

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Meeting with Meta

The MCA's Digital Services Team met with Meta on 30th May 2025, in order to discuss Facebook content moderation affecting Maltese social media users. Both sides agreed to maintain open communication and to follow up if similar issues arise.

42nd 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 27th and 28th May 2025. 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.

11th Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 28th May 2025, the MCA participated in the 11th online meeting of WG 3 on Content Moderation and Data Access. The session focused on the Trusted Flagger Guidelines, with DG CONNECT presenting the current state of play, timeline, and an outline of the Guidelines. Discussions covered the criteria for awarding trusted flagger status, as well as procedures for its suspension and revocation.

Ad hoc European Board for Digital Services Meeting

The MCA took part in an ad hoc European Board for Digital Services held online, on the 26th May 2025. The meeting focused on a proposed joint EC–Board action on protecting minors from adult content and the Commission’s preliminary findings sent to TikTok (15th May).

DSA Training

Personnel from IMD and ER attended in-person training, organised by DG CONNECT and designed for Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs), between the 21st and 23rd May 2025. The purpose of this training was to ensure that all DSCs have the necessary tools to effectively enforce the Digital Services Act (DSA), and to become familiar both with the legislation and with their peers.

The programme started with an introduction to the Regulation, covering its scope, liability and content moderation, risk management and the protection of minors, amongst others. IMD staff then joined

for the advanced sessions covering, amongst others, orders, ODS bodies, DSA complaints management and access to data.

Ad-hoc Working Group 2 of the European Board of Digital Services Meeting

The MCA participated in an ad-hoc joint meeting of WG2 – Working Together and WG6 – Protection of Minors, on the 21st May 2025. The meeting focused on discussions surrounding a potential joint press statement on coordinated action concerning Article 28 DSA.

2nd BEREC Contact Network (CN)

The MCA participated in the second BEREC CN meeting of the year, held on the 15th and 16th May 2025 in Lisbon and hosted by ANACOM. The meeting aimed to prepare for the 63rd ordinary plenary sessions of the BEREC Board of Regulators) and the BEREC Office Management Board, scheduled for the 5th and 6th June 2025 in Iceland.

61st Meeting of the ECC Working Group NaN1

Two representatives from the MCA participated virtually, in a meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 13th and 14th May, 2025. 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.

Workshop in Brussels on Risk Assessments under the DSA

The MCA attended an in-person workshop in Brussels, on the 7th May 2025, focused on risk assessments under the Digital Services Act (DSA). Organised by the European Commission, the event brought together VLOPs, VLOSEs, Digital Services Coordinators, civil society, and academia to discuss the identification and mitigation of systemic risks.

The workshop featured sessions on key topics such as illegal content, disinformation, elections, protection of minors, mental health, and consumer protection, contributing to the upcoming Article 35(2) report on systemic risks.

BEREC Planning and Future Trends (PFT) Expert Working Group Meeting

MCA attended the full Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting held at the IRG Secretariat in Brussels on the 7th May 2025, which was dedicated to drafting the BEREC Mid-Term Strategy 2026-2030. The draft will be presented to the BEREC Contact Network and subsequently submitted to the Board of Regulators (BoR) for approval during Plenary 2. Following its adoption by the BoR, BEREC plans to launch a public consultation to invite stakeholder feedback.

6th Meeting of Working Group 1 of the European Board for Digital Services

On the 6th May 2025, the MCA participated in the 6th online meeting of Working Group 1 (Horizontal and legal issues). The meeting discussed the concept of relevant service and provider under the DSA, legal issues related to cross-border intermediary services, as well as exchanged views on what could constitute minor and purely ancillary features.

9th Meeting of Working Group 4 of the European Board for Digital Services

The MCA participated in the 9th online meeting of WG4 (Integrity of the Information Space) of the European Board for Digital Services on the 5th May 2025. The meeting focused on upcoming national elections, future development of the DSA Elections Toolkit, and WG4's input to the Article 35(2) report under the DSA.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Open Day organised by the Directorate of Lifelong Learning

The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) took part in an Open Day organised by the Directorate of Lifelong Learning, where representatives Alistair Farrugia and Denise Borda delivered an interactive session titled "Combating ECS-Based Scams and Illegal Content Online."

