

# 60<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the BEREC Office Management Board (MB)

Hybrid meeting

# **Conclusions**

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### Main results of the 60th BEREC Office Management Board Meeting

The Management Board (MB) of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office, Agency) held its 60th Ordinary Plenary Meeting on 4 October 2024, in Budapest, Hungary.

During the Meeting, the MB discussed and/or approved the following documents:

#### 1. Documents approved as regular items for publication:

- MB (24) 76 MB Agenda;
- MB (24) 83 Assessment of the application from the NRA of the Republic of Armenia (PSRC) to join the work of BEREC and the BEREC Office;
- MB (24) 84 MB decision concerning the application from the NRA of Republic of Armenia (PSRC) to join the work of BEREC and BEREC Office.

#### 2. Documents submitted for information:

- MB (24) 77 Conclusions of the 3rd BAG meeting;
- MB (24) 78 BEREC Office Consolidated Interim Activity Report for 2024;
- MB (24) 79 Overview of the Commission Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document of the Agency for Support for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the period 2025–2027;
- MB (24) 80 Possible negative priorities for 2025–2027;
- MB (24) 81 Timetable for the adoption of the final SPD;
- MB (24) 82 Draft status update on the new premises project of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)

#### 3. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the MB will take place in hybrid format on 6 December 2024, in Slovenia.

#### **Introduction and participation**

The Management Board (MB) of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office, Agency) held its 60th Ordinary Plenary Meeting on 4 October 2024, in Budapest, Hungary.

The Meeting was attended by the Heads and/or high-level representatives of the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) with primary responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the markets for electronic communications networks and services established in each Member State (MS) of the European Union (EU) and by the European Commission (EC). The heads and high-level representatives of the NRAs with which BEREC has concluded Working Arrangements (WA) were also present.

#### **List of documents**

The list of final documents approved by the Meeting, including those intended for publication, in compliance with the BEREC Regulation and the MB transparency rules, is presented in Annex to the Conclusions.

#### Items discussed

A short overview of the information under each Agenda item, a summary record of the proceedings, and a record of the conclusions reached by the MB are presented below.

#### 1. Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

Document(s)	MB (24) 51 Draft MB Agenda
Introduction by	MB Chairperson (HAKOM)
Information presented	The MB Chairperson opened the Meeting and presented the Agenda for approval by the MB. The MB members were invited to suggest any additional issues to be raised or presented under 'Any other business' (AOB).
Conclusion	The Agenda was approved without any amendments.

#### 2. Appointment of Chairperson for 2026 and Deputy Chairpersons for 2025

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	MB Chairperson (HAKOM)
Information presented	Based on Article 17(1) of the BEREC Regulation, the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Management Board shall be the persons appointed as the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Board of Regulators. The same term of office shall apply.
	During the 60th BoR Plenary Meeting held on 3 October in Budapest, Hungary, the BoR agreed on the election process and the number of Vice-Chairs and elected:
	- Mr Marko Mišmaš – Director of AKOS, Slovenia – for the post of BEREC Chair 2026;
	<ul> <li>Ms Alejandra de Iturriaga Gandini – Director of Telecommunications and Audiovisual Sector at CNMC, Spain – for the post of BEREC Vice-Chair 2025;</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Ms Daniela Brönstrup – Vice-President of BNetzA, Germany – for the post of BEREC Vice-Chair 2025;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ms Liliia Malon – Commissioner of NCEC, Ukraine – for the post of Representative of the participants without voting rights to the Mini-Board 2025.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	The MB noted the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Board of Regulators as the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairpersons of the Management Board.

## 3. Information from CERT-EU

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Director of CERT-EU
Information presented	Information presented under this agenda item was strictly confidential.
Conclusion	The MB took note of the information.

# 4. Recent activities of the BEREC Office Advisory Group

Document(s)	For information:
	MB (24) 77 Conclusions of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> BAG meeting
	MB (24) 78 BEREC Office Consolidated Interim Activity Report for 2024
	MB (24) 79 Overview of the Commission Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document of the Agency for Support for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office) for the period 2025–2027
	MB (24) 80 Possible negative priorities for 2025–2027
	MB (24) 81 Timetable for the adoption of the final SPD
	MB (24) 82 Draft status update on the new premises project of the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)
Introduction by	BAG Chair (BNetzA) BEREC Office Director
Information presented	The BAG Chair informed the MB about the recent BEREC Office Advisory Group activities, including the outcome of its 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Meeting held on 5 September 2024. She presented to the MB the documents listed above and the BAG opinion concerning them.
	The MB was updated about:
	- Consolidated Interim Activity Report (CIAR) 2024;
	The report has three main objectives: to give an overview of the activities of the BEREC Office in the first half of the year until the end of June, to show the execution of the KPIs objectives, and the challenges that BEREC Office faces. The main objectives have been executed until now. In addition, the BEREC Office received very high and positive results (over 97%) from the satisfaction survey about the support provided to BEREC

and WGs; another important achievement was the launch of the new BEREC website during the summer. As for the challenges, the BEREC Office's attractiveness as an employer is significantly declining, primarily due to the decrease of the correction coefficient in Latvia (the lowest in the Baltic States). It is essential to establish specific measures to enhance BEREC Office's attractiveness.

