

Minutes

Present:

Marisa Azzopardi, Stefan Briffa (GO)

Gertrude Borg Micallef (Melita)

Rachel Desira (Vodafone)

Ivan Bugeja, Damian Gatt, Mark Spiteri (MCA)

Introduction and Developments since last forum

Ivan Bugeja gave a brief introduction of the MCA's activities in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Use of ICT by Minors 2012 – Results of survey

Mark Spiteri presented the results of a survey carried out in May 2012. The aim of the survey was to gauge the levels of use of ICT and the Internet by minors; to identify the perceptions and attitudes of minors and their parents related to the safe use of the Internet; to identify safety related situations/circumstances that minors might come across while browsing the internet; and to assess the levels of awareness about the BeSmartOnline! Project.

The survey was targeted at 8 to 15 year old students (attending between Year 4 and Form 4 at school) and their respective parents. A total of 23 state, private and independent schools participated in the study.

MCA Business Plan 2013

Damian Gatt presented an overview of the Authority's Business Plan for 2013, in particular the actions related to electronic communications.

The key tasks that the MCA will undertake during 2013 fall under four key headings, being:

- Regulating for lasting competition in the electronic communications sector
- Ensuring that electronic communications undertakings provide a transparent value-for-money service to users whilst adhering to incumbent social obligations
- Contributing to the development and implementation of electronic communications regulatory policy at an international level
- Facilitating innovation and investments in ICTs.

In January 2013, the MCA will publish its Strategic Plan Update 2013 – 2015 and its Annual Plan for 2013.

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Developments at EU level (October-December 2012)

Ivan Bugeja gave an update of the main EU developments over the last four months.

MCA Consultations

Lists of current and planned consultations for Q1/2013 were distributed during the meeting.

Meeting dates for 2013

During the coming year, the Electronic Communications Forum will take place on:

29th March, 2013

28th June, 2013

4th October, 2013

20th December, 2013.