

## Ⓞ Press Release

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### **6th BEREC Stakeholder Forum – towards the next decade**

**On 17 October, in Brussels, BEREC will hold its 6th Stakeholder Forum where stakeholders from the telecoms and digital communications industries can interact with BEREC and put forward their thoughts on the draft BEREC Work Programme 2019, BEREC's effectiveness and stakeholder engagement, and efficient investment in European telecoms.**

Optimising stakeholder engagement and building a collective understanding in the underlying factors that promote efficient investment in European telecoms will be central to both the draft Work Programme 2019 and to the fulfilment of BEREC's duties under the new [European Electronic Communications Code](#) (EECC).

The first roundtable will be moderated by Philippe Defraigne (director of Cullen International), where together with Kevin Martin (Facebook), Daniel Pataki (GSMA), Professor David Coen (University College London) and Ms Ursula Pahl (BEUC) the effectiveness of BEREC and stakeholders' engagement will be discussed.

The second roundtable will consider the challenges in promoting connectivity, access and take-up of high capacity networks by citizens and businesses in the European Union. The moderator Tony Shortall (director of Telage) together with Dr. Jonathan Dann (RBC), Frank Sixt (Hutchison Whampoa), Dr Martin Wrulich (McKinsey), Gabrielle Gauthey (Caisse des Depots) and Emanuele Tarantino (University Manheim) will exchange their views on how European telecoms' investment opportunities compare with global opportunities and what attracts investors telecoms generally.

At the Stakeholder Forum, Jeremy Godfrey (ComReg), the incoming Chair of BEREC 2019, will present the key work areas of BEREC for 2019, based on the draft BEREC Work Programme 2019, which was launched for public consultation on 10 October. This [public consultation is open until 7 November 2018](#). The draft Work Programme includes workstreams categorised under each of BEREC's five Strategic Priorities<sup>1</sup> and is primarily focused on the important, mandatory projects tasked to BEREC in light of the new EECC.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://berec.europa.eu/eng/document\\_register/subject\\_matter/berec/annual\\_work\\_programmes/7310-berec-strategy-2018-2020](https://berec.europa.eu/eng/document_register/subject_matter/berec/annual_work_programmes/7310-berec-strategy-2018-2020)

BEREC Chair 2018, Johannes Gungl (RTR), will open the Stakeholder Forum and closing remarks will be provided by the Director General of DG CONNECT, Roberto Viola.

The BEREC Stakeholder Forum is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the BEREC website. Everyone is invited to put questions to the speakers and/or react to the discussions via Twitter using [#BERECforum](#).

[6th BEREC Stakeholder Forum Meeting agenda](#)

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