EMERG
PLENARY MEETING
ROME, 20 MARCH 2017

CHAIR: ANGELO MARCELLO CARDANI (AGCOM PRESIDENT)

AGENDA

Monday, 20 March 2017

1. Opening of the meeting an adoption of the agenda

Title	Draft Agenda
Document	**EMERG (17) 01**
Background:	Opening of the meeting from the EMERG Chair 2017 (AGCOM) and adoption of the agenda.
Action required:	To agree on the agenda and identify any points to be raised under AOB.

2. Presentation of DETECON's team for 2017

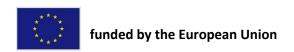| Title	Presentation of DETECON team for 2017
Document	**Oral presentation**
Background:	DETECON is the consultant company responsible of providing support to the activities of EMERG trough the NAPT IV Programme (2016-2019). DETECON will introduce Mr Sven Gschweitl the new administrative Project Manager.
Action required:	To take note.

3. EMERG 2016 Annual Report

3.1 Information about EMERG events 2016

Title	**Overview of EMERG Events 2016**
Document	**Oral presentation**
Background:	Oral information on meetings and relevant activities since last Plenary, namely: - **Contact Network (Benchmark) Meeting in Cologne** with Detecon hosting, INTT chairing and CMT presenting the Benchmark Report 2015. - **Plenary Meeting in Sharm El Sheik** hosted by NTRA decided about work program - **1st Expert Workshop hosted by NTRA in Cairo** about "Licensing and Auctioning" had to be postponed to 2017 due to lack of participation of EU members. Now planned for 2nd half of April 2017 in Cologne. - **2nd Expert Workshop hosted by ANACOM in Lisbon** about "Internet of Things" was attended by 24 participants from 12 countries. - **3rd common EMERG/BEREC Expert Workshop hosted by BEREC in Brussels** about "Regulation of Voice" was attended by 29 participants from 20 countries. - **4th Expert Workshop hosted by AGCOM in Rome** about "Net Neutrality" was attended by 28 participants from 14 countries. -
Action required:	To take note.

3.2 Implementation of the Work plan 2016 and recommendations

Title	Status of the 2016 Annual Report
Document	**Oral presentation**
Background:	The 2016 EMERG Annual Report, has been prepared based on the results of the implementation of the EMERG Work Plan 2016, including recommendations. The final document will include brief reports from the workshops that took place in 2016, including the one that will be held in Cologne on 26 April on Licensing & Auctioning, that was part of the WP 2016. To this aim, the final report will be approved in a separate EMERG meeting besides the Summit with BEREC-Regulatel and EaP in Cascais or via electronic voting. At the CN, as a result of the Expert Workshops held in 2016, five recommendations out of seven have been recommended. After the presentation of the draft report and following the discussion, the CN agreed to pass to the Plenary 6 out of the 7 recommendations proposed for final approval. Namely: 1. **Internet of Things (IoT).** Assess and agree on spectrum bands and wireless standards most appropriate for IoT uses in EMERG countries (Sigfox, Zigbee, 2G/3G/4G/5G, etc.). 2. **Regulation of Voice.** Address the benefits and the options for a harmonized regulation of international roaming prices and how to achieve it.

	3. **Regulation of Voice.** Foster the harmonization of costing models for fixed (mobile) voice call termination among EMERG countries to bottom-up long-run incremental costs. 4. **Regulation of Voice.** Evaluate and review of "price floor" regulation for international incoming voice traffic in EMERG member countries with level significantly above average. 5. **Net Neutrality.** Design and shape suitable harmonized approaches (e.g., by means of common positions) about "zero rating" commercial practices. 6. **Net Neutrality**. Assess and identify best practices for NRA evaluation tools (websites) allowing consumers to compare the performance of Internet access services, identify relevant traffic management measures and possible filtering and the cost of alternative usage patterns. The CN also agreed to propose to the Plenary to include the wholesale and retail roaming charges in the next Benchmark Report.
Action required:	To take note and to agree on the next steps

4. EMERG 2015 Benchmark Report

Title	Draft 2016 EMERG Benchmark Report
Document	**EMERG (17) 02**
Background:	Presentation will be provided on the Report, composed as a result of interactive input from the participating members of EMERG. The final draft includes the last comments received from the NRAs by 3 March 2017.
Action required:	To approve the 2016 EMERG Benchmark Report and to publish it on the website.

