

Minutes

Present:

Fabian Grima, Marisa Azzopardi, Stefan Briffa (GO)

Theresienne Bezzina, Stephanie Zarb (Melita)

Rachel Desira (Vodafone)

Celia Falzon, Ivan Bugeja (MCA)

Introduction and Developments since last forum

Celia Falzon gave a brief introduction of the MCA's activities in the third quarter of 2012.

Overview of BEREC 2013 Work Programme

Ivan Bugeja presented the draft Work Programme of BEREC for 2013 which was recently released for consultation.

BEREC's work for 2013 will fall under four main categories: the promotion of consistent application of the Electronic Communications Framework; contribution to the development of the internal market supporting the Digital Agenda for Europe objectives; the provision of advice to ad hoc requests by the European Institutions and work related to Article 7/7a Phase II cases.

The Work Programme will have four main themes being boosting the roll-out of next generation networks; consumer empowerment and protection; boosting the internal market; and other activities.

Work streams relating to boosting the roll-out of next generation networks include work related to BEREC's Common Positions and the foreseen request for an Opinion on the anticipated Recommendation on costing principles for key access products.

The theme on consumer empowerment and protection will deal predominantly on Net Neutrality issues and other aspect of the Universal Service Directive.

Boosting the internal market for services will deal with a number of different issues, including work streams stemming out of the obligations of the Roaming Regulation, various benchmarking reports, regulatory accounting and envisaged requests for BEREC Opinions on non-discrimination and relevant markets.

The last theme covers all other activities that do not fall under the above priority areas and includes work streams related to the evaluation of BEREC, dialogue with stakeholders and exchanges with international organizations.

FTTH – Status update

The FTTH project is progressing.

The State Aid Monitoring Board is currently in discussions with the European Commission regarding the pre-notification of the application for state aid approval.

With regard to the tender, the Contracts Department is currently reviewing the Notice to be published in the Official Journal and the accompanying documentation.

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Developments at EU level (July – October 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 Q4/2012 were distributed during the meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next Electronic Communications Forum will take place on:

Friday, 14th December, 2012 at 09.30 hrs.