

The definition of geographic markets in electronic communications

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Since August 2003, National Regulatory Authorities have filed over 730 notifications on the outcome of their market analyses to the European Commission. For the very first time, an NRA has now proposed not to designate the national incumbent as having SMP in a specific geographic area. In November 2007, Ofcom notified its second round analysis of the wholesale broadband access market (market 5, previously market 12).

In broad terms, Ofcom proposed to:

- define three separate geographic markets; and
- lift BT's SMP designation and regulatory obligations in one of those markets, covering about 65% of the UK population, where local loop unbundling (LLU) is considered to have successfully taken-off.

The Commission published its comments letter on February 15, 2008.

The seminar will be an opportunity to explore the concept of sub-national geographic markets and its application to electronic communications.

16:00 Registration and coffee

16:30 Introduction to the definition of geographic markets

> Pierre Larouche
(Professor, University of Tilburg)

17:00 Views from regulators

> Peter Culham
(Chief Economist, Ofcom)
> Reinald Krüger
(Deputy Head of Unit "Antitrust Telecoms", EU Commission, DG Competition, speaking in a personal capacity)

18:00 Coffee break

18:15 Views from the industry

> Patrice d'Oultremont
(Chief Regulatory Officer, Belgacom Group)

> Ilsa Godlovich
(Head of Regulatory Affairs, ECTA)

> Bruno Soria
(Regulatory Studies Director, Telefónica SA)

> Thomas Roukens
(Regulatory Affairs Manager, Telenet)

19:30 Cocktail reception

Venue:

Fondation Universitaire Stichting
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Fee* and registration:

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