

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### European Commission's Communications Committee (COCOM) Meeting

MCA's Senior Manager for Policy and Strategy attended the meeting of the European Commission's Communications Committee (COCOM), which was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. During the meeting, the Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2007/116/EC, in regards to the introduction of an additional reserved number beginning with 116. A new service - Helpline for Victims of Violence Against Women - has been identified by the Commission as a service of social value that may benefit from a harmonised number (116 016).

### BEREC Remedies Working Group Meeting

An MCA official attended the BEREC Remedies Working Group Meeting which was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The discussion during the meeting focused on changes introduced in Article 32/33 of the EECC and on the new Procedural Recommendation and their implications for the 'Internal Guidelines for the elaboration of BEREC Opinions in Article 7 and 7a Phase II cases'. The Internal Guidelines were updated accordingly to ensure that these are aligned with new legal basis (EECC and 2021 Procedural Recommendation) and to address any practical problems faced in the setting of Expert Review Teams. The approach to the assessment of the serious doubts raised by the Commission was also addressed. The document will be presented at the BEREC CN Meeting and eventually at the Heads Plenary for approval.

## **Celebrating the Web Accessibility Directive Second Anniversary - Webinar**

The IAAP and the European Disability Forum (EDF) hosted this virtual event to celebrate the second anniversary of the Web Accessibility Directive (WAD), which was followed by MCA representatives on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The event was moderated by Susanna Laurin and featured a number of speakers from various member states. The topics covered were; monitoring processes, compliance status and motivation, current and upcoming requirements, research & innovation.

The EU member states have, to date, already monitored thousands of websites and apps covered by the Web Accessibility Directive, this is probably one of the largest audit initiatives ever made. The impact on the disability sector is significant, bringing about greater awareness, legislation amendments, greater knowledge as well as the involvement of people with disabilities in the working processes of such monitoring. The vast majority of the websites and apps monitored were partially compliant with the Directive. To be fully compliant, no breach is allowed. In these sessions, various monitoring agencies from across member states shared their knowledge and best practices.

Regarding standards and requirements; currently, many requirements of the WAD are based on WCAG 2.1 AA, but there are also specific EN-requirements, that are probably less known. Both the EN301549 and a series of other European standards are going to be created or updated to fit the European Accessibility Act.

The final part of this webinar focused on the

commitment of IAAP EU towards research and innovation. An overview was given on various projects involving accessibility training, empowerment of end users with disabilities, and technological development.

## **ERGP – Consumer and Core Indicators Working Group Meeting**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, an MCA official attended the ERGP WP which had set a meeting in Sibiu, Romania, in order to discuss the draft version of the Core Indicators and Consumer and QoS report. The drafters presented their sections during the meeting, and the NRAs provided their comments. The documents are being reviewed in preparation for the next Contact Network meeting.

## **The 23<sup>rd</sup> International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting**

Representatives from the MCA participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting (ISRMM), which was held between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 and hosted by the French national frequency agency (ANFR).

The meeting discussed a number of interesting topics in the field of space radio monitoring, including geolocation, interference mitigation, policies and regulation. Participants also had the opportunity to visit Eutelsat's Teleport and ANFR's international monitoring centre in Rambouillet, France.

## **52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Working Group NaN1**

Two representatives from the MCA participated in a web meeting, of a project team within WG NaN, which was held between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The project team held

discussions on multiple aspects related to future numbering issues, including ongoing drafting of Reports, reviewing of ECC Recommendations and discussions on future work items.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Consultation - MCA Market Analysis concerning the provision of Wholesale Dedicated Capacity in Malta

Published On: Sep 29th 2022 [Consultation](#)

### MCA International News Week 28 - 2022

Published On: Sep 28th 2022 [News](#)

### MCA International News Week 27 - 2022

Published On: Sep 22nd 2022 [News](#)

### Product and Price Developments Publication - January to June 2022

Published On: Sep 19th 2022 [Monthly Pricing Developments](#)

### Monthly Newsletter - July/August 2022

Published On: Sep 19th 2022 [News](#)

### End-User Affairs: Half Yearly Report (January – June 2022)

Published On: Sep 19th 2022 [End User Half Yearly Report](#)

### 5 Tips to Slam the Scam!

Published On: Sep 6th 2022 [News](#)

### MCA International News Week 26 - 2022

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