5. EMERG 2017 External Institutional Activity

Title	Cooperation with BEREC
Document	**Oral presentation**
Background:	In April 2014, EMERG and BEREC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which set the basis for the cooperation between both platforms of regulators. Information will be provided about the activities which are going to be carried out this year under this framework of cooperation, mainly the organization of a joint working group and the celebration of an annual Summit BEREC – EMERG. At the CN ANACOM, as host of the event, informed that, according to schedule, on 31 May 2017, the next BEREC-EMERG Summit will take place in Cascais (Portugal), in a joint event with Regulatel and the EaPeReg, as in 2015. Furthermore, it has been mentioned that apart from the issue of the Summit, the MoU with BEREC also foresees that, at least, one joint workshop shall be organized

	during the current year. On this, contacts shall be coordinated with the CNMC, once the EMERG WP for 2017 is approved.
Action required:	To take note and to agree on the further steps.

6. EMERG sustainability strategy

Title	**EMERG sustainability strategy: first ideas**
Document	**EMERG (17) 03**
Background:	At the CN **DETECON** presented first ideas for the benefit of EMERG to non-EU members and possible organizational options for self-financing. In particular**,** DETECON illustrated 2 options: Financing a permanent OR a virtual organization, stressing the benefits of each**.**
Action required:	To discuss the document and to agree on the way forward

7. EMERG 2017 Work Plan

Title	Draft 2017 EMERG Work Plan
Document	**EMERG (17) 04**
Background:	The European Commission committed to fund up to 4 workshops in 2017 within the new NAPT Program. EMERG shall decide on the subjects to be included in the draft 2017 EMERG Work Plan for these workshops, based on the results of the consultation made among the EMERG members (15 February 2017) and following the discussion at the CN.
	As a second step, the CN decided to merge the initial 18 topics into 9 and finally to prioritise them with an expression of interest. With the purpose to share as much as possible the WP for 2017, including topics of common interest, the Chair proposed to give a further opportunity the Members, not at the CN, to express their preferences in a short commenting round after the CN.
	The current version of the WP is the final outcome of the above mentioned procedure and include the following topics for the Expert Workshops 2017, bearing in mind that one of them will be organised in cooperation with BEREC:
	1. **Broadband strategies and Universal Service;**
	2. **OTT Regulation, Cross Border content portability Big Data Regulation and Key market indicators;**
	3. **NGN and Network Sharing and LLU;**
	4. **Quality of Service and Consumer protection.**
	The Chair at the CN and in a following call for volunteers (deadline 10 March 2017) asked for the availability to chair or to host one of the planned workshops.
Action required:	To approve the draft 2017 EMERG Work Plan and to publish it on the website.

8. EMERG internal management issues

8.1 EMERG 2017 Vice-Chair and Secretariat team

Title	- Appointment of the 2018 Chair / 2017 Vice-Chair according to art.4 EMERG Charter [EMERG (15)06] - Appointment of the 2017 Permanent Secretariat and its coordinator according to art. 6 of the EMERG Charter [EMERG (15)06]
Document	No document.
Background:	Information shall be provided on the appointment of the 2018 Chair and on the proposal for the 2017 EMERG Permanent Secretariat team and its coordinator.
Action required:	To appoint the 2018 Chair / 2017 Vice-Chair and the 2017 Permanent Secretariat

8.2 EMERG communication activities

Title	Information on state of play of the EMERG website **(DETECON)**
Document	**Oral presentation**
Background:	An update of the latest activities of EMERG website.
Action required:	To take note of the information

9. AOB