

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Radio Spectrum Policy Group – Working Group on the European Electronic Communications Code Meeting

An official represented the MCA for the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) - Working Group on the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC) meeting which was held on the 11th July 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. The working group considered the procedure to be undertaken with respect to the 'Peer Review' process (Article 35 of the EECC). It also started discussions to revise the Rules of Procedure for the Radio Spectrum Policy Group.

68th Radio Spectrum Committee Meeting

An MCA official attended the 68th Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) meeting which was held in Brussels, Belgium on the 10th July 2019. The RSC gave its positive opinion to a draft Commission Implementing Decision harmonising the use of radio spectrum for short range devices. It has also discussed an outline of a draft decision amending the harmonised conditions for the paired 2GHz band as well as spectrum management related matters concerning Intelligent Transport Systems.

3rd Multilateral Frequency Coordination Meeting

A representative for the MCA participated in the 3rd Multilateral Frequency Coordination meeting which was hosted by the Slovenian Information Society Directorate within the Ministry of Public Administration in Ljubljana between the 8th and 9th July 2019. It was chaired by the International Communications Union (ITU) with the objective to discuss interference issues caused by Italy to the sound broadcasting services of its neighbouring countries, namely Croatia, France, Switzerland, Slovenia and Malta. The meeting assessed developments in the interference situation of these countries and agreed on the actions to be undertaken to certain interference problems.

51st Meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee

The MCA was also represented in the 51st meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) which was held in Sofia, Bulgaria between the 2nd and 5th July 2019. The meeting approved a number of deliverables harmonising the use of radio spectrum in CEPT countries. The meeting has also considered the work undertaken by the ECC in response to the European Commission mandates to CEPT. This work related to next generation (5G) wireless networks in the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, paired 2 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands, Wireless Access Systems (including RLANs) in the 5925 – 6425 MHz band, future railway mobile communications systems and short range devices.

BEREC Working Group – Planning and Future Trends

An MCA representative attended a meeting organised by BEREC's Planning and Future Trends (PFT) Working Group (WG) between the 1st and 5th July 2019, in Brussels, Belgium. The PFT WG's meetings focused on the Project Requirements Document (PRD) concerning the 'Determinants of investment in Very High Capacity Networks (VHCN)'. BEREC is looking to better understand the various factors which influence investment in VHCN, some of which may be susceptible to influence through actions conducted by NRAs. These actions might accelerate, increase or otherwise improve the level of investment in new technologies. A development team was selected via a tendering process to develop a system dynamics model which can assess what factors influencing investment in VHCN such as geography, population, current technologies and competition. Moreover, it takes into account how regulatory decisions taken by NRAs can influence positively or negatively the levels of investment into VHCN. During this meeting, NRAs had the opportunity to view first hand a qualitative conceptual model presented by the development team as well as an opening to provide feedback on the model itself.

PUBLICATIONS

Decision on Numbering Resources for M2M/IoT Connectivity Services and other Non-Interpersonal Communications Services (Non-ICS)

Published On: Jul 31st 2019 Decision

Data Report Sheet (DRS) with the Latest Figures is published

Published On: Jul 26th 2019 News

Key Market Indicators for Electronic Communications and Post: Q1 2015 to Q1 2019

Published On: Jul 26th 2019 Data Report Sheet

Decision on the Source of Funding for the Net Cost Incurred in providing Universal Service Obligations during 2015

Published On: Jul 25th 2019 Decision

Monthly Newsletter - June 2019

Published On: Jul 23rd 2019 News

Career Opportunity: Technical Specialist

Published On: Jul 23rd 2019 Recruitment

Career Opportunity: Clerical Officer

Published On: Jul 23rd 2019 Recruitment

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications opens a Call

for Inputs on Views on the Impact of 5G on Regulation, and to the Role of Regulation in enabling the 5G Ecosystem

Published On: Jul 23rd 2019 News

Price Developments Presentation for May 2019

Published On: Jul 10th 2019 Monthly Pricing Developments

Price Developments Presentation for April 2019

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Price Developments Presentation for May 2019

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The Assignment Process for the 1.5 GHz Band for Terrestrial Systems capable of providing Electronic Communications Services in Malta

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Revisions to the National Frequency Plan

Published On: Jul 8th 2019 News

Radio Spectrum Policy Programme 2019 – 2023

Published On: Jul 8th 2019 News

MCA's Reaction to Media Reports claiming that Malta lags on Internet Speeds

Published On: Jul 6th 2019 News

Net Neutrality Annual Report

Published On: Jul 1st 2019 News

LEGAL UPDATES

Law:

- 154 of 2019 – Electronic Communications Networks and Services (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2019
Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,223 – 02.07.2019
- 153 of 2019 – General Authorisations (Radiocommunications Apparatus) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019
Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,223 – 02.07.2019
- 169 of 2019 – Malta Communications Authority Act (Amendment of Second Schedule No. 2) Order, 2019
Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,239 – 26.07.2019