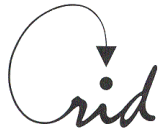


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The future Commission Recommendation on Next Generation Access

Brussels, October 9, 2008, 16:00 – 20:00



Analysis of the Recommendation on NGA

The impact of the deployment of Next Generation Access Networks on market structures and on regulation is not yet clear. Some argue that it will lead to a new phase of natural monopoly in the telecom industry whereas others argue that it will increase competition in the sector. Some argue that the fundamental principles of the current European regulatory framework are sufficiently robust to deal with new infrastructure; whereas others call for adaptation of those principles to speed up the deployment of new networks.

The aim of the seminar is to review these issues by presenting and critically reviewing the draft Commission Recommendation on Next Generation Access to be published in September 2008. The draft Recommendation will first be presented by a Commission representative, underlying its rationale, its basic principles and its link with the i2010 Strategy. Then the draft Recommendation will be commented on by two panels of regulators and operators who are facing the deployment of new infrastructures. Finally, it will be commented on by an independent critical observer of the industry.

16:00 Registration and coffee

16:30 The draft Recommendation on NGA

> **Ken Ducatel**

(Cabinet of Commissioner Reding)

17:00 Reactions of the regulators

> **Gerard Boogert**

(OPTA, The Netherlands)

> **Bertrand Vandeputte**

(ARCEP, France)

> **Bostjan Makarovic**

(APEK, Slovenia)

18:00 Coffee break

18:30 Reactions of the operators

> **Adrian Whitchurch**

(BT)

> **Jorge Peneda**

(Portugal Telecom)

> **Matjaz Pogacnik**

(Telecom Slovenia)

19:20 Views of the financial community

> **James Enck**

(Eurotelcoblog)

19:40 Cocktail reception

Venue:

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Fee* and registration:

Participation fee: €100 (drinks and sandwiches included).

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the additional participants will benefit from a 25 % reduction.

Former DTIC-students and doctoral students are also entitled to a 25 % reduction.

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