

Notice for the launch of the public consultation for the Preliminary report in view of a common position on monitoring mobile coverage

This public consultation is seeking stakeholders' views regarding the [draft Preliminary report in view of a common position on monitoring mobile coverage](#) set out to provide guidance to National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) on monitoring mobile coverage and sharing best practices.

Each national regulatory authority (NRA) uses different means to provide information on national mobile coverage. It constitutes an important obstacle to a consistent approach in terms both of public policy and users' information.

A common understanding on how mobile coverage is measured and published and the definition of a common vocabulary for mobile coverage is a first step to alleviate this obstacle.

To this end, the draft Preliminary report in view of a Common position gives a description of the high-level characteristics that seems essential to the provision of mobile coverage information to consumers, policy makers and industry. It also describes some of the key features of maps used by NRAs to report on mobile coverage.

The purpose of the public consultation is to increase transparency on the on-going work of BEREC regarding the monitoring of mobile coverage and to provide BEREC with valuable feedback from stakeholders. In particular, stakeholders are invited to comment on the list of characteristics for mobile coverage and on the key features of maps identified in the draft Preliminary report.

The response to the public consultation will serve as inputs for the definition of a BEREC common position on monitoring mobile coverage. Further internal work will then be performed to prepare a Common position to be submitted for a second public consultation in the first quarter of 2018.

In accordance with the BEREC policy on public consultations, BEREC will publish a summary of all received contributions, respecting confidentiality requests.

The public consultation will run from **11 of October to 8 November, 2017**

All stakeholders are invited to submit their contributions via the new BEREC online public consultation tool on <https://consultations.berec.europa.eu>, **by 8 November 2017 17:00 CET**. When registering with the consultation tool, please indicate your name and/or the name of the organisation or company¹ you represent.

¹ In case you do not represent an organization or a company, please indicate that this is the case.

Alternatively, contributions could also be submitted to the following e-mail address: Mobilecoverage-Consultation@berec.europa.eu. Further enquiries about the consultation including registration with the online platform may also be submitted to this address.

The overall size of the e-mail (including attachments) should not be larger than 2 MB.

After submitting the contribution via e-mail, an automatic reply will be generated. If this confirmation e-mail is not received, the submission of the contribution was not successful and it should be submitted again.

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to submit their contributions as early as possible. **Contributions received after the above mentioned deadline will not be taken into account.**

Contributions should preferably be sent in English.

This public consultation is organised mainly in BEREC online public consultation platform <https://consultations.berec.europa.eu/en/berec> in a way that allows participants to submit their comments, to provide feedback on comments and parts of the text or to upload their public or confidential files in every section.

Platform **also provides the possibility to download the “word” consultation document** for organisations and stakeholders that would like to share it with their partners to consolidate their views and comments in a single file input.

A single file input can be also uploaded on the platform at any “Add comment” section of discussion, ensuring the classification of this input as public or confidential.

However, in case you send your comments by e-mail, your answers should be organised according to the requested structure (i.e. paragraph by paragraph) in order to facilitate processing the responses.

All contributions will be published on the BEREC website, taking into account requests for confidentiality and publication of personal data. Any such requests should be clearly indicated as: “Consider this contribution as confidential” or, if submitted via e-mail, by clearly stating which information is considered confidential.

Please note that it is also possible to submit both a confidential and a public version of your contribution on the e-mail address: Mobilecoverage-Consultation@berec.europa.eu .