

WORKSHOP

Submarine cable connectivity: Competition & market dynamics, ex-ante economic regulation and future challenges

Location:	Online
Date and Time:	09 December 2025, 14:00-17:10 CET

In this workshop different stakeholders will share their views on the current state of play of the telecommunications submarine connectivity in Europe and other related areas as Latin America or the southern mediterranean sea, with a focus on the competition and market dynamics, the ex-ante economic regulatory regime applied, as well as the main emerging and future challenges.

AGENDA

14:00-14:10 Opening statement by **Robert Mourik**, BEREC Chair 2025

14:10-14:20 **Overview of the BEREC report on domestic submarine cables** connectivity in Europe
Speakers: BEREC DM co-chairs

14:20-14:50 **Keynote speeches**

- **Sandra Maximiano**, co-chair of the ITU Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience on “**Connectivity and resilience: cooperation for a shared future**”
- **Johannes Theiss**, Head of Sector, Future Connectivity Systems Unit at the European Commission on “**EU Cable Security Action Plan: Updates from the Member State Expert Group**”

14:50-15:10 Q&A

15:10-15:55 **Panel 1 | Investments, competition and regulatory approach: case studies**

- **Rod Kirwan**, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, European Subsea Cables Association (ESCA)
- **Gustavo Santana Borges**, Execute superintendent at ANATEL
- **Raafat Abdel-Rady**, Executive Director of Operators Licenses at NTRA

15:55-16:15 Q&A

16:15-16:45 **Panel 2 | Emerging and future challenges**

- **Antoine Queval**, Business Developer Director at Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN)
- **Dean Bubley**, Founder of Disruptive Analysis and independent analyst

16:45-17:05 Q&A

17:05-17:10 Closing statement by BEREC DM WG co-chairs