

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

9th Meeting of Working Group 5 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 30th June 2026, the MCA participated in the ninth meeting of Working Group 5 (Consumer Protection and Online Marketplaces) of the European Board for Digital Services, which was held online. The meeting included a presentation on the French national e-commerce task force, followed by a discussion on the European Commission's non-compliance decision concerning Temu. Participants also received updates from the financial scams workstream and Member States, before holding a preliminary discussion on Temu's action plan and possible next steps.

BEREC Market and Economic Analysis Working Group Meeting

An expert from the MCA participated in a drafters meeting organized by BEREC MEA working group on Thursday 25th June, titled: "Europe's Telecom Reality Check: Draft BEREC Fact finding report on connectivity, competition and regulatory highlights in different jurisdictions". The aim of this meeting was to discuss the final versions of the report, and to prepare a response to the comments from the public consultation.

18th Meeting of Working Group 4 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 26th June 2026, the MCA participated in the eighteenth meeting of Working Group 4 – Integrity of the Information Space of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on developments under the Democracy Shield initiative, including updates on the DSA incident and crisis protocol, discussions on coordinated inauthentic behaviour (CIB) and the relevance of the DSA in addressing such practices; presentations on developing taxonomies for the detection of foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI); and an exchange on information manipulation trends. Members also conducted a stocktaking exercise on the implementation of the DSA Election Guidelines, discussing their benefits, shortcomings, and practical application across Member States.

Working Group 2 of the European Board for Digital Services Meeting

The MCA attended the First Structured Dialogue within Working Group 2 of the European Board for Digital Services on 22nd June 2026. The meeting focused on civil society engagement, including presentation of the CDT report, CSO contributions and recommendations, planning and implementation of structured dialogues, and enhancing communication, cooperation, and input into the Board's annual work plan.

Working Group 7 of the European Board of Digital Services Meeting

Experts from the MCA attended a Working Group 7 of the European Board of Digital Services meeting on 18th June 2026. During this meeting, Adroit provided updates on its recent developments, including operational and organisational matters.

BEREC meeting organized by the Digital Markets working group on AI

An MCA expert participated in a full group BEREC meeting organized by the DM working group on AI on Wednesday 17th June 2026, titled: "BEREC report on the impact of generative AI on internet openness".

Stockholm Cybersecurity Dialogue organised by Ericsson

The MCA attended the Stockholm Cybersecurity Dialogue organised by Ericsson in Kista, Sweden between the 16th and 17th June 2026. This was an opportunity for regulators, policy makers and experts from the industry to meet and discuss issues related to security.

22nd Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 16th June 2026, the MCA attended the 22nd

Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on data access, including updates on data access applications, discussions on harmonised guidance and the cooperation framework, demonstration of a new communication tool, and considerations on independent expert consultation.

6th Meeting of Working Group 8 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA attended the 6th Meeting of Working Group 8 (IT issues) of the European Board for Digital Services on the 15th June 2026. The meeting focused on AGORA developments, including user feedback, short-term actions, the mid-term vision, long-term roadmap, demonstration of developments, and discussion with Digital Services Coordinators.

Ad-hoc meeting of the European Board for Digital Services

On 15th June 2026, the MCA attended the ad-hoc meeting of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on the draft Board Opinion under Article 75(3) DSA on the Action Plan provided by X, including discussion and adoption of the Board's opinion.

Working Group 5 Workshop on Online Scams within the European Board for Digital Services

On 12th June 2026, the MCA participated in the Working Group 5 workshop on online scams within the European Board for Digital Services, where an in-depth review of a March 2026 survey was conducted, including analysis of key findings and next steps, alongside discussions on deliverables such as a white paper, positioning under fraud enforcement frameworks, and alignment with ongoing Commission initiatives.

