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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

33rd Meeting of the ECC Working Group Numbering and Networks

Two representatives from the MCA participated physically in the WG NaN Plenary meeting held at the European Communications Office in Copenhagen, Denmark between the 20th and 22nd October, 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 during the preceding four months. An overview of work activities taking place within other organisations, such as EENA, BEREC, ITU-T SG2 and GIRAF, in areas which are relevant to this working group was also provided. During the meeting, participants approved the revisions put forward for ECC Recommendation (26)05: Harmonised National Numbering Conventions regarding numbering resources; ECC Recommendation (17)04: Numbering and Connectivity for eCall; and ECC Recommendation (19)03: Measures for increasing Trust in Calling Line Identification and Originating Identification. The meeting participants also discussed various themes of relevance to WG NaN, in particular those related to ongoing and future work items which will be the focus of the WG NaN project teams during the coming months.

25th Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services

On the 21st October 2026, the MCA participated in the 25th meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on out-of-court dispute settlement under Article 21, including the Regulatory Dialogue, Best Practice Recommendations and implementation of ODS decisions; Trusted Flaggers Guidelines and complex eligibility cases; data access and vetted researcher applications; and content moderation and transparency issues, including content moderation in small languages and an upcoming transparency workshop.

Regulatory Dialogue on Article 21

On the 20th October 2026, the MCA participated in Regulatory Dialogue organised by the European Commission to engage with VLOPS on out-of-court dispute settlement (ODS) under Article 21 of the DSA. The dialogue focused on signposting and user awareness, eligibility and admissibility of disputes, the exchange of information between ODS bodies and platforms, fees payable within the ODS framework, and the implementation of ODS decisions.

World Radiocommunication Conference 27 - Radio Spectrum Policy Group Subgroup Meeting 23rd Meeting

The MCA participated in the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) subgroup meeting on the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27), held on 19th October 2026. The meeting continued to review the responses received to the public consultation of the draft RSPG opinion for WRC-27.

19th Meeting of Working Group 6 of European Board for Digital Services

On the 19th October 2026, the MCA participated in the 19th meeting of Working Group 6 (Protection of Minors) of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on the Commission's Age Verification solution project, implementation of Article 28 and its priority workstreams, and national and EU initiatives concerning the protection of minors online, including the EU Kids Online Act, Austria's mobile phone experiment, opportunities for children on social media, online gaming, and coordinated action on pornographic content.

WIK Conference 2026

"Can Europe achieve tech sovereignty? Exploring the EU's roadmap to leadership in digital platforms and telecoms."

An MCA expert attended the WIK Conference 2026, "Can Europe achieve tech sovereignty? Exploring the EU's roadmap to leadership in digital platforms and telecoms,", which was held on the 13th and 14th October 2026. The conference brought together policymakers, regulators, industry representatives and academics to discuss key challenges shaping Europe's digital and telecommunications sectors. Sessions covered digital competition and enforcement, implementation of the Digital Markets Act, artificial intelligence governance, the transition from copper to fibre, access regulation, and the development of future connectivity technologies, including 6G. The discussions provided an opportunity to hear a range of perspectives on the evolving EU regulatory framework and the practical challenges of translating policy objectives into effective implementation.

A recurring theme was how Europe can strengthen its digital and technological sovereignty while maintaining competition, encouraging investment and innovation, and ensuring secure and resilient infrastructure. The sessions highlighted the importance of evidence-based regulation, coordination between European and national authorities, and balancing common EU objectives with differences in national markets and deployment

conditions. Discussions on AI also explored how regulatory oversight can keep pace with rapid technological change while safeguarding accountability and enabling innovation. Overall, the conference provided useful insights into emerging policy priorities and regulatory debates, particularly the implications for telecommunications markets, digital infrastructure investment and Europe's wider approach to technological independence and competitiveness.

22nd Meeting of Working Group 2 of European Board for Digital Services

On the 13th October 2026, the MCA participated in the 22nd meeting of Working Group 2 (Working Together) of the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on preparation of the Board's next Annual Work Plan and possible amendments to the WG2 fiche, best practices for complaints handling, structured dialogue with civil society organisations, and cooperation on Board opinions on Action Plans under Article 75 of the DSA.

