4th Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Conclusions

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16-17 November 2023

4th Meeting of 2023 of the Contact Network established by the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Management Board of the BEREC Office

The 4th Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2023 was held in hybrid format on **16-17 November 2023**. The Meeting was chaired by Ioanna Choudalaki, Senior Economist-Cost Accountant at EETT and Representative of the 2023 BEREC Chair.

The Meeting was attended by senior 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. NRAs from the EU Member States (MS), the EEA countries and countries that are candidates for accession to the EU were also represented. A Representative of the European Commission also attended the Meeting.

Main results of the 4th Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2023

The objective of the Meeting was to prepare the 57th Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) and the Management Board (MB) of BEREC Office (BO), due to be held in hybrid format on 7 and 8 December 2023 in Poland. The BEREC Contact Network (CN) considered all topics to be included in the BoR and MB agendas and concluded the following:

I.   Documents to be submitted to the BoR

The CN agreed to submit the following documents to the BoR:

1.   *As 'A' items (without presentation and discussion)*

1.1.   *For approval for publication:*

- BEREC CN (23) 129 Draft Decision No BoR/2023/xx of the Board of Regulators on the BEREC Working Groups;

- BEREC CN (23) 139 Draft Regulatory Accounting in practice Report 2023;

- BEREC CN (23) 146 Draft List of institutional meetings in 2023 and List of contacts in other institutions.

1.2.   *For internal use:*

- BEREC CN (23) 146 Draft List of institutional meetings in 2023 and List of contacts in other institutions.

2.   *As regular items (with presentation and discussion):*

2.1.   *For approval for publication:*

- BEREC CN (23) 135 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on Draft BEREC Report on practices and challenges of the phasing out of 2G and 3G;

- BEREC CN (23) 136 Draft BEREC Report on practices and challenges of the phasing out of 2G and 3G;

- BEREC CN (23) 137 Draft BEREC Summary Report on the outcome of a BEREC internal workshop on the migration to VHCNs and copper switch-off with a focus on the needs of the end-users;

- BEREC CN (23) 138 Draft External study on evolution of competition dynamics of tower and access infrastructure companies not directly providing retail services;

- BEREC CN (23) 141 Draft External study on the trends and policy/regulatory challenges of cloudification, virtualisation and softwarisation in telecommunication;

- BEREC CN (23) 142 Draft BEREC Report of the outcome of the public consultation on Draft BEREC Work Programme 2024;

- BEREC CN (23) 143 Draft BEREC Work Programme 2024;

- BEREC CN (23) 149 Procedure to assess applications from third country NRAs to join BEREC/BEREC Office work, according to Article 35 of the BEREC Regulation;

- BEREC CN (23) 150 Draft Report on BEREC's support in reinforcing EU's Cybersecurity Capabilities

- BEREC CN (23) 167 Draft Agenda for the 57th BoR Ordinary Meeting.

2.2. *For approval for public consultation:*

- BEREC CN (23) 140 Draft BEREC Report on empowering end-users through environmental transparency on digital products and services;

- BEREC CN (23) 147 Draft BEREC Report on the authorisation-related framework for international connectivity infrastructures.

2.3. *For approval for internal use:*

- BEREC CN (23) 144 Draft PRDs for BEREC Work Programme 2024;

- BEREC CN (23) 145 Draft Indicative calendar of international events for 2024.

2.4. *For information and further consideration:*

- BEREC CN (23) 128 Draft BEREC CN Agenda;

- BEREC CN (23) 130 Contact lists pack;

- BEREC CN (23) 131 Information on the planned electronic voting procedures;

- BEREC CN (23) 132 Information on the electronic voting procedures since the last plenary meeting;

- BEREC CN (23) 133 Work Programme 2023 status update;

- BEREC CN (23) 134 Outline of BEREC Annual Report 2023;

The CN was briefed on the recent activities of the BEREC Chair, important projects carried out by the BEREC Office in support of BEREC and BEREC's recent and forthcoming international activities. The European Commission (EC) was invited to provide information on important recent developments and activities under its remit that had an impact on the digital sector.

II.   Documents to be submitted to the MB

The CN was informed about the following documents to be submitted to the MB:

1. *As regular items:*

1.1. *For approval for publication:*

- BEREC (23) 165 Draft Decision for the appointment of the Reporting Officers for the Director's appraisal;

- BEREC (23) 166 Draft Decision on the adoption of the Single Programming Document of the BEREC Office for the period 2024-2026.

- BEREC CN (23) 168 Draft Agenda for the 57th MB Ordinary Meeting

1.2.   *For information:*

- BEREC CN (23) 153 Conclusions of the 4th BAG meeting

- BEREC (23) 154 ECA Annual report of EU agencies for the 2022 financial year

- BEREC (23) 155 2022 Audit of EU agencies in brief

- BEREC CN (23) 156 Draft BAG Composition 2024

- BEREC CN (23) 157 Draft Schedule for the Work of BAG 2024

- BEREC CN (23) 158 Draft Single Programming Document of the Activities of the Agency for Support for BEREC ('BEREC Office') for the period 2024-2026

- BEREC CN (23) 159 Overview of the Commission's comments on the draft SPD of the BEREC Office for the period 2024-2026

- Ares(2023)5931916 Commission 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 2024-2026

- BEREC CN (23) 160 Draft Budget 2024 and Establishment Plan of the BEREC Office

- BEREC CN (23) 161 List of possible negative priorities 2024-2026 included in the BEREC Office revised Single Programming Document 2024-2026

- BEREC CN (23) 162 Note on a possible replacement of a number of Seconded National Experts posts with the Contract Agents posts at the Agency for Support for BEREC

- BEREC CN (23) 163 Note on the challenge to meet the requirements of the future cybersecurity and information security legislation

- BEREC CN (23) 164 Timeline for the adoption of the final SPD 2024-2026;

The MB would also be briefed about the recent activities of the BEREC Office Advisory Group (BAG).

Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the CN will take place virtually on 15-16 February 2024.

16-17 November 2023

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