

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

28th Meeting of Working Group NaN3

Two representatives from the MCA participated in a meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 24th and 25th February 2022. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to emergency numbers, including ongoing Report drafting.

P2B Regulation within the MSs eCommerce Expert Working Group Meeting

An eCommerce Expert Group virtual meeting took place on 23rd February 2022, dedicated to the implementation of the P2B regulation within the MSs. The Regulation, in force since 12th July 2020 aims to promote fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services. The meeting took stock of developments within MSs, particularly focussing on enforcement. Some MSs briefly mentioned their experience with handling cases related to this Regulation. Also, the contractor entrusted by the CION to carry out an evaluation of the Regulation, provided an update on the study and informed attendees that it would be contacting the individual MSs to collate relevant data about their experience with implementing the Regulation.

Some highlights from the meeting:

- Enforcement by MSs is done through either judicial courts, consumer/ competition authorities or ministries.
- There is general consensus on the need for a cooperation network, such as the IMI that would allow MSs to communicate on P2B matters. CION questioned whether the existing IMI network could be extended for P2B issues or whether to create a new information sharing system.
- Some MSs mentioned the activities they are carrying out in this regard, such as communicating with online intermediary service and online search engine platforms to take stock of their compliance with the P2B regulation, as well as engaging with business

users to create awareness about the new set of rules which are beneficial to them.

50th Meeting of Working Group NaN1

Two representatives from the MCA participated in a web meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 21st and 22nd February 2022. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to future numbering issues, including ongoing drafting of Reports, reviewing of ECC Recommendations and discussions on future work items.

BEREC/IRG 1st Contact Network 2022

MCA participated in the BEREC Contact Network held remotely on the 17th and 18th February 2022. The objective of the Meeting was to prepare for the 50th Board of Regulators (BoR) Meeting planned for the following month, in March. During the Meeting, the respective Expert Working Groups and BEREC Office presented to the CN members a number of documents (including Guidelines and Reports) as well as Oral updates on ongoing/completed BEREC deliverables.

The 101st Working Group on Frequency Management (WGFM#101)

The Electronic Communications Committee's Working Group on Frequency Management (WG FM) is responsible for developing strategies, plans and implementation advice for radio spectrum management within CEPT (European Conference for Postal and Telecommunication Administrations). The last meeting was held online, between the 7th and 11th of February 2022. The meeting discussed aspects related to a number of radiocommunication services and reviewed several ECC decisions, recommendations and reports. The participation of the MCA allowed Malta to be involved in the process leading to the adoption of European spectrum management and licensing deliverables. This will feed into the review process of legal instruments pertaining to spectrum management.

BEREC Open Internet Expert Working Group Meeting

The MCA participated in various meetings organised by the Open Internet Expert Working Group within BEREC. The main topics of discussion include general issues related to the regulatory supervision associated with the Open Internet Regulation and the updates to the BEREC guidelines.

Published On: Feb 21st 2022 [Guidelines](#)

Consultation on Contracts, Transparency and Termination of Services

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Monthly Newsletter - January 2022

Published On: Feb 14th 2022 [News](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Summary of the Report from the European Commission on the Application of the Postal Services Directive (PSD)

Published On: Feb 28th 2022 [News](#)

MCA International News Week 43 - 2021

Published On: Feb 8th 2022 [News](#)

MCA International News Week 45 - 2021

Published On: Feb 24th 2022 [News](#)

The Assignment Process of Radio Spectrum in VHF Band for Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting (T-DAB) Services in Malta

Published On: Feb 7th 2022 [Decision](#)

The Assignment of Radio Spectrum in the VHF Band for T-DAB Networks - Call for Expression of Interest

Published On: Feb 23rd 2022 [News](#)

EVENTS

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Mobile World Congress in Barcelona #MWC2022

MCA CEO Jesmond Bugeja and Chief for Spectrum Management and Technology, Ing. Antoine Sciberras, were present and participated in the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona which kicked off on the 28th February. #MWC2022 is an influential event bringing together leaders in the mobile and tech industry to explore ground-breaking technologies shaping the future of connectivity.

Postal Services – Household Survey 2021

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Guidance Note - Ensuring that 'Contracts' contain only Information specific to the Tariff Plan and Services requested by the End-User



The GSMA Ministerial Programme #MWC22PP welcomed 161 delegations to Barcelona to debate the issues and steer a course towards economic recovery and a digitally inclusive world. While encouraging policy dialogue, this year #BEREC and the #GSMA held a meeting between BEREC members and high-level representatives from European telecoms operators.

#MWC2022 themes covered:

- **5G Connect**, covering topics such as 5G for Industry, 5G to 6G and Sustainability and Partnerships;
- **Cloudnet**, covering topics such as OpenRAN, Cloud and Edge;
- **Advancing AI**, covering topics such as Data Automation, Quantum Computing and Ethics;
- **Fintech**, covering topics such as Identity and Security, Payment Innovations and Metaverse;
- **Internet of Everything**, covering topics such as Smart Cities and Industry Adoption, Drones & Devices and People, Data, Process;
- **Tech Horizon**, covering topics such as Creative Tech, Diversity4Tech and Climate and the SDGs.

MCA's Chief for Spectrum Management and Technology, Ing. Antoine Sciberras, moderated the 5G Zorro Tech Talk as part of the 2022 Mobile World Congress. The panel explored recent developments in the use of innovative technologies facilitating 5G.



The Ministerial Programme 2022 addressed our long-term goals to, amongst other things, close the connectivity and usage gaps, meet global climate targets and build policies for our new digital world. Various hybrid sessions covered topics and themes such as Digital Inclusion, Spectrum Strategy, Digital Policies to speed-up Post-Covid Recovery and Climate Action.