

## Minutes

### Present:

Marisa Azzopardi (GO)

Stephanie Zarb (Melita)

Rachel Desira (Vodafone)

Celia Falzon, Helga Pizzuto, Ivan Bugeja, Andrew Meli, Roderick Marmara (MCA)

### Introduction and Developments since last forum

Celia Falzon gave a brief introduction of the MCA's activities in the first quarter of 2013.

### Technical Guidelines on Reporting Incidents

Roderick Marmara described how the Electronic Communications Framework, by means of Article 13a of the Framework Directive, introduced the obligation on undertakings to notify to the NRA, breaches of security or loss of integrity that had a significant impact on the operation of network services. The NRA, as appropriate, will inform the general public, other NRAs and ENISA. On an annual basis, NRAs are then required to report to the Commission and ENISA about the notifications received and actions taken.

These provisions have been transposed under the Electronic Communications Networks and Services (General) Regulations.

Roderick explained that the MCA has drafted a set of national guidelines with the aim of providing a uniform format for incident reporting. These guidelines are based on the updated ENISA Technical Guidance on Incident Reporting. The document will be sent to the undertakings for feedback. MCA will also send a draft copy of the new ENISA guideline on security measures for feedback. Any feedback should reach the MCA by **10<sup>th</sup> May 2013**.

Roderick explained that the MCA incident reporting guidelines are intended to build on the current practice with the aim to decrease the reporting burden as much as possible. In this regard, only incidents which meet certain thresholds will require reporting.

### Draft Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks – COM(2013)147

Andrew Meli explained that this new Commission proposal was published in late March and has as an objective the eventual reduction on cost and enhancement in the efficiency of deploying high-speed electronic communications infrastructures by addressing a number of problems.

The regulation covers the following:

- Access to existing physical infrastructures, which apart from electronic communications networks include utility infrastructures. The Commission is proposing that these networks shall have the right to be granted access and to meet all reasonable requests for access;
- Coordination of civil works – in addition to the right to negotiate coordination of civil works, there is also the obligation for undertakings performing civil works financed, fully or partially, by public means to meet all reasonable requests for civil works coordination.
- Permit granting – the Regulation sets up a system for facilitating the permit granting process and the monitoring of compliance with deadlines.
- The setting up of a single information point which will gather information concerning existing physical infrastructure and also a single point of contact which will be responsible for forwarding permit applications to the relevant local authorities and also monitoring compliance with deadlines.
- The establishment of a national dispute settlement body with the power to resolve issues arising from the rights and obligations conferred by the Regulation.

Andrew explained that the MCA is in the process of submitting its recommendations to the Ministry and that, in this regard, it would appreciate any feedback from the industry on the proposed measure.

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### **Developments at EU level (October-December 2012)**

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

### **MCA Consultations**

The lists containing the current and planned MCA consultations were distributed during the meeting.

### **Next meeting**

The next Electronic Communications Forum will take place on:  
Friday, 28 June 2013 at 09.30 hrs.