

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

BEREC Market Economic Analysis Internet-Value-Chain Working Group Meeting

An MCA officer attended the meeting held on the 27th April 2021, organised by the BEREC Market Economic Analysis (MEA) Internet-Value-Chain (IVC) Working Group (WG). The meeting was a joint meeting with the Open Internet WG whose focus is also on the IVC.

The meeting was a review on the scoping document. In particular, the meeting focused on the definitions of "openness" and "contestability" as set out in paragraph 4.4.

There was specific concern from the German regulator BNetzA regarding figure 2, which they argued raised several issues such as:

- 1) the end-user being at one end of the spectrum and the business-user at the other end;
- 2) "Content" being displayed next to the business-user but far away from the end-user.

It was proposed that figure 2 should be further discussed at the subgroup level to integrate the feedback received.

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) Consumers and Core Indicators Working Group

On the 22nd April, 2021, the MCA participated the ERGP Consumers and Core Indicators WG meeting.

During the ERGP Consumers and Core Indicators WG meeting, the following was discussed:

- Report on the contractual situation of consumer:
 - Follow-up on the results of the questionnaire and the draft report.
- Quality of service, complaint handling, and consumer protection report:
 - Status of the draft questionnaire, and agreed to be sent to NRAs, to start collecting the data.
- Core Indicators Report
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Extra-Ordinary BEREC Contact Network 2021 – April 2021

MCA participated in an extra-ordinary BEREC Contact Network held remotely on the 21st April. The objective of the Meeting was to discuss the Draft BEREC Opinion on the Roaming review and the NIS2 review in order to agree on passing the documents to the Board of Regulators for approval for publication via e-voting procedure. The Meeting also provided a discussion on the interplay between the draft EC Broadband mapping methodology and the BEREC Guidelines on the EECC Article 22.

Web Accessibility Experts Group Meeting ('WADEX')

The MCA team responsible for the management and enforcement of the Web Accessibility Directive for Public Sector Websites ('WAD') attended for the planned WADEX meeting on 20th April, 2021. This meeting was held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The focus of this meeting revolved around the use of indicators or metrics that could be used to gauge the accessibility posture of public sector websites. This allows public sector entities to both compare their situation to other peers but perhaps more importantly, it allows entities to understand how their posture improves or worsens over time. At present there is no agreed metric that can be adopted by the European member states and this is quite challenging to develop because accessibility criteria are assessed differently and there is an element of subjectivity in relation to their importance and status. Further work on this subject matter is ongoing by the European Commission and the member states.

47th Meeting of the ECC Working Group NaN1

Two MCA representatives participated in a remote meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 20th and 21st April 2021. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to future numbering issues, including

ongoing Report drafting, and emerging industry trends and their implications on numbering resources.

Meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) – Good Offices Subgroup

One of the subgroups of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) assists in bilateral spectrum management negotiations between member states. During the last meeting which was held on the 20th April 2021, the group continued to discuss a request raised by one Member State for the invocation of Article 28 of the European Electronic Communications Code. The next RSPG-Good offices meeting is planned to take place on the 6th May 2021.

International Telecommunications Union (ITU) GE84 Plan Optimization for Africa

This workshop, which was organised by the ITU Radiocommunications Bureau in collaboration with the African Telecommunication Union, was held between 19th and 21st April 2021. The scope of this optimisation plan is to make use of the 87.5-108 MHz broadcasting band in a more efficient manner, in order to accommodate the need for additional frequencies in African countries. Malta, as a neighbour of African countries, was invited to follow and understand the process that the involved countries were adopting to provide more efficient use of radio spectrum. The next meeting is planned for end of June 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

MCA International News Week 13

Published On: Apr 28th 2021 News

Assignment of the 3.6 GHz Band - Submissions to the Call for Expression of Interest

Published On: Apr 27th 2021 News

Guidelines for the Compliance Measurement of Electromagnetic Fields (110MHz -100GHz)

Published On: Apr 20th 2021 News

MCA International News Week 12

Published On: Apr 20th 2021 News

MCA International News Week 11

Published On: Apr 20th 2021 News

The Assignment of Spectrum in the 3.6 GHz Band - Call for Expression of Interest

Published On: Apr 19th 2021 News

Key Market Indicators for Electronic Communications and Post: Q1 2016 to Q4 2020

Published On: Apr 15th 2021 Data Report Sheet

Monthly Newsletter - March 2021

Published On: Apr 15th 2021 News

Insights into Buying Behaviour Attitudes - Internet & eCommerce Use by Consumers Survey 2021

Published On: Apr 8th 2021 Individuals Internet and Ecommerce Usage Study

Additional spectrum for wireless broadband electronic communications services

Published On: Apr 7th 2021 **Decision**

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

Date: 06.04.2021

Channel: TVM

Programme: TVAM

Topic: Complaints and Enquiries received by MCA

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

LEGAL UPDATES

Legal Notice:

- Legislation - Publication on the 16th April 2021 of LN 164 of 2021 entitled 'Electronic Communications Networks and Services (General) (Amendments No. 2) Regulations, 2021

Radio:

Date: 14.04.2021

Channel: Radju Malta

Programme: Aħna I-Maltin

Topic: Complaints and Enquiries received by MCA

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 15.04.2021

Channel: TVM

Programme: Niskata

Topic: Complaints and Enquiries received by MCA