

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2nd ERGP Plenary Meeting 2020

The heads of the national regulatory bodies responsible for postal services met for their second ERGP Plenary meeting of 2020. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Spyros Pantelis – ERGP Chair 2020/2021. During the virtual meeting the national representatives chose the head of the Spanish counterpart, Prof. Dr. Mariano Bacigalupo, to become the new Chair for 2022. The Plenary adopted a number of documents, which include: The Work Programme for 2020 and various reports including on quality of service, consumer protection and complaints handling; on postal core indicators; on postal definitions; on key consumer issues and on the consequences of COVID-19 on the postal sector. The MCA is an active member of the European Regulators Group for Postal Services and the Authority's officials participate throughout the various working groups and high-level meetings.

32nd Article 13a Group of Authorities Meeting

The Authority attended the 32nd Article 13a Group of Authorities meeting held virtually between the 25th and 26th November 2020. This meeting serves as a platform for competent authorities and National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) to discuss topics related to security and integrity of the electronic communications networks and services. In view of changes to the security of ECS arising from the EECC directive and the publication of the 5G Cybersecurity toolbox (published by the NIS Cooperation Group), discussion on the necessary updates to the minimum security measures and guidelines on incident reporting were held.

BEREC End-User Group Meeting

On the 25th November 2020, the MCA participated in a virtual meeting of the BEREC's (Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications) End-User Group. During the meeting, an update on the progress registered on various projects assigned to the group in 2020 was provided. During the meeting, a high level brief was provided on new projects which will be assigned to the group in 2021.

Forum of European Supervisory Authorities Meeting

The MCA attended the scheduled bi-yearly meeting of the Forum of European Supervisory Authorities (FESA) on the 24th November, 2020, in relation to the eIDAS Regulation which was held online for the first time. As per the normal practice, the meeting commenced with a roundtable during which the attendees presented any noteworthy developments in the relevant member states related to trust services. The group also discussed and agreed on continued UK membership of the FESA following the present BREXIT interim period. Other noteworthy topics included a CEN ETSI update on eIDAS related standardization work and a detailed session on the practice of signing services adopted in the various member states.

4th BEREC Contact Network 2020

MCA participated in the 4th BEREC Contact Network 2020 held remotely on the 19th and 20th November. The objective of the Meeting was to prepare for the 45th Board of Regulators (BoR) Meeting to be held in December.

The 6th Meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) - Shared Spectrum Subgroup

One of the subgroups of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) deals with sharing of the radio frequency spectrum and aims to develop an RSPG opinion. This opinion will explore different dynamic spectrum sharing options implemented and also advise on a possible roadmap to increase spectrum sharing in a number of frequency bands. During the past meeting which was held remotely on the 16th November 2020, the group discussed in detail the inputs received from various member states on a number of draft documents including the draft opinion, the draft accompanying report and contributions to other RSPG working groups. The next RSPG shared spectrum subgroup meeting will be held remotely on the 15th December 2020.

Informal BEREC Board of Regulators (BoR) Meeting

On the 13th November 2020, the MCA participated in an informal meeting of the BoR which provided the opportunity for an exchange of experiences on spectrum awards and other related spectrum issues. A number of case studies were presented by some national regulatory authorities and discussed by the BoR.

PUBLICATIONS

MCA International News Week 29

Published On: Nov 27th 2020 **News**

MCA International News Week 28

Published On: Nov 27th 2020 **News**

Decision on the Source of Funding for the Net Cost incurred in providing Universal Service Obligations during 2016

Published On: Nov 27th 2020 **Decision**

National Frequency Plan

Published On: Nov 26th 2020 **News**

Fault Repair Timeframes and Compensation Schemes

Published On: Nov 25th 2020 **News**

Monthly Newsletter - October 2020

Published On: Nov 20th 2020 **News**

MCA International News Week 27

Published On: Nov 13th 2020 **News**

MCA International News Week 26

Published On: Nov 13th 2020 **News**

Consumer Perception Survey - Findings for Pay-Tv Services

Published On: Nov 6th 2020 **Broadcasting Services**

MCA International News Week 25

Published On: Nov 6th 2020 **News**

MCA International News Week 24

Published On: Nov 6th 2020 **News**

Key Market Indicators for Electronic Communications and Post: Q1 2016 to Q2 2020

Published On: Nov 6th 2020 **Data Report Sheet**

Proposed Decision on the Source of Funding for the Net Cost Incurred in providing Universal Service Obligations during 2016

Published On: Nov 2nd 2020 **Consultation**

LEGAL UPDATES

Bill No 179:

- During November 2020 Bill No 179 entitled 'the Communications Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020' was published on the 24th November 2020. The Bill envisages

amendments to the Malta Communications Authority Act (Cap. 418) and to the Electronic Commerce Act (Cap. 426)

Programme: Aħna Il-Maltin

Topic: Subscribing for a Communication Service

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 30.11.2020

Channel: TVM

Programme: Niskata

Topic: Postal Services

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

Date: 23.11.2020

Channel: TVM

Programme: TVAM

Topic: Postal Services

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

Date: 11.11.2020

Channel: ONE

Programme: Distintivi

Topic: Web Accessibility Directive and The Digital Divide

Participant: Joseph Seychell

Radio:

Date: 23.11.2020

Channel: Radju Malta

Date: 19.11.2020

Channel: Radju Malta

Programme: Newsline

Topic: MCA Pay-TV Consumer Survey

Participant: Kevin Caruana

Date: 09.11.2020

Channel: Radju Malta

Programme: Aħna Il-Maltin

Topic: Postal Services

Participant: Matthew Farrugia

EVENTS

Faculty for Social Wellbeing of the University of Malta's Dean's Awards

The MCA participated as one of the sponsors in the annual Dean's Awards organised by the Faculty for Social Wellbeing of the University of Malta held on 5th November 2020. This event was presided by the Dean, Prof. Andrew Azzopardi and patroned by Her Excellency President Emeritus Marie Louise Coleiro Preca.