as regulation of AI and the data economy.

[Data Act: Towards a Balanced EU Data Regulation - CERRE](#)

Mr. Claude Rapoport, Global Head of Regulatory Affairs, (AST Space Mobile)



He graduated as Civil Engineer, with an additional diploma in economics. I started my career at IBM.

Then, he became CIO in an insurance company, and then in the automotive sector

From 2008 to 2018, he was CEO and Managing Director of a cooperative society between insurance brokers and insurance companies in Belgium.

Since 2010, he is also Chairman of the Beltug Board, the Belgian association of CIOs and Digital Technology leaders.

[The European Commission's Data Act - a positive turn in our call for a balanced cloud market \(beltug.be\)](#)

Ms. Ilsa Godlovitch, Director, Brussels (WIK-Consult)



Ilsa Godlovitch is Director, Brussels at WIK-Consult. She is an expert on telecoms and the digital economy with more than 20 years' experience in managing and conducting research and regulatory projects in this field. Her recent projects include research on cloud interoperability and behavioural advertising, and several studies for the European Commission including an upcoming review of the implementation of the "Open Internet Regulations", the 2022 support study for the "Gigabit Infrastructure Act", the 2020 support study for the European Commission on the "Digital Markets Act". Between 2007-2012, Ilsa was Director at the

pan-European trade association ECTA, where she was responsible for an annual benchmark

of regulation and outcomes in the telecoms sector covering 22 countries. Between 1998-2002 Ilsa was senior advisor at the UK regulatory authority Oftel, where she was responsible inter alia for developing policy and negotiating alongside the Ministry on the e-Commerce Directive and EU Framework for Electronic Communications. Ilsa started her career as a technology journalist, launching an early Internet magazine, Cyberia, in 1996. She then joined Microsoft and was a member of the launch team of MSN News and the Microsoft Network in the UK between 1997-1998. Ilsa has a Postgraduate Certificate in Economics from London University and an MA in Classics from Oxford University.

[Interoperabilität, Portabilität und Wechselfähigkeit: Implikationen für die Cloud: WIK - Wissenschaftliches Institut für Infrastruktur und Kommunikationsdienste GmbH](#)

Mr. Óscar Louro García, Go-To-Market Director, (Telefónica Open Gateway)



Óscar Louro García is Go-To-Market Director for Open Gateway at Telefonica. Open Gateway is an industry-wide initiative to expose Telco capabilities to third party developers through APIs. Óscar drives the strategic partnerships, business development and go to market activities and is responsible for the overall coordination of all Telefonica business teams involved in the initiative, at the global and local levels.

Previously, Óscar was the Head of Business Development at Telefonica Tech, where he led the business development activities for IoT and Big Data services in Telefónica's European and off-net footprints. Before that, Óscar launched and managed the IoT Partner Program, Telefónica's global indirect channel for managed IoT Connectivity, which includes 1000+ partners worldwide and millions of IoT lines. He also worked in other European telco companies such as Orange or Tele2, managing B2B Product Teams.

Óscar is a Telecommunications Engineer from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and has a Master's Degree in eCommerce, from the same University.

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Mr. Arnaud David, Director of EU Public Policy at Amazon Web Services (AWS)



David Arnaud is responsible for digital policies including privacy, cybersecurity, interoperability and artificial intelligence. Prior to AWS, Arnaud gained extensive experience in public policy and technologies as Vice-President, Group Chief Privacy Officer at CGI Inc., Senior Attorney at Microsoft and Associate at Baker McKenzie and August Debouzy.

Ms. Solange Viegas Dos Reis, Chief Legal Officer, (OVH Cloud)



Solange Viegas Dos Reis is Chief Legal Officer. She has joined OVHcloud in September 2022 after more than 20 years in telecommunications and worldwide tech companies (LDCom Networks, Neuf Cegetel, SFR and Believe), leading teams and activities based in Europe, MENA, Asia and Americas. With a strong experience in tech environments and knowledge of local and global challenges that companies have to face when active in different jurisdictions, Solange knows how to develop effective strategies to maximize performance and support business growth.

Mr. Paolo Grassia, Director of Public Policy, (ETNO)



Paolo Grassia is Director of Public Policy at ETNO, the European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association. He oversees the association's work and institutional engagement on a range of regulatory and policy issues, including cybersecurity, privacy, and data economy. He also sits on the Board and Steering Committee of the European Internet Forum (EIF).

Paolo joined ETNO in 2017 from the economic section of the United States Mission to the EU, where he covered tech, telecoms, and data privacy as a policy advisor. Prior to that, Paolo was a consultant and advised global companies in various sectors, with a particular focus on tech and telecoms. Paolo holds a Master's degree from Bocconi University in Milan and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional and Manager by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

Annemarie Sipkes, BEREC Vice-Chair (ACM, the Netherlands)



Annemarie Sipkes has held the position of Director of the Telecommunications, Transport and Postal Services Department at the Dutch Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) since April 2018. She has significant public sector experience, including six years (2012-2018) as the Director of Knowledge and Strategy and CIO at the Ministry of Education, Culture & Science in the Netherlands. In 2022, Annemarie chaired BEREC and in 2023, she is the BEREC Vice-chair. During her career, Annemarie Sipkes has also

worked at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, the Central Bank of the Netherlands and for KPMG, the accounting and professional services company. Annemarie Sipkes holds an MSc in Economics and an MA in Arts, Sciences and Technology.

María Ruiz Mérida, Co-chair of Planning and Future Trends Working Group (BEREC)



María Ruiz is a lawyer with over 15 years of experience in regulatory matters. She is currently responsible of International Affairs in the telecommunications sector at the at the National Markets and Competition Authority (CNMC), Spain. She joined the regulator in 2010 as an expert in legal and regulatory matters.

She is a BEREC Contact Network member since 2011 and has actively participated in several BEREC working groups such as the Market and Economic Analysis, the Regulatory Framework, the End users or Remedies. She coordinates CNMC activities in other international sectoral telecommunications fora such as Regulatel, EMERG, EaPeReg or OECD.

Bert Klaassens, Co-chair of Planning and Future Trends Working Group (BEREC)



Bert Klaassens is an economist with the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM), a merger organisation of the Dutch telecommunications regulator (OPTA), the Netherlands Competition Authority (NMa) and the Consumer Authority (CA). He has over 20 years of working experience in the public sector, mostly with telecommunication regulation, but also in merger assessments. Bert has been active for BEREC for over 12 years in various Working Groups, as rapporteur/expert in a number of art. 7/7a cases and for the past 5 years as Contact Network member. Since 2019, he has been Co-chair of the Planning and Future Trends Working Group.