

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2nd Digital Services Meeting

The MCA participated in the 2nd Meeting of the Digital Services Committee, held on 27th April 2023. The meeting, organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, took place in Brussels. The agenda included updates from the Commission on the implementation of the Digital Services Act (DSA), a vote on the Implementing Regulation, Member States' preparedness for the implementation of the DSA, and information sharing from the Member States on platforms and user numbers. The MCA contributed to discussions, sharing insights and experiences from Malta's perspective, and engaged with other Member States and the European Commission to ensure a successful and comprehensive implementation of the DSA.

NISDUC Conference

An MCA representative attended the second NISDUC conference, a two-day conference which was held in Brussels between the 25th and 26th April 2023, that brings together the stakeholders involved in the implementation and supervision of the NIS and NIS2 directive. The main objective of the conference was knowledge sharing about the challenges and opportunities that arise when implementing NIS and future looking towards NIS2.

Cooperation between the MCA and the Serbian Regulator RATEL

From the 23rd to the 25th April 2023, a delegation from the MCA visited the Serbian Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RATEL). During the visit, a memorandum of understanding was signed which aims to strengthen the cooperation between the MCA and RATEL in the areas of radio spectrum monitoring and mobile QoS. During the visit, information and practical experience in these areas were exchanged, through in particular, visits to their radio spectrum monitoring facilities.

2nd DSA Expert Meeting

The MCA participated in the 2nd Meeting of the Digital Services Expert Group that took place on 21st April 2023. Key topics covered during the meeting included updates on the Digital Services Act (DSA) preparations, the establishment of the European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency, and the state of secondary legislation and guidance. Participants also discussed the Delegated Act on the performance of audits (Article 37 DSA) and Member States' early preparedness and adaptation to the DSA. The meeting concluded with a focus on enhancing communication and exchange channels between Member States during the transition period.

2nd Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23

The MCA participated in this meeting, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland between 27th March and 6th April 2023. The meeting prepared a

consolidated report on the preparatory studies undertaken by the Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union and possible solutions to the WRC-23 agenda items. This report will be used in support of the work of WRC-23 to be held in Dubai in November/December 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

MCA Analysis of the Market for the Provision of Wholesale Physical and Virtual Infrastructure Access in Malta

Published On: Apr 28th 2023 [Consultation](#)

Decision Notice on Universal Service Obligations on Electronic Communications Services

Published On: Apr 28th 2023 [Decision](#)

Career Opportunity: Chief Executive Officer

Published On: Apr 21st 2023 [Recruitment](#)

MCA International News Week 6/7 2023

Published On: Apr 20th 2023 [News](#)

Monthly Newsletter - March 2023

Published On: Apr 19th 2023 [News](#)

MCA International News Week 5 2023

Published On: Apr 12th 2023 [News](#)

Key Market Indicators for Electronic Communications and Post: Q1 2018 to Q4 2022

Published On: Apr 11th 2023 [Data Report Sheet](#)

MCA International News Week 4 2023

Published On: Apr 4th 2023 [News](#)

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 04.04.2023

Channel: ONE

Programme: Kalamita

Topic: Half Yearly Report: July-December 2022

Participant: Yanika Bugeja

LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation:

(i) 25th April 2023: Sitting before the Administrative Review Tribunal in the appeal lodged by MaltaPost contesting a MCA decision requiring MaltaPost to pay compensation for having failing to reach the delivery targets in 2019. Case for adjourned to 24th October 2023 for the cross-examination by MCA of MaltaPost's witnesses.

(ii) 25th April 2023: Sitting before the Administrative Review Tribunal in the appeal lodged by EPIC (previously Vodafone Malta) contesting an MCA decision relating to VULA. During this sitting EPIC presented their final written submissions. Case stands adjourned to 24th October 2023 for the presentation of the final written submissions by MCA and by GO.

(iii) 25th April 2023: Sitting before the Court of Appeal (Superior) in the appeal by EPIC and GO relating to an MCA 2005 Directive concerning Legal Interpretation payments. Case stands adjourned for oral submissions by all the parties on the incidental appeal by MCA from the judgment of the First Hall of June 2013 re preliminary pleas raised by MCA and on the application by Epic & GO for a reference to CJEU on the interpretation of the EU norms as per Directive 2002/20/EC. Case is now adjourned for the 23rd May 2023.

Legislation:

Publication on 11th April 2023 of Legal Notice 80 of 2023 entitled Emergency Communications, the Single European Emergency Call Service ("112" Number) and the European Harmonised Services of Social Value ("116" Numbering Range) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.