

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) Regulatory Framework Working Group

An MCA representative participated in a meeting of the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) Regulatory Framework Working Group that was held on the 21st February 2024. The meeting discussed the work that needs to be carried out relating to the ERGP report outlining its positions on a future postal regulatory framework, and on the ERGP report about the needs of vulnerable users in the postal sector. The Working Group will be reporting on these areas as part of the tasks identified in the ERGP Work Programme for 2024, with these deliverables being planned to be completed over 2024 and 2025.

BEREC/IRG 1st Contact Network 2024

MCA participated in the 1st BEREC/IRG Contact Network for 2024, held remotely between the 15-16th February 2024. The objective of the Meeting was to prepare for the 58th 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.

Inaugural Session of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated as an observer in the inaugural session of the European Board for Digital Services, which took place on 19th February 2024 in Brussels. The meeting featured a keynote by Commissioner Thierry Breton followed by discussions on the necessity of cooperation, alongside a proposal for election guidelines. The observer status of the MCA stems from Malta's pending formal designation of its Digital Services Coordinator (DSC). Representing the MCA were Joseph Seychell and Bernard Agius. The Board, comprised of all DSCs, is instituted under Articles 61 to 63 of the DSA, functions as an advisory body to DSCs and the Commission to ensure consistent application of the regulations, foster cooperation between the DSCs and the Commission, and assist in the supervision of VLOPs and VLOSEs.

The 106th Working Group on Frequency Management (WGFM#106)

The Electronic Communications Committee's Working Group on Frequency Management (WG FM) plays a pivotal role in formulating strategies, plans, and implementation guidance for radio spectrum management within CEPT (European Conference for Postal and Telecommunication Administrations). The most recent meeting, held in a hybrid format from the 12th to 16th February 2024, delved into various aspects of radiocommunication services. During the sessions, the group reviewed several ECC decisions, recommendations, and reports. Noteworthy was the participation of the Malta Communications Authority (MCA), facilitating Malta's active engagement in the

formulation of European spectrum management and licensing deliverables. These developments are anticipated to contribute to the ongoing review of local legislation pertaining to spectrum management.

BEREC End User Full Working Group Kick-off Meeting

The MCA attended and participated in BEREC's End-User full working group kick-off meeting held in Brussels on the 9th of February 2024. During the meeting the group discussed the work programme assigned to the BEREC End-User group for 2024. The MCA was also invited to deliver a presentation to the group on a recent decision published by the MCA on 'price indexation clauses'. Several NRAs showed a lot of interest in the work presented by the MCA and requested further information on MCA's decision.

ECASEC Meeting

The MCA attended the ECASEC meeting held in Prague. ECASEC is a forum for regulators with a focus on the supervision of the security and integrity of the electronic communications sector. The transposition of the NIS2 directive was the main focus of this meeting. In addition, ECASEC, through its dedicated task forces continued the discussions on the necessary updates to align ENISA's guidelines on security measures and incident reporting, under the EECC directive to the NIS2 directive.

PUBLICATIONS

International News Week 40 2023

Published On: Feb 27th 2024 [News](#)

International News Week 39 2023

Published On: Feb 20th 2024 [News](#)

Career Opportunity: Senior Executive Coordinator

Published On: Feb 19th 2024 [Recruitment](#)

Monthly Newsletter - January 2024

Published On: Feb 14th 2024 [News](#)

International News Week 37/38 2023

Published On: Feb 5th 2024 [News](#)

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 26.02.2024

Channel: FLiving

Programme: FLiving

Topic: Contract Summaries/Telecosts

Participant: Mark Stivala

LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation:

Sitting held on 6th February 2024:

Continuation for Court of Appeal (Superior Civil Competence) in the case Vodafone (Malta) Ltd vs I-Awtorita ta' Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni et – whereby Vodafone (now EPIC) together with GO plc are contesting legal interpretation payments levied in 2006 and following years.

During this sitting parties made their submissions in relation MCA's appeal from a preliminary judgement of the court of first instance whereby the MCA contested that court's jurisdiction. Court of Appeal adjourned the case for the 9th April 2024 for its judgement on MCA's appeal in relation to the aforesaid preliminary judgement of the court of first instance.