

PRESS RELEASE

Telco summit boosts BEREC stakeholder engagement programme

On 3 May 2012 BEREC hosted a summit with CEOs from some of Europe's largest fixed, mobile and cable operators, including both incumbents and alternative operators. This was the first such summit in a "strategic dialogue", BEREC's recently announced formal programme of engagement which complements the Group's regular meeting debriefings and informal exchanges with its stakeholders.

BEREC hopes this strategic dialogue will help it to be proactive in addressing the regulatory challenges of a fast-changing sector. Participants in this first summit discussed changing business models (as new players enter the market), the challenges of infrastructure investment in a slow-growing European economy, and the challenge of providing cross-border services. There was a collective call for greater regulatory certainty, echoing the findings of investment analysts.

This month's closed session will be followed by similar summits with consumer and user groups, service providers, vendors and other sector innovators, and investment analysts, and this stakeholder engagement programme is expected to become a permanent fixture of the BEREC engagement calendar going forward. The insights and understanding that BEREC expects to glean from these meetings will help it to shape its annual work programme, as well as its longer-term strategic thinking, and help it to effectively discharge its role as advisor, and as developer and promoter of regulatory best practice.

BEREC is grateful for the opportunity for frank and open stakeholder dialogue, and very much looks forward to continuing these sessions with the wider stakeholder community.

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Note for the editor:

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converging markets, and is ready to play an active role in the discussions in the public domain on these issues.

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