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BEREC is ready to assist with the implementation of the new TSM rules

BEREC is ready to fulfil its obligations to assist the implementation of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning open internet access and amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services and Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union.

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) notes with interest the publication of the regulation laying down measures to abolish retail roaming surcharges by June 2017 subject to the fair use policy and to establish open internet rules. BEREC is, once more, fully committed to assist in the implementation of these new rules in accomplishing the tasks assigned to it in the regulation.

BEREC will continue to play a pivotal role in the establishment of a telecommunications single market and, in particular, in the promotion of competition.

As laid down by the Regulation, BEREC will provide input to the Commission's Implementing Acts on the weighted average of maximum MTRs (data provided to the Commission on 9th Oct. 2015), sustainability of the abolition of retail roaming surcharges subject to the fair use policy. In addition, BEREC will assess the wholesale roaming market to support the Commission's work on the wholesale market review.

Furthermore, within nine months after the Regulation has entered into force, BEREC will lay down guidelines for the implementation of the obligations of NRAs related to the supervision, enforcement and transparency measures for safeguarding open Internet access. BEREC will publish draft net neutrality guidelines for public consultation following the June 2016 Plenary meeting. BEREC will then take account of comments received before publishing the final guidelines by the end of August 2016.

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