

BEREC virtual workshop on the perspectives and regulatory/competition challenges of Internet of Things

Date: 26 October 2023

Time: 14:00 - 16:30 CEST

Location: Online

In 2016, BEREC prepared a Report on Enabling the Internet of Things (IoT)¹. In this Report, BEREC assessed the state of play on IoT services in terms of sustainable competition, interoperability of electronic communications services and consumer benefits. BEREC concluded that, in general, no special treatment of IoT services was necessary, except for the following areas: roaming, switching and number portability.

The EU legislator updated the legal framework in 2018 setting the grounds to facilitate the development and provision of IoT communications considering, among sources BEREC's inputs. Some of the key measures introduced by the European Electronic Communications Code (here after "the code") include the possibility of extraterritorial use of numbering resources, the promotion of over-the-air provision, enabling grating numbering resources to undertakings other than operators, advancing in the harmonization of radio spectrum management rules or facilitating 5G deployments. More recently, the latest review of the Roaming Regulation in 2022 called for the removal of barriers for the provision of machine-to-machine communications including the development of alternative tariff schemes adapted to IoT services and asks BEREC to monitor developments in this regard.

In 2024, BEREC will assess again the evolution of the sector, including issues related to IoT services, and deliver new proposals for the EC evaluation of the Code in 2025.

¹ <https://www.berec.europa.eu/en/document-categories/berec/reports/berec-report-on-enabling-the-internet-of-things>

AGENDA

14:00 OPENING

14:00 - 14:15 Opening statement

Prof. Kostas Masselos. BEREC Chair 2023 (EETT, President of Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission

14:15 - 15:00 ROUNDTABLE II – IOT SOLUTIONS

14:15 - 15:00 Speakers

Mr. Serafino Abate, Regulatory Affairs Expert Volvo

Dr. Carl Jeding, Director Government & Policy Advocacy at Ericsson.

Mr. Musa Unmehopa, Head of Wireless Standards & Regulations at Signify and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Connectivity Standards Alliance

Moderator: Mr. Bert Klaassens. Co-chair of BEREC Planning and Future Trends Working Group.

15:00 - 15:15 Break

15:15 - 16:00 ROUNDTABLE II – IOT PROVIDERS

15:15 - 16:00 Speakers

Mr. Jacques Bonifay. CEO Transatel

Mr Gonzalo Garcia Arribas, Manager of European Regulation, Telefónica

Mr. Fabien Migneret. Director regulatory affairs LoRa Alliance

Moderator: Ms. María Ruiz Mérida Co-chair of BEREC Planning and Future Trends Working Group.

16:00 - 16:15 Q & A

16:15 - 16:30 Closing statement

Mr. Peter Stuckmann – Head of Unit and Deputy Director,
Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology
(DG CONNECT)

16:30 END OF WORKSHOP

