

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

EMERG Plenary Meeting

MCA participated remotely to the European Mediterranean Regulators Group (EMERG) plenary meeting which was held in hybrid format on 31st May 2022. The meeting was Chaired by Naama Henig, Head of the International Affairs Department (MoC, Israel). During the Plenary, EMERG members discussed and approved a number of documents including EMERG's Annual Report 2021 and the 2022 Benchmark report which provides a detailed overview of market trends and regulatory activities of EMERG Members during last year. More information can be accessed on <http://www.emergonline.org/>

ERGP 1st Contact Network Meeting 2022

An official represented the MCA for the 1st Contact Network meeting of the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) of 2022. The meeting was held on the 24th May in Madrid, Spain – the first physical meeting since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. A number of ERGP documents including the ERGP Medium Term Strategy 2023-2025, the Work Programme for 2023, a Position Paper on the European Commission report on the application of the Postal Services Directive, an internal study for the parcel market in the context of the development of e-commerce in the postal sector and a report on cross-border parcel delivery services, were discussed to pass to the Plenary for adoption.

BEREC/IRG 2nd Contact Network 2022

MCA participated in the 2nd BEREC Contact Network held in Dublin, Ireland on the 19th and 20th May 2022. The objective of the Meeting was to prepare for the 51st Board of Regulators (BoR) Meeting planned for the following month, in June. During the Meeting, the respective Expert Working Groups and BEREC Office presented to the CN members a number of documents (including updated Guidelines and Reports) as well as Oral updates on ongoing/completed BEREC deliverables.

10th WADEX Meeting, Webinar N. 5

This meeting, which was held on the 17th May 2022, was part of a series of webinars held by the Web Accessibility Directive Expert Group (WADEX) with the aim of sharing knowledge and collecting feedback from all the member states currently implementing the Web Accessibility Directive. The MCA, being the officially appointed authority responsible for the Directive's implementation in Malta, regularly attends and participates in these webinars.

First on the Agenda was a presentation by Ima Placencia - Senior Expert Disability and inclusion - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion – European Commission. Ms Placencia gave an overview of the European Accessibility Act (EAA), its main provisions, links with the WAD as well as the state of play of its transposition. Information was also given on upcoming developments, such as standardisation and application.

The other topic tackled during this webinar was; "Easy Reading", a project developed in Austria aimed at making information more accessible to people with intellectual disabilities. Prof. Klaus Miesenberger - Head of Institute Integriert Studieren, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, & Coordinator of the Easy Reading project, gave an overview of the project which was co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 program. Easy Reading is a cloud-based software framework and browser extension supporting personalising web content in real time for better readability and understandability.

BEREC Market and Economic Analysis Meeting

A representative from the MCA attended a meeting on the 16th of May organised by the BEREC Market and Economic Analysis concerning the work-stream on business services (PRD 1.8 – BEREC Report on the regulatory treatment of business service). The discussion focused on the drafting of a questionnaire that aims to gather information on the approaches adopted by NRAs to regulate Market 2 of the 2020 Recommendation as well as other related markets. The gathered information will then be used for the drafting of a report.

EMERG International Roaming Workshop

An MCA representative participated in a workshop on international roaming on the 10th May, 2022, where countries from the European Union, Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership were present with the aim to share their expertise, work and achievements on the subject. A various range of topics were discussed.

BEREC International Roaming Meeting

The MCA participated in two meetings, which were held on the 3rd and 9th May 2022 and organised by the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) International Roaming Working Group to discuss the wholesale and retail roaming Guidelines which are being updated to assist service providers and NRAs in the implementation of the recast of the Roaming Regulation.

ERGP Cross Border Working Group Meeting

An MCA official attended the ERGP Cross Border Working Group meeting on the 5th May 2022. During the meeting, the Co-chairs presented the document, [ERGP Report Analysis of Article 6 of the Regulation \(EU\) 2018/644 on cross-border parcel delivery services](#), where the drafters provided an overview of the sections written and comments received. The general feedback was very positive, with minor modifications or updates required.

51st Meeting of Working Group NaN1

Two representatives from the MCA participated in a web meeting of a project team within WG NaN which was held between the 4th and 5th May 2022. 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.

PUBLICATIONS

MCA International News Week 15/16 - 2022

Published On: May 31st 2022 **News**

MCA International News Week 14 - 2022

Published On: May 26th 2022 **News**

MCA International News Week 13 - 2022

Published On: May 24th 2022 **News**

Monthly Newsletter - April 2022

Published On: May 11th 2022 **News**

MCA International News Week 12 - 2022

Published On: May 11th 2022 **News**

MCA International News Week 11 - 2022

Published On: May 4th 2022 **News**

LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation:

- On the 12th May 2022 a first sitting was held before the Court of Appeal (Superior) in the appeal filed by Melita Limited against the Director General, Consumer Affairs, within the MCCA, contesting a judgement given in 2017 by the Competition and Consumer Appeals Tribunal. That judgement related to a complaint lodged by the MCA with the DG Consumer Affairs with regard to alleged misleading advertisement by Melita going back to 2011. The MCA had intervened in the proceedings before the Tribunal once the case was related to an issue it had raised in the first instance.
- The case before the Court of Appeal has now been adjourned for final submissions by the parties to the appeal including the MCA.
- On the 26th May 2022 – the VULA appeal lodged by Vodafone in 2016 (now EPIC) was held before the

ART. During the sitting witness for GO Stefan Briffa was cross examined by EPIC.

- The case has been adjourned for the conclusion of evidence.

Programme: Għaddi S'Hawn

Topic: Tips to Improve your Internet Connection

Participant: Yanika Bugeja

Date: 17.05.2021

Channel: TVM

Programme: Niskata

Topic: Telecosts – Price Comparison Portal

Participant: Yanika Bugeja

MEDIA ACTIVITY

Television:

Date: 24.05.2022

Channel: TVM