

# 7th BEREC Stakeholder Forum Summary Report

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### **Agenda**

#### 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch and Registration

13.30-13.35 Welcome words by moderator: Philippe Defraigne, Cullen International 13.35-13.45 **Opening remarks** 

Jeremy Godfrey, BEREC Chair 2019 (ComReg, Ireland)
Dan Sjöblom, incoming BEREC Chair 2020, (PTS, Sweden)

13.45-15.00 How to handle security within electronic communication and particular within 5G

#### **Opening remarks:**

Anthony Whelan, Director, Electronic Communications Networks, DG CONNECT

Dan Sjöblom, Incoming BEREC Chair 2020, (PTS, Sweden)

Marnix Dekker, NIS Directive coordinator at ENISA (via video conference) Jonas Wessel, Director Resource Management, PTS and Chairman RSPG

#### Panel discussion

Moderator: Erzsébet Fitori, Director General, FTTH Council Europe

Olav Lysne, Professor, Director at SIMULA METROPOLITAN

Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Director of European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)

Lidia Kozlowska, Senior adviser, Flint

Rosa Barcelo, Partner at law firm, Squire Patton, data privacy & cybersecurity practice group

#### 15.00-15.30 Coffee break

#### 15.30 -15.50 Draft BEREC WP2020

Dan Sjöblom, incoming BEREC Chair 2020 (PTS, Sweden)

#### 15.50-16.10 Futurist with a focus on telecom/technology

Tim Cole, author and speaker within the telecom industry

16.10-17.20 Stakeholder engagement – Open interaction with the audience

Moderator: Philippe Defraigne, Director, Cullen International Jeremy Godfrey, BEREC Chair 2019 (ComReg, Ireland) Dan Sjöblom, incoming BEREC Chair 2020, (PTS, Sweden) Michel Van Bellinghen, elected BEREC Chair 2021 (BIPT, Belgium) 17.20-17.30 Closing remarks

Dan Sjöblom, incoming BEREC Chair 2020 (PTS, Sweden)

#### Introduction

On 16 October, in Brussels, BEREC held its 7th Stakeholder Forum. The stakeholders from the telecoms and digital communications industries had the opportunity to interact with BEREC on cybersecurity in the context of 5G networks, to express their thoughts on the draft BEREC Work Programme 2020 and have a futurist's insight on the technology development.

### Panel discussion on cybersecurity within 5 G networks

A panel discussion on the topic "How to handle security in electronic communication and especially within 5G" attracted a high level of engagement among the attendees.

The session started with keynote remarks from the European Commission's Anthony Whelan, Dan Sjöblom the incoming BEREC Chair 2020, Jonas Wessel, the Chairman of Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) and the cybersecurity expert at the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) - Marnix Dekker.

Thereafter, Erzsébet Fitori, Director General of the FTTH Council led a panel discussion on the same topic. The panel included Professor Olav Lysne, Director at Simula Metropolitan, Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Director of the European Center for International Political Economy (ECIPE), Lidia Kozlowska, Senior Advisor at Flint Global and Rosa Barcelo, Partner and Co-Chair for Data Privacy, the cybersecurity group for Squire Patton.

The interest and engagement from the audience was clear and even continued long after the panel discussion was over on social media as well as in the margins of the Stakeholder Forum.

The purpose for the panel debate was to open up communication and find out how the BEREC Stakeholders handle security within electronic communications.

BEREC does not have a leading role in future cybersecurity regulation. Rather, it is part of the bigger ecosystem where other organizations such as the NIS Cooperation Group, ENISA and Europol have more central roles. Since NRAs have a good connection with stakeholders and expert knowledge about the market, this is expertise BEREC can contribute to the discussion.

#### **Introduction to BEREC Work Programme 2020**

After the first segment, the incoming Chair, Dan Sjöblom presented the draft BEREC Work Programme 2020, which is undergoing public consultation and BEREC asked for feedback from stakeholders.

The electronic communications sector is characterised as a rapid evolution in technology and consequently, a digital ecosystem that is under constant development. The draft Work Programme 2020 has been developed to prepare for the new challenges put forth in the EECC and the new BEREC Regulation.

# Strategic priority 1 - Responding to connectivity challenges and new conditions for access to high-capacity networks, e.g.

- 5 different Guidelines, e.g. VHCN, Network Termination Point
- BEREC study on the determinants of investment in VHCN
- BEREC opinion on the review of EC Recommendation on Relevant Markets

### Strategic priority 2 - Monitoring potential bottlenecks in the distribution of digital services, e.g.

- Update to the guidelines on intra-EU communications
- Report on Market & Economic Issues of Digital platforms
- Workshop on data collection from OTTs

### Strategic priority 3 - Enabling 5G and promoting innovation in network technologies, e.g.

- 5G continues to be in focus...
- Several work items focusing on the impact of 5G on regulation
- Security issues related to 5G implementation

# Strategic priority 4 - Fostering a consistent approach to the net neutrality principles, e.g.

- Updating the Guidelines
- Support and experience exchange in relation to the Net Neutrality Measurement tool
- Workshop on the status of IPv6 roll-out

#### Strategic priority 5 - Exploring new ways to boost consumer empowerment, e.g.

- 3 different guidelines
- Report on MS' best practices defining adequate broadband IAS
- Report on how to handle 3rd party payment charges on mobile phone bill

### A futurist's insight

The stakeholder Forum also gave the audience a forward-looking perspective when the author and visionary, Tim Cole gave a presentation on how he believes the future of digitalization will develop in the global marketplace. He gave a futurist's insight on technology development.

#### Open dialogue with the audience

Subsequently, after the draft Work Programme 2020 was presented, Philippe Defraigne, Director at Cullen International, moderated a conversation with the audience, which gave them an opportunity to express their thoughts on the BEREC Work Programme 2020 draft, as well as BERECs past, present and future work. The stakeholders had valuable input to BEREC's future work, as well as several questions to current BEREC Chair Jeremy Godfrey (ComReg, Ireland), incoming Chair for 2020 Dan Sjöblom (PTS, Sweden) and incoming Chair for 2021 - Michel Van Bellinghen (BIPT, Belgium).

### **Closing remarks**

The incoming Chair, Dan Sjöblom, thanked the audience for their valuable questions, suggestions and for their participation during the Stakeholder Forum. Sjöblom also thank all of the speakers, moderators and panelists, for the very engaging and thought-provoking discussions during the afternoon. Clearly, it is critical for BEREC to receive input from the community, from the stakeholders, as well as from all aspects of the marketplace which will shape and influence policies and the importance of special measures in that regard.

Participants stressed the importance transparency, open communication and being able to be involved in BEREC's work, which is part of the reason BEREC is continuing to have these Stakeholder Forums each year. Sjöblom ended the closing remarks with once again thanking for a rich discussion, and said that he looks forward to taking the discussion forward and its continuance over the coming years.