

## Celebrating the EMERG day - July 1 - 13 years after day one

Back in July 1, 2008, Malta was the chosen place for launching the European Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG). Since then, rooted in the ideals and principles of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation of the Barcelona Process, EMERG remains an independent platform of 23 National Regulatory Authorities for Electronic Communications Networks and Services.

During the past 13 years, the road has been full of challenges: keeping members together, sharing ideas, best practices; promoting the internal debate on common challenges; nurturing cooperation with strategic partners, within the framework of the European Union.

The Euro-Mediterranean cooperation has not always been self-evident and requires a significant and active will to continue. Also, since 2008, the world has changed and the technological and regulatory challenges are different, in times that now claim for green and digital revolutions.

With this in mind, EMERG has opted for a bi-annual planning for 2021-2022, taking a step into the future, providing a basis for the new EMERG in the years to come. From 2020 to 2022, with the Palestinian, Portuguese and Israeli NRAs conducting the EMERG Chairmanship, the group is strongly committed to reaffirm its capacity of mobilizing internal resources to consistent working groups, that will feed EMERG with open and proactive discussions on subjects that are of its current or future interest.

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1 <sup>st</sup> EMERG Plenary			
Hosted by the Malta Communications Authority			
Preliminary Agenda			
Timing and location			
01 July 2008		08.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs	
Westin Dragonara Resort St. Julians MALTA			
8.30 – 9.00	Registration		
9.00	Item 1	Approval of agenda	(01 – 01)
9.10	Item 2	General discussion on merits of EMERG network	
10.00	Item 3	Modalities of the Network	(01 – 02)
10.30	Coffee Break		
11.00	Item 3	Modalities of the Network (Cont.)	(01 – 02)
12.00	Item 4	Draft work programme for first year of EMERG	(01 – 04)
13.00	Lunch		
14.00	Item 5	Planned follow-up initiatives to NATPII	(01 – 03)
14.30	Item 6	Declaration	(01 – 05)
15.00	Item 7	Peer review session (Further details to be provided)	(01 – 06)
16.00	Item 8	Any other business and close of meeting	



PROGRAMME  
for the NATP-II closing conference, followed by the EMERG launching meeting

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2008

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008**

12.30-14.00 h. Lunch (optional)  
 14.00 h – 17.30 h. NATP-II closing conference  
 14-15.30 h. First session  
 15.30-16.00 h. Coffee break  
 16.00-17.30 h. Second and final session  
 18.30 h. – 19.30 h. Drinks reception  
 20.00 h. Dinner

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2008:**

14.00 h – 17.30 h. EMERG launching meeting  
 8.30 – 9.00 Registration  
 9.00-10.30 First session of meeting  
 10.30 Coffee Break  
 11.00-13.00 Second session of meeting  
 13.00 Lunch

On the other hand, EMERG has a word to say when it comes to building bridges to and with other partners, with special attention to BEREC, and the regulatory groups in Eastern Europe and Latin America. Also, new projects deriving from the new European strategic partnerships will surely be paramount for EMERG, with particular focus on the PRIDA Initiative, supported by the EU and the African Union.

13 years after its day one, the strength of EMERG lies not only in the diversity of perspectives, but in the ultimate link of cooperation, with a convergent vision.



*The Senior Officials Meeting with the European Commission, Athens, 18-19 November, 2013*

Southern Mediterranean dialogue on  
Electronic Communications & the Information Society  
Athens, Greece – 18/19 November 2013

**Southern Mediterranean dialogue on Electronic Communications & the Information Society**

Tead Talaqat / Athina, Greece / 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

1. The Southern Mediterranean dialogue on Electronic Communications & the Information Society was held on 18/19 November 2013 in Athens, Greece. It was organized by the Greek Ministry of Information, Transport & Networks in cooperation with the European Commission, and by the European Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology (DG CONNECT), with the active support of the European Commission Directorate-General EMERG, chaired by G. KALITRINI.

2. Participants in the dialogue were senior official delegates from 15<sup>th</sup> Member States, from both Southern Mediterranean and EU countries, along with the institutional representatives of BEREC, the Director of EMERG, and representatives of the European Commission (DG CONNECT) and the BEREC Observers from Albania, Latvia and Ukraine were also present.

3. The meeting was the first of its kind and aimed at bringing together the senior stakeholders involved in setting the right regulatory environment to facilitate the creation of a harmonized, pro-innovation and the regulatory framework, consistent in the electronic communications sector and accelerate the development of the Southern Mediterranean Information Society. It further supports the policy objectives, including policy cooperation between Europe and the Mediterranean Member Countries, building on the institutional and administrative cooperation, various regulatory and other national initiatives. The meeting was hosted by the European Union.

4. Invitations to participate were given by the Minister, Mr. Giorgos Kalliris, General for Telecommunications and Post of the Ministry of Information, Transport and Networks, and by the Director, Mr. G. KALITRINI, DG CONNECT, European Commission. A special country presentation was given by Talya on the development of the Information Society. Other presentations were given by BEREC on its role and the implementation of the regulatory framework. The electronic communication services and services in the EU, including the cooperation with ERMES and by ERMES in four member states and also in the development of the Southern Mediterranean Information Society.

5. In the context of the dialogue, four presentations and recommendations from EMERG on the topic of national security, harmonized system and cross-protection in the technical and financial markets were held from 18 to 19 November 2013. In addition, the dialogue also featured presentations and recommendations from workshops which had taken place in 2012 based on the 2012 market work programme and covering the status of our national network security. Next European Action (NEA) and regulatory methodologies and

EMERG was created in 2001 to bring together the national regulatory bodies from the Southern Mediterranean region to promote the approximation of regulatory frameworks and best practices in the technical and financial markets. EMERG is a platform for dialogue and cooperation between the national regulatory bodies from the Southern Mediterranean region and the European Commission. EMERG is a platform for dialogue and cooperation between the national regulatory bodies from the Southern Mediterranean region and the European Commission.

That is why EMERG celebrates today, July 1, the commitment towards the original objectives: to promote the approximation to the European regulatory framework and best practices among its Members, on issues relating to electronic communications and, ultimately to make a difference in people’s lives, across the Euro-Mediterranean region.