

Notice for the public consultation for draft BEREC Report "Challenges and drivers of NGN roll-out and infrastructure competition"

In Europe, there is a broad consensus amongst all parties (the European Commission (EC), national and regional governments, NRAs, communication providers) that the rollout of next generation access (NGA) networks is an important desirable goal. Sharing the objective of extending NGA coverage, the type and speed of NGA rollout varies considerably across European countries.

In order to better understand the variation in NGA roll-out this report provides an overview of where MS stand right now in terms of NGA coverage and investigates the main drivers and challenges. The analysis looking at infrastructure competition as well as demand and supply side factors is based on a case study approach, drawing on information obtained from NGA stories provided by NRAs. An important insight from the analysis is that the main factors identified are largely or completely exogenous to regulatory interventions by NRAs.

Considering four different scenarios it is shown in a second step how NRAs apply different combinations of SMP remedies taking into account the given national (or subnational) conditions and NGA rollout strategies of operators to best promote competition and investment.

The document is published for public consultation, which runs from Monday 6 June to Friday 1 July 2016.

All interested parties are invited to send their contributions by 1 July 2016 to e-mail: pm@berec.europa.eu, preferably in English in order to speed up their processing.