

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

44th Meeting of the ECC Working Group NaN2

Two representatives from the MCA participated virtually in a meeting of a project team within Working Group NaN which was held between the 24th and 25th February 2026. The project team held discussions on multiple aspects related to trust in numbers, number portability, and switching, including ongoing Report drafting and discussions on future work items.

BEREC Expert Review Team Meeting

An expert from the MCA contributed as drafter to the BEREC Expert Review Team (ERT), through attendance at virtual meetings, assessing the European Commission (EC) Phase II investigation (RO/2026/2623) on Romania's ANCOM wholesale local access market analysis. The ERT finalised the BEREC Opinion during the week of 23rd February 2026 - following review of the case and EC's serious doubts - and submitted it for electronic voting per BoR Rules of Procedure in early March 2026.

15th Meeting of Working Group 2 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 25th February 2026, the MCA participated in the 15th meeting of WG2 (Working together) of the European Board of Digital Services (EBDS), which was held online. The meeting focused on the following areas:

- The preparation of the Board report on systemic risks pursuant to Article 35(2) DSA
- Pending issues on the proposed best practices for complaint handling
- An initial discussion took place on the working methods of the Board
- Set-up of a workstream for Article 91(7) DSA – Opinion of the Board
- Cooperation with CSOs and upcoming meetings.

15th WRC-27 RSPG Subgroup Meeting

The MCA participated in the 15th World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27) subgroup meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) on the 27th of February 2026. The meeting focused on further developing the draft final opinion on specific agenda items for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027.

14th Meeting of Working Group 6 of the European Board of Digital Services

On the 25th February 2026, the MCA attended the WG6 meeting, which focused on the protection of minors online, through discussions on the Commission's ongoing Age Verification solution project, the implementation of Article 28 - including deliverables for the implementation strategy, priority topics, compliance tools, and enforcement updates - and broader initiatives relevant to child safety at national and EU level. The meeting also included a presentation by the European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency on a Child Rights Impact Assessment tool and risk matrix, and provided an opportunity to exchange views on cooperation needs and capacity-building under the DSA framework.

Joint Working Group 3 and Working Group 5 of the European Board of Digital Services Meeting

The MCA attended the joint WG3 –WG5 meeting together with representatives from MCCA and the MTCA on the 24th February 2026. The meeting focused on online piracy - including live event piracy, and online counterfeiting. It aimed to align on the priority challenges regarding IP infringements under the DSA and discussed the of mapping intermediaries and their legal classification as well as explored effective cooperation under the DSA and training needs of the DSCs on these issues.

DSA Mission in Malta Protection of Minors Roundtable

On 20th February 2026, the MCA participated in a roundtable held by DG CONNECT, on Protection of Minors, and the Article 28 obligations. The discussion focused on risk-mitigation duties, age-appropriate design and key risks affecting minors on online platform. Participants also shared best practices and case-based insights.

DSA Mission in Malta eCommerce Roundtable

The MCA participated in a roundtable hosted by DG CONNECT on Malta's e-commerce landscape under the DSA, focusing on risks and opportunities for the sector, on 19th February 2026. Discussions centred on VLOP compliance issues; including product safety, IP enforcement, customs cooperation, environmental obligations.

DSA Mission in Malta Online Scams Roundtable

On 19th February 2026, the MCA participated in a roundtable event held by DG CONNECT to examine systemic issues linked to online scams in Malta. The meeting reviewed challenges in reporting, and providers' internal complaint-handling systems, and options to strengthen structured reporting channels.

Joint Working Group 1 and Working Group 4 of the European Board of Digital Services Meeting

Representatives from the MCA attended the joint WG1–WG4 meeting followed by a WG4 session on 12th February 2026. The joint session addressed the Political Advertising Regulation (EU) 2024/900, including a Commission presentation and discussion, and explored potential topics for coordinated work between National Contact Points and the DSA Board Working Groups under Article 22(8).

During the WG4 segment, members discussed updates on national elections, the DSA Elections Toolkit, and the European Democracy Shield, including incident-handling and crisis response. The meeting concluded with closing remarks.

BPR Group Stakeholder Meeting

On the 11th February, the MCA attended the first Article 21 Best Practice Recommendations stakeholder meeting involving the BPR Group, DTSP (platform representation), and ODSBN (representing ODSBs). The BPRs focus on obligations under Article 21 of the DSA concerning cooperation with and support for Online Dispute Settlement Bodies.

The meeting covered feedback from the DTSP & ODSBN workshop, initial inputs on BPR work areas and priorities, and plans for future engagements. The session closed with agreement on next steps.

