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15th meeting of the Board of Regulators

on 6-7 June 2013, Athens (Greece) Hosted by EETT

Conclusions

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Main results of the 15th meeting of the Board of Regulators

I. Documents approved by the Board of Regulators (BoR)

The Board of Regulators approved the following documents for publication and implementation:

- 1. Annual report on BEREC activities and on sector developments -2012
- 2. <u>BEREC TRs snapshot report</u>
- 3. Amended Decision on BEREC EWG's for 2013

II. Final documents approved for internal use:

- 1. Draft BEREC MTRs benchmark internal report
- 2. Draft BEREC FTRs benchmark internal report
- 3. Draft BEREC SMSs TR benchmark internal report
- 4. Draft BEREC Internal Report on call termination costs to be borne by the receiving party
- 5. End User EWG Workshop on measures towards disabled end-users accessibility to ECS
- 6. BEREC Style guide
- 7. Framework Implementation (FI)-NRA's regulatory capacity
- 8. BEREC Response to the questions by MEP Ms. Trautmann

III. Other important topics discussed:

1. Request by the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority to participate in BEREC as observer

IV. Election of the BEREC Chair 2014:

Göran Marby has been elected as Chair 2014. He will act as Vice Chair 2013, as of the Athens Plenary.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Regulators will take place on 26 and 27 September 2013 in Riga (Latvia), hosted by SPRK, in cooperation with BEREC Office.

Introduction and participation

The Board of Regulators (BoR) held its 15thmeeting on 6-7 June 2013, Athens (Greece), kindly hosted by Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT)

The meeting was attended by high-level representatives of the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) with primary responsibility overseeing the day-to-day operation of the markets of electronic communications networks and services established in each EU member state and the Commission. Representatives of the NRAs from the EFTA states and the states that are candidates for accession to the EU also took part in the meeting and were represented at high level.

The list of attendees at the 15th BoR meeting is presented in Annex II of these minutes.

Items discussed

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Document(s)	BoR (13) 71 rev.3 Draft BoR Agenda
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	BEREC Chair opened the meeting and asked the BoR Members if they have any suggestions for inclusion of additional items under "Any other business" (AOB).

Conclusions	BoR agreed on the agenda including the additional point of discussion	
	proposed under AOB.	

2. Election incoming Chair 2014

Document No.	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	BEREC Chair asked BoR to confirm the result of the election procedure already held during the Management Committee meeting.
Conclusions	BoR confirmed the election of Göran Marby as Chair 2014. He will act as Vice Chair 2013, responsible for HR issues, as of the Athens Plenary.

3. Information by the Chair

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	 BEREC Chair informed about the relevant meeting attended since Ljubljana Plenary: On 21-22 March he participated in the "Rethinking the Internet" Forum. In March, he also met with Vodafone representatives, who expressed their views on the symmetrical application of costing methodologies to fixed and mobile termination, as well as with an informal coalition of business service providers (AT&T, BT, Cable and Wireless, COLT, Level 3, Orange and Verizon) that addresses barriers in the provision of business services. On 3-5 April he participated in the 4th Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean. It was organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, with the support of the European Commission, to address progress and challenges relating to the information society. He also participated on behalf of BEREC to a roundtable discussion on regulation and gave a speech entitled on "The role of regulation in digital development", where he birefly highlighted the experience of BEREC and its potential role for promoting cooperation with regulators in Latin America. On 17-18 April a BEREC representation that included the BEREC Chair, the BEREC Contact Network Chair and a representative of the Vice Chair in charge of HR issues visited the BEREC Office in Riga. Other events were the Telecoms Regulation Forum in London, and the 8th International Electronic Communications Regulators Conference organised by ICTA in Istanbul on 1-3 May, where he chaired the "Regulators' Session I: Electronic Communications Sector: Today and Beyond". On 10 May the second physical board meeting was held in Athens and on 29 May the second physical board meeting was held by means of videoconference. Finally, on 31 May he participated in the Florence School of Regulation annual meeting on the Digital Single Market.
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided.

4. Information by EETT

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	EETT

Information presented	EETT representative gave an overall presentation on the electronic communication market in Greece and on the most relevant EETT interventions.
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided.

5. Adoption of A-items

Document No.	BoR (13) 67 Annual report on BEREC activities and on sector developments -2012
	BoR (13) 57 Draft BEREC MTRs benchmark internal report
	BoR (13) 58 Draft BEREC FTRs benchmark internal report
	BoR (13) 59 Draft BEREC SMSs TR benchmark internal report
	BoR (13) 60 Draft BEREC TRs snapshot report
	BoR (13) 68 Draft BEREC Internal Report on call termination costs to
	be borne by the receiving party
	BoR (13) 69 Amended Decision on the BEREC EWG's for 2013
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information provided	BEREC Chair asked if there were any amendment or request to withdraw documents from the list.
Conclusions	BoR adopted the documents included in the A-Items list, taking into consideration the requested correction.

