

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Digital Services Expert Group

IMDU participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Digital Services Expert Group held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The meeting aimed to discuss the entry into application of the DSA and the latest developments in its preparation. The agenda included updates from the European Commission and member states on their preparations, as well as presentations on the methodology and performance of audits. During the meeting, the Commission introduced the draft Rules of Procedure for the group, and IMDU participated in the Q&A sessions that followed each presentation.

### BEREC/IRG 1<sup>st</sup> Contact Network 2023

MCA participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> BEREC/IRG Contact Network for 2023, held remotely between the 16-17<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The objective of the Meeting was to prepare for the 54<sup>th</sup> Board of Regulators (BoR) Meeting planned for the following month, in March. During the Meeting, the respective Expert Working Groups, the BEREC Office, the Commission and IRG presented to the CN members a number of updates on ongoing initiatives and BEREC deliverables.

## **104<sup>th</sup> Working Group on Frequency Management Meeting (WGFM#104)**

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 took place between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, in a hybrid environment, where attendees had the opportunity to participate physically in Germany, or else remotely. The meeting discussed several aspects related to a number of radiocommunication services including the review of several ECC decisions, recommendations and reports. The next meeting is planned to take place in June 2023.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Preparatory Meeting of CEPT/ECC for WRC-23**

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CEPT/ECC conference preparatory group for WRC-23 (CPG23-7) was held in Marseille, France between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The meeting considered the progress being made by the various sub-groups in the development of European Common Proposals and updated a number of CEPT Briefs. The meeting approved contributions to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ITU conference preparatory meeting (CPM23-2) on certain agenda items.

## **BEREC End-Users Working Group**

The MCA participated in the BEREC End-User group kick-off meeting, held on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, during which, members were presented with an update on the work streams entrusted to the end-user group and which were carried over from 2022. During the meeting, the group discussed and agreed on the Project Requirements Definition (PRD) documents, PRDs which the group will be working on during 2023.

## **GOVSATCOM - Configuration of the Space Programme Committee Meeting**

The MCA has participated in the meeting of the GOVSATCOM configuration of the Space Programme Committee held in February 2023. The meeting focused on the necessary next steps for IRIS2 and provided relevant information to the delegates.

## **60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG#60)**

The meeting considered progress being made by the various RSPG Sub-Groups. In particular, it adopted a report on peer review as foreseen under Article 35(8) of the European Electronic Communications Code, and another report on 'Mobile technology evolution - experiences and strategies'.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Decision Notice - Contracts, Transparency and Termination of Services

Published On: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 [Decision](#)

### MCA International News Week 48-50 - 2022

Published On: Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 [News](#)

### Career Opportunity: Regulatory Market Analyst

Published On: Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 [Recruitment](#)

### Career Opportunity: Junior Analyst (External Relations)

Published On: Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 [Recruitment](#)

### Monthly Newsletter - January 2023

Published On: Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 [News](#)

### Strategy Update for 2023 - 2025

Published On: Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 [Strategic Plan](#)

## Annual Plan 2023

Published On: Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 [Annual Plan](#)

## LEGAL UPDATES

### Litigation

[1] 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Sitting before the Administrative Review Tribunal in the appeal lodged by MaltaPost contesting an MCA decision requiring MaltaPost to pay compensation for having failing to reach the delivery targets in 2019. Case adjourned for the continuation of evidence by MaltaPost.

[2] 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Sitting before the Administrative Review Tribunal in the appeal lodged by EPIC (previously Vodafone Malta) contesting an MCA decision relating to VULA. Case stands adjourned for EPIC's final written submissions.

[3] 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023: First 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.

### Legislation

[1] Publication of an Order entitled 'Malta Communications Authority Act (Extension of Jurisdiction) Order, 2023'. This order was published as per LN 30 of 2023.