## Single programming document (SPD) 2025–2027 and BEREC Office Budget 2025;

The EC feedback on the SDP was received during the summer and comments have been addressed. Among the key concerns, there is the risk of cybersecurity attacks. For this reason, the BEREC Office requested 2 additional contract agent posts for cybersecurity experts, as other options would not be suitable and more expensive. The SPD 2025–2027 will be adopted in December 2024 (before Christmas) via electronic procedure, in order to have the BEREC Office being able to spend the budget by the end of this year.

## - New BEREC Office premises project

There are four possible options that the BEREC Office has for its future premises and which need to be thoroughly analysed:

- 1. Staying in the current premises
- 2. Joining the House of Europe (HoE) project without ownership
- 3. Joining the House of Europe (HoE) project with ownership
- 4. Renting premises on the private market

The BEREC Office Director affirmed that, after the Plenary, the BEREC Office would liaise with the Parliament to provide it with an update from the BEREC Office on the HoE project. In this way, the BEREC Office will be able to present to the MB the updated options in spring 2025 and they will be able to take a final decision.

Conclusion

The MB took take note of the information.

# 5. Ad hoc group to analyse the requests of NRAs of third countries to participate in the work of BEREC and BEREC Office

Document(s)	MB (24) 83 Assessment of the application from the NRA of the Republic of Armenia (PSRC) to join the work of BEREC and the BEREC Office
	MB (24) 84 Draft MB Decision concerning the application from the NRA of the Republic of Armenia (PSRC) to join the work of BEREC and the BEREC Office
Introduction by	Chair of the ad hoc group (BnetzA)
Information presented	The Chair of the ad hoc team presented to the MB the Conclusion of the ad hoc group on the application of the NRA of the Republic of Armenia.
	The BEREC ad hoc group recommended that PSRC cannot become a participant without voting rights in BEREC and the BEREC Office, mainly due to the fact that the agreement which is in place between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia is a partnership and cooperation

	agreement in which, differently from other types of agreements (in particular the Stabilisation and Association Agreements), the degree of engagement with the Union and the Republic of Armenia is not sufficient to qualify PSRC for participation in BEREC's work.
	The MB was asked to decide whether or not the application was eligible, and the NRAs could become participants without voting rights in BEREC and BEREC Office.
Conclusion	The MB approved the documents for publication.

# 6. Oral update on the Communications ENG projects in 2024

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Communications ENG Co-Chairs (AGCOM/ANCOM)
Information presented	The Communications ENG Co-Chair presented the main projects carried out in Q1 and Q2 this year. She noted that two successful external workshops had been organised, for which Communications ENG had prepared the promotional activities.
	Firstly, the Co-Chairs informed that the sustainability communications campaign had been developed in cooperation with the SUS WG Co-Chairs and had taken place from 12 June to 2 July 2024, and it is still ongoing for NRAs. She also provided some achievements in figures, such as the number of translations and posts on Twitter and LinkedIn.
	Secondly, the Co-Chairs showed some images of the educational campaign about the new BEREC website design and contents, launched on 4 September 2024 and still ongoing.
	Lastly, the Communications ENG Co-Chair confirmed that the Comms ENG Core Team had approached the WG Co-Chairs to define tentative communications activities according to the preliminary BEREC Work Programme 2025 to be included in the Communications Plan. Meetings with the incoming Chair's Team 2025 are organised to draft the BEREC Communications Plan and Message House 2025, which have to be approved by the MB during P4. Among the proposals for the draft BEREC Communications Plan 2025, the Co-Chairs mentioned the BEREC social media strategy, the BEREC External Communication Strategy (to be revised based on the new BEREC Strategy) and a dedicated social media campaign for the celebration of BEREC's 15th anniversary.
Conclusion	The MB took note of the information.

## 7. AOB

## 7.1 Information on the 61st MB ordinary meeting (6 December 2024, Slovenia)

Document(s)	No documents
Introduction by	Representative of the host NRA (AKOS)
Information presented	The Representative of the host NRA reminded the participants to register and provided information on the 61 <sup>st</sup> Plenary Meetings that will take place on 5–6 December 2024 in Slovenia.

Conclusion	The MB took note of the information.
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