32nd Meeting of the ECC Working Group Numbering and Networks (WG NaN)

Two representatives from the MCA participated in the WG NaN Plenary meeting held in Sophia-Antipolis, France between the 9th and 11th June 2026. During this meeting, participants were provided with updates on the work related to current and future numbering issues which was carried out by the three project teams reporting to this working group since the last meeting of WG NaN (October 2025). An overview of work activities taking place within other organisations, such as ITU-T, BEREC, EENA, One Consortium and GIRAF, in areas which are relevant to this working group was also provided. During the meeting, the draft ECC Report 371 'Virtual numbers in internet-based or cloud-based solutions or applications' and the revision of ECC Recommendation (15)02 'Guidelines for Major Numbering Changes' were approved for final adoption, whereas the draft revision of ECTRA Recommendation (98)03 'Harmonised National Numbering Conventions regarding ITU-T Recommendation E.164 numbers', the draft revision of ECC Recommendation (17)04 'Numbering for eCall' and the draft revision of ECC Recommendation (19)03 'Measures for increasing Trust in Calling Line Identification and Originating Identification' were approved for public consultation. The meeting participants also discussed various

themes of relevance to WG NaN, particularly those related to ongoing and future work items which will be the focus of the WG NaN project teams during the coming months.

17th Meeting of Working Group 4 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 9th June 2026, the MCA participated in the seventeenth meeting of Working Group 4 on Integrity of the Information Space of the European Board for Digital Services, where updates on recent and upcoming elections, follow-up actions under the Democracy Shield including the election toolkit, and discussions on AI chatbots and their implications for information integrity were addressed.

BEREC Workshop Explores Accessibility in Electronic Communications

The MCA participated in the BEREC External Workshop on Accessibility of Electronic Communications Services, held in Brussels on the 9th June 2026. The workshop brought together regulatory authorities and stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the European Accessibility Act and related accessibility requirements under the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC).

The event provided valuable insights into the measures being adopted across European countries to improve the accessibility of electronic communications services, highlighting both regulatory developments and market-led initiatives aimed at ensuring that digital communications are

accessible to all consumers.

14th Meeting of Working Group 1 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated in the fourteenth meeting of Working Group 1 of the European Board for Digital Services on 9th June 2026, where the preparation of the Board's opinion in line with Article 75 of the Digital Services Act was discussed, including the introduction by the Commission, presentation of the draft opinion, exchange of views, and endorsement of the opinion.

17th Meeting of Working Group 6 of the European Board for Digital Services

On 8th June 2026, the MCA participated in the seventeenth meeting of Working Group 6 on Protection of Minors of the European Board for Digital Services, where discussions covered updates on age verification solutions and EU initiatives, implementation of Article 28 including progress on priority workstreams and guidelines review, updates on national and EU-level child protection and enforcement actions, and the impact of AI on children including guidance and roundtable discussions on AI chatbots and minors' protection.

113th Meeting of ECC's Working Group on Frequency Management

The Electronic Communications Committee's Working Group on Frequency Management (WG

FM) held its 113th meeting in Limerick, Ireland, between the 1st and 5th of June 2026, bringing together experts from across Europe to discuss key spectrum management matters. The meeting approved two new ECC recommendations, three ECC Reports and revised three ECC Recommendations. It also approved the launch of public consultations for new ECC Decisions on satellite communications, wireless broadband, and revisions to six additional ECC deliverables. The implementation of these outcomes will be considered when reviewing deliverables pertaining to spectrum management in Malta.

Working Group 2 of the European Board for Digital Services Meeting

On 3rd June 2026, the MCA participated in the WG 2 meeting of the European Board for Digital Services which was held online. Discussions focused on the relationship with DSCs from EFTA-EEA countries, including consideration of granting them interim observer status pending full designation. The group also examined the guiding principles for the forthcoming structured dialogues with civil society and continued deliberations on the submission of evidence initiated in earlier meetings. Additionally, the COM provided an update on the progress of the systemic risks and mitigation report (Article 35) and informed DSCs of the final timelines for submitting feedback as the report nears completion.

