



Press release

European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) 16th Plenary meeting

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Portugal, 28 June 2019

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) held its first Plenary meeting for 2019 in São Miguel – Azores, under the chairmanship of Mr João Cadete de Matos, chairman of ANACOM, supported by the vice-chairs, Mr. Jack Hamande (BIPT/IBPT) and Mr Spyros Pantelis (EETT).

The Plenary session was preceded on the 27 June by a joint ERGP-PUASP (Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal) workshop about the regulatory challenges in Europe and in Americas and by an internal ERGP workshop on the *Opinion on the review of the regulatory framework*.

On 28 June, the Plenary adopted the *ERGP Opinion on the review of the regulatory framework for postal services*, which advocates in developing a future regulatory framework for the postal sector from a wider perspective and formulates a number of recommendations to the European Commission.

The Plenary also agreed on the draft ERGP Medium-Term Strategy 2020-22 (MTS) and the ERGP Work Programme for the year 2020. Both documents will be made available for public consultation before final approval.

The ERGP Plenary discussed the programme of the second ERGP Stakeholder Forum that will take place on 18 September 2019 in Brussels. High level stakeholders from the postal, digital and e-commerce sectors will be invited to exchange views on how to regulate for the future, on how e-commerce is re-shaping the postal sector and on developments in international mail. These three topics are most relevant for the evaluation of the Postal Services Directive that will take place in 2020 and the change



of business models of postal operators.

The ERGP Plenary also discussed the implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/644 on cross-border parcel delivery services.

The Plenary took note that the work of all sub-groups in 2019 is advancing as foreseen and approved the Report on the development of postal networks and access practices regarding infrastructure related to the parcel market.

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