



Press release

ERGP Plenary and Workshop

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The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) met in the 1st plenary session of 2014 in Lisbon, under the chairmanship of Catalin MARINESCU, Chairman of the Romanian regulatory authority (ANCOM).

During this plenary meeting, the ERGP members adopted a series of documents, notably the "*ERGP Report on experiences of the challenges when implementing a methodology for the net cost calculation based on a reference scenario - ERGP (14) 15*", the "*ERGP Report on best practices in the field of consumer protection, quality of service and complaint handling*" - ERGP (13) 32 Rev. 1, the "*ERGP Report on end-to-end competition and access in European postal markets - ERGP (13) 38 Rev. 1*" as well as the "*ERGP activities report 2011-2013*" - ERGP (14) 20". The latter contains an overview of the ERGP activities in the last three years and confirms that the ERGP has not only developed a well-functioning institutional structure, but has also addressed a number of core issues relevant for postal regulation.

The ERGP members also laid the foundations for the work programme 2015-2016 in the workshop that preceded the plenary meeting. The workshop attendants discussed key issues that will be addressed by the ERGP in the coming years. The ERGP Work Programme 2015 – 2016 will be elaborated and subject to a public consultation after the second ERGP plenary meeting.

The autumn ERGP plenary is scheduled to be held in Bucharest on 20 November 2014 and will be preceded by the first ERGP stakeholder dialogue workshop. All European postal stakeholders (postal services providers, including universal service providers; consumer associations; postal industry associations; labour associations; e-retailers) are invited to Bucharest, on 19 November, to express their views on the implementation of the Universal Service in the postal sector and the effects of the market and other developments on the scope and long-term sustainability of the USO. Following the workshop, the ERGP will launch a public consultation based on a Discussion Paper on the implementation of Universal Service in the postal sector and the effects of recent changes in some countries on the scope of the USO, which will serve as a background for the stakeholders' dialogue to follow.

About ERGP

ERGP is composed of the 28 national regulatory authorities (NRAs) of the EU, as well as national regulatory authorities from countries of the European Economic Area and countries with candidate status to join the European Union.

ERGP's tasks are to advise and assist the Commission in consolidating the internal market for postal services or any other matter related to postal services within its competence.

Furthermore, ERGP is advising and assisting the Commission as to the development of the internal market for postal services and as to the consistent application in all Member States

of the regulatory framework for postal services.

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