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Commission seeks BEREC opinion on draft Recommendation on consistent non-discrimination obligations and costing methodologies

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Following public consultations on aspects of non-discrimination and cost methodologies for regulated wholesale network access in autumn 2011, on 12 July 2012 Vice President Kroes issued a policy statement on enhancing the broadband investment environment announcing future durable regulatory guidance in the form of a Commission Recommendation on these topics. At an extraordinary meeting of the Body of European Regulators in Electronic Communications (BEREC) in Brussels on 15 November 2012, agreement was reached on the importance of increasing current levels of infrastructure investment as a key response to the current economic and financial challenges facing Europe. On 5 December 2012, Vice President Kroes has formally sought the opinion of BEREC on a draft 'Commission Recommendation on consistent non-discrimination obligations and costing methodologies to promote competition and enhance the broadband investment environment.' This draft Recommendation is intended to express in concrete regulatory terms the policy orientations outlined on 12 July 2012.
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Consultation of BEREC on the draft Recommendation is one of the procedural steps foreseen by the EU regulatory framework before the adoption of the Recommendation by the Commission (expected in the first half of 2013). The Commission shall take utmost account of the opinion of BEREC.

The draft Recommendation is therefore not an official position of the Commission. It is a basis for consultations with BEREC, and is published by the Commission in the interest of transparency. All stakeholders are reminded that BEREC is the main interlocutor of the Commission during this consultation period. This web notice does not constitute a public consultation, which was already carried out and closed in the autumn of 2011 (on non-discrimination [1], costing methodologies [2]).

Draft 'Commission Recommendation on consistent non-discrimination obligations and costing methodologies to promote competition and enhance the broadband investment environment' [3]
Policy statement on enhancing the broadband investment environment (12 July 2012) [4]

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