MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

24 November 2020 – 10.00-13.00
via Videoconference

Summary report

(1) Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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1.1. Chairman’s opening remarks

The Chair informed delegates about the impacts of COVID-19 on the work of committees covered by Regulation 182/2011 including COCOM and proposed the continuation of written procedures and meetings by videoconference for the continuity of the work.

The Chair proceeded to inform delegates about the data protection provisions applicable to Comitology meetings.

The Chair proposed the adoption of the agenda, which was adopted without remarks.

Overview of the activities since the last COCOM

The Chair informed delegates about the state of play regarding the upcoming Delegated Act setting single maximum Union-wide voice termination rates.

The Chair informed delegates about the progress on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the effectiveness of the implementation of the single European emergency number ‘112’.

Under Article 109(4) EECC the Commission is bound to submit, within two years of the entry into force of the Code, and every two years thereafter, a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the effectiveness of the implementation of the single European emergency number “112”. The first such report should be submitted by 21 December 2020.

The Chair proceeded by informing delegates about the state of play regarding the review of the Roaming regulation and the opinion on the Commission Implementing act defining retail roaming surcharges.
The Chair provided delegates with an overview of the last BEREC Plenary meetings and other activities

1.2. **Propose the adoption of the agenda**

The Chair proposed the adoption of the agenda to the Delegates, which was adopted without changes
The draft minutes of the 81st COCOM meeting of 22 September 2020 meeting were sent to COCOM members and they submitted their comments.

(3)  **RRF Digital Connectivity flagship**

The Commission services presented the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)- “Connect” Flagship
(4) Connectivity Toolbox Recommendation and Review of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive

The Commission services updated the COCOM Members with the status information on the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive review process since the previous meeting, and next steps and with the status information on the Recommendation on the Union Toolbox for reducing the cost of deploying very high capacity networks and ensuring timely and investment-friendly access to 5G radio spectrum.

(5) The European Electronic Communications Code, EECC transposition and implementation (information point)

The Commission services followed up on the Commission’s implementation strategy on the EECC and Informed about the upcoming publication of a new update of the questions and answers document.

This was followed by a tour de table of the Member States delegates to check the progress of Member States towards the transposition of the new rules.

The Chair highlighted that to date only one Member State has communicated full transposition of the Directive and urged the others to do the same.

(6) DESI Indicators for 5G deployment: Proposed approach for next year’s reporting

The Commission services briefly presented the Commission’s intention regarding the reporting of 5G deployment in Member States in 2021. This is a piece of work that was initiated by the COCOM Working Group on 5G deployment strategy (2018-2019). It is also a follow-up of the related questionnaire on 5G deployment indicators (February 2020) whose results were presented at the last COCOM meeting.
(7) Any other business (*)

-Next COCOM meeting is foreseen on 16 February 2021.

- The next Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the MB will take place on 10-11 December 2020, and will be virtual.