67th BEREC Plenary

MCA participated in the Plenary meetings held in Dublin, Ireland on 2-3 June 2026, hosted by Comreg the Irish national regulatory authority responsible for electronic communications. The

meeting discussed and adopted a series of thematic papers examining in greater depth key elements of the Digital Networks Act proposal and providing BEREC's opinion. The Board of Regulators also adopted a BEREC statement addressing concerns that some devices may fail to connect to emergency communications services, including 112, once legacy networks (2G and 3G) are switched off. The statement aims to raise awareness of the issue and calls for closer cooperation across the entire communications ecosystem. A full list of the public documents adopted at [BEREC's 67th ordinary meeting](#) is available on the BEREC website.

37th NIS Workstream on 5G/Telecoms Cybersecurity

The MCA attended the 37th NIS Workstream on 5G/Telecoms cybersecurity. This meeting focused on specific aspects of the implementation of the NIS 2 directive for the electronic communications sector. It was also an opportunity for networking and exchange of best practices.

PUBLICATIONS

International News Week 4 2026

Published On 24/06/2026 News

Monthly Newsletter - May 2026

Published On 23/06/2026 News

Amended Decision Notice on Universal Service Obligations

on Electronic Communications Services (updated 23 June 2026)

Published On 23/06/2026 Decision MCA/D/23-4920(26)

International News Week 3 2026

Published On 16/06/2026 News

Strategic Approach to Managing Spectrum Bands for Expiring Rights of Use

Published On 15/06/2026 Decision MCA/D/26-5971

Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Electronic Communications Networks and/or Services in Malta

Published On 12/06/2026 News

International News Week 1 & 2 2026

Published On 04/06/2026 News

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ERGP Plenary in Malta



On 26 June 2026, Malta hosted the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) Plenary, bringing together postal regulators from across Europe to discuss the priorities and developments shaping the sector's future.



Discussions focused on the evolution of postal services, emerging regulatory challenges and the importance of continued cooperation among European authorities.

The Plenary highlighted the value of international collaboration in supporting a resilient, innovative and user-focused postal sector.

MCA Conference in collaboration with ERGP

On the 25th June 2026, the Malta Communications Authority brought together local and international stakeholders for the conference “Trust in a Connected World: Challenges & Opportunities”, organised in collaboration with the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP).



The conference consisted of insightful keynote addresses and engaging panel discussions, through which the audience explored how trust is built across today's interconnected ecosystem. The discussions highlighted the importance of collaboration, transparency, and reliability in strengthening user confidence in an increasingly digital world.



MCAST Open Day

The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) participated in the MCAST Open Day on 19th June 2026, where our team had the opportunity to meet current and prospective students interested in the ever-evolving communications and digital sectors.



The event provided students with valuable insights into study pathways and career opportunities available within these fields.



Throughout the evening, we shared information about the MCA's role, discussed career opportunities within the Authority, and showcased

how our work supports innovation and connectivity across Malta.

MCA and MCCA Meeting

The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) met with the MCCA - Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority as part of the ongoing collaboration established through their Memorandum of Understanding.



The meeting reinforced joint efforts to safeguard consumer rights, particularly within the communications sector and digital markets. Discussions focused on key consumer-related matters, including complaints and enquiries received by both Authorities, insights from the MCA's Quality of Experience study, the Decision Notice on Quality of Services, and ongoing initiatives aimed at combating scam communications.

The MCA and the MCCA remain committed to further strengthening their collaboration to ensure that consumers benefit from enhanced protection and access to information.

MEDIA ACTIVITY



Radio:

Date: 10.06.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: QoE Survey Findings

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

TV:

Date: 18.06.2026

Channel: FLiving

Programme: FLiving Show

Topic: QoE Survey Findings

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 17.06.2026

Channel: PBS

Programme: TVAM

Topic: QoE Survey Findings

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Radio/TV:

Date: 23.06.2026

Channel: ONE

Programme: Morning Mix

Topic: QoE Survey Findings

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

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