6. Information by the BEREC Office

Document(s)	BoR (13) 61 BoR (13) 62	Contact lists pack WP 2013 status update
	BoR (13) 63	Report on the recent Art 7/7a Phase II cases
Introduction by	BEREC Office	
Information provided	BEREC Office representative gave an overall overview about the evolution of the WP 2013 and recalled the most recent art 7/7a Phase II cases and related BEREC opinions.	
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided	

7. BEREC Medium Term Strategy

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	BEREC Chair presented an oral update on the review of the BEREC Medium Term Strategy with the aim to submit and updated draft for Plenary 3 in Riga. He highlighted the need to revise the BEREC medium term Strategy taking into consideration recent developments, including recent and anticipated Commission initiatives. A small team comprising of EETT, RTR, PTS, Ofcom and NMHH has been mandated to prepare the updated draft.
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided.

Document No.	No document
Introduction by	BEREC Chair
Information presented	BEREC Chair presented the request by the Gibraltar NRA, GRA to join BEREC as an observer.
Conclusions	BoR agreed to encourage the Gibraltar NRA to cooperate with Ofcom, as a more effective means of obtaining relevant information and any assistance it may require, than joining BEREC as an observer.

8. Request by the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority to participate in BEREC as observer

9. Stakeholder dialogue – Oral update

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	FICORA
Introduction by	FICORA updated on the preparation of the event in Riga. FICORA informed that the invitation letter would be distributed to the attendees the week after the Plenary. Regarding the list of speakers which is going to be finalised, there was a request for 3 more BEREC speakers.
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided.

10. International Roaming – Update on the Roaming decoupling obligation

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	СМТ
Introduction by	CMT representative gave an oral update (on behalf of the IR EWG chair) on the status of the decoupling work stream. A public consultation took place between 14 May and 3 June, with a public hearing on 29 May in Brussels. Response was great, with 40 participants in the public hearing and 35 stakeholders submitting useful comments. The group aims to process the received comments as fast as possible and adopt the final guidelines by e-clearance, within the first week of July. Important work ahead is the compliance report (due in P3) and the report on transparency and comparability of tariffs (P4).
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided

11. End User EWG – Workshop on measures towards disabled end-users accessibility to ECS

Document(s)	BoR (13) 66 Draft Agenda of the BEREC Accessibility Workshop
Introduction by	End User EWG co-chair (ANCOM)
Information presented	EU EWG co-chair (ANCOM) gave an outline of the workshop and asked one of the Heads to be the facilitator during the workshop in order to enhance the importance of the initiative itself.
Conclusions	BoR approved the outline of the public BEREC workshop, allowing the EWG the flexibility to make adjustments, if the need arises, and invited them to conclude the agenda and the preparation of the workshop.

12. BEREC Style guide

Document No.	BoR (13) 65 BEREC style guide: how to improve the quality of BEREC documents
Introduction by	BEREC Office
Information presented	BEREC Office Administrative Manager gave an overview on the main features of the BEREC Style guide stressing the opportunity to have this kind of tool available in order to significantly improve the quality of the BEREC documents from the "aspect" point of view. The AM informed the BoR about relevant comments, received by one NRA on the draft approved by the CN. This comment will be incorporated in the Style Guide.
Conclusions	BoR approved the BEREC Style Guide with the requested amendment and invited BEREC Office to proceed with the finalisation and distribution of the relevant templates.

13. Framework Implementation (FI)-NRA's regulatory capacity

Document(s)	BoR (13) 70 Draft BEREC fact-finding report on NRAs' regulatory capacity
Introduction by	Framework Implementation EWG chair (AGCOM)
Information presented	FI EWG chair (AGCOM) presented the main outcomes of the report and proposed potential further steps in order to update and improve the current report.
Conclusions	BoR approved the document as an internal report and agreed on the need to frequently update it and adapt it to main future developments.

14. BEREC Response to the questions by MEP Ms. Trautmann

Document(s)	BoR (13) 72 Draft BEREC response to MEP Ms. Trautmann
Introduction by	Chair of ad-hoc group (AGCOM)
Information presented	The chair of the ad-hoc group that was formed to respond to MEP Ms. Trautmann's questions (AGCOM) presented the key points of the BEREC views on the functioning of the current regulatory framework.
Conclusions	BoR approved the draft BEREC response, as an internal, informal document, to be transmitted to MEP Ms. Trautmann.

15. Information by the Commission

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	Commission
Information presented	Commission representative focused on the recent "Single Telecoms Market initiative", which aims at promoting real integration of telecoms markets across Europe. He underlined that in future prospective the role of the NRAs is not under question. The Commission would be looking towards a legislative proposal even before the upcoming elections.
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided

16. AOB

16.1.	Information by SPRK on the next Plenary Meeting in Riga

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	SPRK
Information presented	SPRK representative gave some information about the next Plenary in Riga
Conclusions	BoR took note of the information provided

16.2. Request for updating the Observers status in the BEREC rules of procedures

Document(s)	No document
Introduction by	PTA
Information presented	A PTA representative on behalf of the EFTA/EEA Countries asked to review the BEREC Rules of Procedures, in order to reflect the involvement of the EFTA/EEA representatives within BEREC.
Conclusions	The Chair asked the Framework Implementation EWG to develop a relevant proposal, with the support of experts from EFTA/EEA Representatives.