

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### **BEREC Stakeholder Forum 2024**

On 26th March, the MCA engaged in the Stakeholder Forum hosted by BEREC in Brussels. This significant yearly gathering brings together telecommunications industry stakeholders, policymakers, and interested parties to delve into current telecom advancements. Key discussions revolved around addressing Europe's digital infrastructure demands and amplifying the emphasis on security and resilience in digital infrastructure.

### **Second Meeting of the Task Force on Age Verification**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March, the MCA participated in the second meeting, held online, of the Task Force on Age Verification under the European Board for Digital Services. The Commission presented an update on the digital identity project and explored opportunities for leveraging this to pilot age verifications for platforms. This was followed by a discussion.

## Second Meeting of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated in the second meeting of the European Board for Digital Services held online on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The EC welcomed the MCA as the most recent Digital Services Coordinator (DSC) to be designated and a full board member of the Board. The Board's Rules of Procedure were discussed further but not put to a vote, awaiting further input and revisions. Updates on the DSA's ongoing work, including election guidelines and codes of conduct, were shared. The session wrapped up by setting out the calendar for future meetings.

## 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECC Working Group NaN2

Two representatives from the MCA participated virtually in a meeting of a project team within WG NaN, which was held between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to number portability, switching, and trust in numbers, including ongoing Recommendation and Report drafting and discussions on future work items.

## Ad-hoc Working Group on Elections

The MCA participated in a virtual meeting of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Elections of the European Board for Digital Services (DSA Board) held online on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The draft guidelines for VLOPs and VLOSEs was presented and discussed. The topic is particularly relevant

considering the European elections this year.

## MCA & ComCom sign an MoU

The MCA and ComCom, the telecommunications NRA in Georgia, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on enabling the cooperation and exchange of information in electronic communications and other regulated sectors. Through this agreement, the MCA and ComCom aim to enhance regulatory frameworks, promote innovation, and contribute to the advancement of telecommunications.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Electronic Communications Networks

## **and/or Services in Malta**

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

## **Annual Plan 2024**

Published On: Mar 15th 2024 [Annual Plan](#)

## **Strategy Update 2024 - 2026**

Published On: Mar 15th 2024 [Strategic Plan](#)

## **Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Electronic Communications Networks and/or Services in Malta**

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

## **International News Week 41 2023**

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

## **Monthly Newsletter - February 2024**

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

## **The AI Effect: Revisiting the MCA's 5 Tips to Slam the Scam**

Published On: Mar 13th 2024 [News](#)

## **Career Opportunity: Chief Legal Advisor**

Published On: Mar 12th 2024 [Recruitment](#)

## **MCA Postal Perception Survey for Bulk Mailers**

Published On: Mar 12th 2024 [Large Bulk Mailers](#)

## **The MCA Analysis of the Market for the Provision of Wholesale Physical and Virtual Infrastructure Access (PVIA) in Malta**

Published On: Mar 11th 2024 [Regulatory](#)

## **End-User Affairs: Half Yearly Report (July – December 2023)**

Published On: Mar 7th 2024 [End User Half Yearly Report](#)

## MEDIA ACTIVITY

### Television:

**Date:** 14.03.2024

**Channel:** OneTV

**Programme:** Indigo

**Topic:** Roaming

**Participant:** Mark Stivala

**Date:** 13.03.2024

**Channel:** NetTV

**Programme:** Bejnietna Ma' Steph

**Topic:** Roaming

**Participant:** Mark Stivala

**Date:** 11.03.2024

**Channel:** FLiving

**Programme:** FLiving

**Topic:** Complaints Report

**Participant:** Matthew Farrugia

**Date:** 11.03.2024

**Channel:** OneTV

**Programme:** One Breakfast

**Topic:** Complaints Report

**Participant:** Matthew Farrugia

### Radio:

**Date:** 13.03.2024

**Channel:** NetFM

**Programme:** Brunch Ma' Marbeck

**Topic:** Telecosts

**Participant:** Matthew Farrugia

## LEGAL UPDATES

### Litigation:

MaltaPost plc versus Malta Communications Authority:

Case pending before the Administrative Review Tribunal. The case relates to a 2020 MCA ruling whereby, MaltaPost were required to pay compensation for not having achieved 2019 Quality of Service delivery targets - a sitting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, where MCA continued with its cross-examination of a MaltaPost's witness. Case was adjourned to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 for MCA's evidence.

## **Legislation Online:**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - for Business Users  
(Enforcement Measures) (Amendment)  
Regulations, 2024

LN 48 of 2024 entitled "Online Intermediation  
Services for Business Users (Enforcement  
Measures) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024".

## **Legal Notices:**

Published on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

LN 65 of 2024 entitled 'Communications Laws  
(Amendment) Act, 2024 (Act No. I of 2024) -  
Commencement Notice'

LN 66 of 2024 entitled 'Digital Services  
(Designation and Enforcement) Order, 2024