ERGP Regulatory Framework Working Group

An MCA representative attended a meeting of the ERGP Regulatory Framework Working Group, which was held on the 10th and 11th February 2026. The meeting discussed the WG's work-plan and its deliverables scheduled for this year. It also discussed a draft ERGP response to the European Commission's questionnaire on the preparation of a new European Delivery Act. This questionnaire is part of the EC's consultative process on modernising the EU framework regulating postal services. Additionally, the meeting discussed the methodology to prepare a Report on the minimum set of universal postal service at an EU level.

1st BPR Meeting

On the 10th February 2026, the MCA participated in the first meeting of the Article 21 Best Practice Recommendations Working Group. The BPRs focus on obligations under Article 21 of the DSA related to cooperation with and support for Online Dispute Settlement Bodies (ODSBs). The session covered recent developments (ODSBN/DTSP workshop feedback, Milieu survey progress, and the draft TOR). The group discussed priority areas for the BPRs and ways of working together. The meeting closed with agreement on next steps.

BEREC Regulatory Framework (RF) Expert Working Group

MCA participated in the first Group meeting held in Brussels on the 6th February 2026, in preparation of BEREC's high level assessment of the Digital Networks Act.

112th Working Group on Frequency Management

The Electronic Communications Committee's Working Group on Frequency Management (WG FM) held its 112th meeting in Trondheim, Norway, between the 9th and 13th of February 2026, bringing together experts from across Europe to discuss key spectrum management matters. The meeting approved the revised ERC Recommendation 70-03, as well as three ECC Reports on Satellite Device-to-Device communications, Audio PMSE, and Railway communications. It also approved the launch of public consultations for two ECC Recommendations on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) jamming and Low/Medium Power Wireless Broadband Systems (WBB LMP) coexistence with radio altimeters, together with three ECC Reports on Fixed-Satellite Service above 92 GHz, Personal Locator Beacons (PLB), and VHF Data Exchange Systems (VDES). The implementation of these outcomes will be considered when reviewing deliverables pertaining to spectrum management in Malta.

17th Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board of Digital Services

On the 6th February 2026, the MCA participated in the 17th meeting of WG3 (Content moderation and data access) of the EBDS held online. The meeting focused mainly on the draft work-plan for data access as well as discussed the key changes to the proposed text for the trusted flaggers guidelines. In addition, CNAM provided a quick update on the progress of the best practice recommendations being drafted, listing the next steps and upcoming meetings. Reference was also made to the WG3 and WG5 joint meeting taking place later in February focusing on online piracy and online

counterfeiting. COM informed DSCs that during this meeting, participating authorities can share related cases they have encountered.

13th Meeting of Working Group 7 of the European Board of Digital Services

The MCA participated in the 13th meeting of Working Group 7 on Orders and Criminal Issues of the European Board for Digital Services held on 5th February 2026 in Brussels. The session covered key topics including orders under Articles 9 and 10 of the DSA, Article 18 notifications, mapping of illegal content, and cooperation with law enforcement and other EU networks.

17th Meeting of the European Board of Digital Services

On 4th February 2026, the MCA attended the 17th meeting of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on the impact of AI use by intermediary service providers, particularly AI chatbots, development in enforcement actions from the Commission and national DSCs, as well as matters related to trusted flaggers and civil society/US visa restrictions.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Promoting Online Protection (P.O.P.) Conference on Safer Internet Day

On the 4th of February representatives from the MCA attended the Promoting Online Protection (P.O.P.) Conference on Safer Internet Day hosted by the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society.

PUBLICATIONS

International News Week 40 2025

Published On 26/02/2026 News

Consumer Perception Survey on Bundle Services – 2025

Published On 26/02/2026 Bundles MCA/S/26-5859

Monthly Newsletter - January 2026

Published On 25/02/2026 News

International News Week 38-39 2025

Published On 17/02/2026 News

Consultation on amendments to the Decision Notice entitled "Universal Service Obligations on Electronic Communications Services"

Published On 17/02/2026 Consultation MCA/C/26-5861

International News Week 37 2025

Published On 11/02/2026 News

Telecom Offer and Price Developments - October to December 2025

Published On 09/02/2026 Pricing Developments
MCA/R/26-5850

Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Postal Services in Malta

Published On 06/02/2026 News

International News Week 35/36 2025

Published On 03/02/2026 News

Television:

Date: 12.02.2026

Channel: NET TV

Programme: Malta Llejla

Topic: Telecosts

Participant: Mark Stivala

TV/Radio:

Date: 02.02.2026

Channel: One

Programme: Morning Mix

Topic: Internet (Part 2)

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

MEDIA ACTIVITY

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