The 114th Working Group on Spectrum Management

The Electronic Communications Committee's Working Group on Frequency Management (WG FM) held its 114th meeting in Srebreno, Croatia, between the 5th and 9th of October 2026, bringing together experts from across Europe to discuss key spectrum management matters. The meeting approved a wide range of ECC deliverables for publication and public consultation. The implementation of these outcomes will be considered when reviewing deliverables pertaining to spectrum management in Malta.

Cullen International Training on EU Telecommunications Regulatory Framework

An MCA official attended a three-day in-person Cullen International training course between the 6th and 8th October on the EU telecommunications regulatory framework, including practical insights into its interaction with competition law. The course covered a range of topics, with a particular focus on competition law, market analysis, and spectrum management.

65th 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 6th and 7th October 2026. 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.

MT-UK Roundtable Discussion on Cybersecurity

On the 5th October 2026, the MCA participated in the MT-UK Roundtable Discussion on Lessons Learnt in Cybersecurity, which brought together representatives from Maltese public authorities and UK counterparts to exchange views on election security, cyber threats and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI). Discussions covered threats across the electoral cycle, evolving

disinformation tactics, the protection of high-risk individuals, incident response and preparedness measures, public awareness and digital literacy initiatives, and approaches to strengthening resilience against cyber and information threats.

68th BEREC Plenary and 3rd IRG General Assembly

MCA participated in the 68th BEREC Plenary meetings and the IRG General Assembly held on the 1st and 2nd October in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The meetings were hosted by HAKOM, the Croatian national regulatory authority. During the Plenary, the Board of Regulators (BoR) elected Michel Van Bellinghen, Chair of the BIPT Council (Belgium), as the BEREC Chair for 2028. The BoR also adopted a number of documents including a Draft Report on the impact of generative AI on internet openness, and a fact-finding report 'Europe's Telecom Reality Check' that provides a view of where the EU stands in terms of connectivity, network quality, performance and pricing, compared to other jurisdictions. A full list of the public documents adopted by BEREC during the Plenary is available on the BEREC website – follow the link.

Sub-700 MHz Alternative Use RSPG 5th Subgroup Meeting

Members of the MCA participated in the 5th RSPG Subgroup meeting on "Guidance for the Alternative Use of the sub-700 MHz Band," held on 2nd October 2026. Discussions focused on the structure of the draft report.

PUBLICATIONS

Monthly Newsletter - August & September 2026

Published On 30/10/2026 News

Award of Trusted Flagger Status to the Victim Support Agency under Article 22 of the Digital Services Act

Published On 27/10/2026 Decision MCA/IMD/26-6125

Career Opportunity: Cybersecurity Certification Operations Specialist

Published On 26/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus Permit Number: 900/2026

Career Opportunity: Technical Officer (Spectrum Management & Technology)

Published On 26/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus Permit Number: 899/2026

International News Week 13 & 14 2026

Published On 26/10/2026 News

Key market indicators for electronic communications and post - Q1 2022 to Q2 2026

Published On 21/10/2026 Data Report Sheet MCA/R/26-6108

Career Opportunity: Senior Cybersecurity Specialist

Published On 20/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no 886/2026

Career Opportunity: Technical Specialist (Spectrum Management & Technology)

Published On 20/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no 889/2026

Career Opportunity: Technical Expert (Spectrum Management & Technology)

Published On 20/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no 887/2026

Career Opportunity: Senior Manager (Spectrum Management & Technology)

Published On 20/10/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no 888/2026

International News Week 12 2026

Published On 20/10/2026 News

International News Week 11 2026

Published On 14/10/2026 News

International News Week 10 2026

Published On 12/10/2026 News

Monthly Newsletter - July 2026

Published On 12/10/2026 News

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

Published On 09/10/2026 News

EMF Quarterly Report - Q3 2026

Published On 06/10/2026 EMF Reports

MEDIA ACTIVITY



Radio:

Date: 22.10.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: End-user half yearly report

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

TV:

Date: 29.10.2026

Channel: FLiving

Programme: FLiving Show

Topic: End-user half yearly report

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

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