

Press release

BEREC adopts its opinion on the Framework Review and its Work Programme for 2016, and elects its Board for 2016

BEREC held its final Plenary meeting of the year in London, UK, on 10 and 11 December, during which it elected its Board for 2016: Wilhelm Eschweiler (BNetzA) will be the Chair, and will be joined by Angelo Cardani (AGCOM) and Henk Don (ACM), as well as outgoing 2015 Chair Fátima Barros (ANACOM) and 2017 Chair-elect Sébastien Soriano (ARCEP).

BEREC had the pleasure of welcoming Commissioner Günther Oettinger, who addressed Europe's regulators on the Commission's vision for a digital single market. Indeed, the main item of the Plenary's agenda was the adoption of BEREC's opinion on the review of the regulatory Framework, an important component of the Commission's overall Digital Single Market strategy.

BEREC also adopted a <u>report on the regulation of oligopolies</u> which fed into its opinion on the Framework review, and a <u>report on IP-based interconnection for voice services</u>. Following the recent adoption of the Telecoms Single Market Regulation, BEREC provided the Commission with input in relation to the wholesale international roaming market and "fair use" of international roaming services. BEREC also responded to a Commission questionnaire related to the evaluation of the Termination Rates Recommendation, and adopted a termination rates benchmarking report.

Following recent cooperation with the ERGP, BEREC adopted a joint BEREC-ERGP opinion on cross-border parcels delivery.

Finally, BEREC adopted its <u>work programme for 2016</u>, a year which it expects will be dominated by the start of legislative negotiations on the Framework review.

A full list of the documents adopted for publication at the BEREC Plenary, including its second report on the implementation of its broadband common positions, is available here.

The day before the Plenary, on 9 December, it was organised an internal joint BEREC – FCC Workshop on Net Neutrality, which counted with the participation of Tom Wheeler, FCC's Chair.

This was the last BEREC Plenary meeting under the chairmanship of Fátima Barros, President of the Portuguese regulator, ANACOM.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR

About BEREC

BEREC (Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications) is composed of a Board of Regulators consisting of the Heads of the 28 national regulatory authorities (NRAs). BEREC advises the European Commission and its member NRAs, and assists the European Parliament and Council, on issues related to the application of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications. BEREC seeks to ensure fair competition and consistency of regulation in the internal market for electronic communications, for the benefit of European consumers.

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