The session focused on the evolving nature of scams and illegal online content, offering practical guidance on how individuals can identify and respond to such threats. Participants showed strong interest in the topic, actively engaging with the speakers and asking insightful questions, making the session a rewarding experience for all involved.



Enhancing ICT Accessibility for an Inclusive Society



The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) participated in a hybrid event, titled 'Enhancing ICT Accessibility for an Inclusive Society', organised in collaboration with AccessibleEU (EU Social), the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability - CRPD, and the Directorate for Disability Issues - Malta. Events like these are vital for raising awareness about the importance of accessible digital spaces.

Part of our on-going work at the MCA is to monitor public sector websites on a continuous basis in order to ensure that these are accessible to all. Therefore, contributing to such discussions reinforces our commitment to building a more inclusive digital environment for everyone.

MCA Team-Building Event



The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) team came together for a fun and energising team-building day, aimed at strengthening connections and boosting teamwork. The focus was on communication, collaboration, and a bit of friendly competition between teams, making sure everyone had a blast while working together.

Big congratulations to all who took part and gave their best, and a special shout-out to the winning team for coming out on top!

Public Service EXPO 2025 – Panel Discussion

As part of the Public Service EXPO 2025, the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) hosted a panel discussion entitled "Building a Better Online World:

Platforms, Society & Policy in Action” on Sunday 25th May at 13:30.

This session is part of MCA’s ongoing work to raise awareness about the Digital Services Act (DSA) and how it affects internet users in Malta - with a focus on social media, online marketplaces and the protection of minors. The panel also addressed common misconceptions, explained how platforms are now more accountable, and highlighted the role of citizens in building a safer and more responsible online space.

The panel featured contributions from the MCA, the Foundation for Social Welfare Services (FSWS), and The Malta Police Force.



PUBLICATIONS

European Commission publishes Targeted Consultation on Mobile Satellite Services in EU 2 GHz MSS frequency band

Published On 30/05/2025 News

International News Week 7 2025

Published On 29/05/2025 News

International News Week 6 2025

Published On 22/05/2025 News

Career Opportunity: Market Analyst

Published On 22/05/2025 Recruitment Jobsplus permit number 652/2022

Career Opportunity: Junior Analyst (Market Modelling)

Published On 22/05/2025 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no: 140/2025

Monthly Newsletter - April 2025

Published On 21/05/2025 News

European Commission launches Public Consultation on Protection of Minors Online under the Digital Services Act

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International News Week 5 2025

Published On 13/05/2025 News

MCA Overview 2024

Published On 08/05/2025 MCA Overviews

Changes in Product Line-Up and Price Developments – January to March 2025

Published On 06/05/2025 Pricing Developments
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LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation:

Administrative Review Tribunal – Maltapost plc versus L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni 13th & 19th May 2025:

Two sittings before the Administrative Review Tribunal in the case Maltapost plc versus L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni, where Maltapost are contesting a MCA decision requiring Maltapost to pay compensation for not having achieving the quality of service targets for 2019. Case was adjourned to 23rd October 2025, for Tribunal's decision – MCA were given until 19th August 2025, to submit its final written submissions in response to those made by Maltapost.

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 28.05.2025

Channel: NET TV

Programme: Bejnietna

Topic: Changes to the Terms and Conditions

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 05.05.2025

Channel: TVM

Programme: Għaddi s'hawn

Topic: Telecosts

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Radio:

Date: 28.05.2025

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: Postal Services

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 26.05.2025

Channel: Campus FM

Programme: Breakfast Show

Topic: Scams

Participant: Yanika Bugeja & Alistair Farrugia

Date: 21.05.2025

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: Telecosts

Participant: Yanika Bugeja