2nd Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2024
Hybrid Meeting

Conclusions

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Introduction and participation

The 2nd Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2024 was held in Vienna, on 16 and 17 May 2024. The Meeting was chaired by Domagoj Maričić, Head of the Legal Affairs Department at HAKOM and Representative of the 2024 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 2nd Meeting of the BEREC Contact Network in 2024

The objective of the Meeting was to prepare the 59th Plenary Meeting of the BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) and the Management Board (MB) of BEREC Office (BO), due to be held in Jurmala, Latvia on 6 and 7 June 2024. 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 on to the BoR:

1. As ‘A’ items (without presentation and discussion)
   1.1. For approval for publication:
       - BEREC CN (24) 36 Draft Summary of the BEREC external workshop on the ex-ante regulatory experience concerning commitments, wholesale-only undertakings and commercial agreements’ review;
       - BEREC CN (24) 39 Draft Report from the Mini-Board Study trip 2024;
       - BEREC CN (24) 41 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on draft BEREC Report on empowering end-users through environmental transparency on digital products and services;
       - BEREC CN (24) 42 Draft BEREC Report on empowering end-users through environmental transparency on digital products and services;
       - BEREC CN (24) 45 Draft BEREC Report on the outcome of the public consultation on draft BEREC Report on the authorisation and related frameworks for international connectivity infrastructures;
       - BEREC CN (24) 46 Draft BEREC Report on the authorisation and related frameworks for international submarine connectivity infrastructures.
   1.2. For approval for internal use:
       - BEREC CN (24) 47 Draft Inventory of the evolution of NRAs’ competencies.

2. As regular items (with presentation and discussion):
   2.1. For approval for publication:
       - BEREC CN (24) 34 Draft BEREC Annual Report 2023;
       - BEREC CN (24) 59 Draft Agenda for the 59th BoR Plenary Meeting.
2.2. For approval for publication and submission to the EC:

- BEREC CN (24) 43 Draft BEREC input to the EC public consultation on White Paper “How to master Europe's digital infrastructure needs?”.

2.3. For approval for internal use:

- BEREC CN (24) 49 Draft Scoping and Proposal Document for BEREC Guidelines on access to in-building physical infrastructure according to Article 11(6) of the Gigabit Infrastructure Act;

- BEREC CN (24) 50 Draft Scoping and Proposal Document for BEREC Guidelines on the coordination of civil works according to Art. 5(6) of the Gigabit Infrastructure Act.

2.4. For approval for public consultation (PC):

- BEREC CN (24) 35 Draft BEREC Report on the IP Interconnection ecosystem;

- BEREC CN (24) 44 Draft BEREC Opinion on the national implementation and functioning of the general authorisation regime;


2.5. For information and further consideration:

- BEREC CN (24) 29 Draft Schedule for the election of BEREC Chair 2026 and Vice-Chairs 2025;

- BEREC CN (24) 30 Contact lists pack;

- BEREC CN (24) 31 Information on the planned electronic voting procedures;

- BEREC CN (24) 32 Information on the electronic voting procedures since the last plenary meeting;

- BEREC CN (24) 33 Work Programme 2024 status update;

- BEREC CN (24) 37 List of proposed items for the BEREC WP 2025;

- BEREC CN (24) 38 Preliminary schedule of the ordinary BoR and MB meetings and Contact Network (CN) meetings and public debriefings in 2025.

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. The Cybersecurity (CS) Working Group (WG) Co-Chairs updated the CN on the progress of the CS WG's Project Requirements Definitions (PRDs) and the ENISA representative provided a presentation of the European cybersecurity certification scheme for 5G. The Regulatory Framework (RF) WG provided an oral update on the self-assessment tool for NRAs’ independence, the Roaming (ROAM) WG an update about Ukraine and intra-EEA, and lastly, the Remedies and Market Monitoring (RAMM) WG provided two oral items. The first one was on the Draft BEREC Report on WACC (Weighted Average Cost of Capital) parameters 2024, and the second one on the questionnaire for the Art. 22 BB mapping GL implementation report and the questionnaire on the Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP) KPI implementation report. The CN was also informed about the summary of the 12th Stakeholder Forum programme and
work of the Ad hoc groups analysing the requests of NRAs of third countries, ComCom and ANRCET, to join BEREC and BEREC Office as participants without working rights.

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 CN (24) 60 Draft Agenda for the 59th MB Plenary Meeting
   1.2. For information:
   - BEREC CN (24) 51 Conclusions of the 2nd BAG meeting
   - BEREC CN (24) 52 Draft Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office) for the financial year 2022
   - BEREC CN (24) 53 Draft Annual Activity Report of the BEREC Office Data Protection Officer (DPO) 2023
   - BEREC CN (24) 54 Memorandum of Understanding relating to the call for tenders no 06-20/2023/M069 – purchase of a building to accommodate the future House of Europe incorporating a Europa Experience in Riga, Latvia
   - BEREC CN (24) 55 Draft MB Decision on the request for the Commission Agreement for derogation from implementing rules to the staff regulations on the non-application by analogy of Commission’s Decision C(2023)8630 on the prevention of and fight against psychological and sexual harassment, and repealing Decision C(2006) 1624/3
   - BEREC CN (24) 56 Draft Management Board Decision setting out ethics rules and rules on the prevention and management of conflicts of interest in respect of the staff members of the Agency
   - BEREC CN (24) 58 Draft Management Board Decision on the designation of the Reporting Officers of the BEREC Office Director for the probationary and management trial period

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 in Belgrade, Serbia (12-13 September 2024).

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