



European Electronic Communications Code – main provisions and changes

A three-day **online** training course



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The training will provide attendees with:

- a comprehensive overview of the changes introduced in the new European regulatory framework, covering the full range of topics included in the Code;
- the context and original aims of the new regulatory package, and how likely it is that these aims will be furthered by the new provisions;
- a detailed understanding of the new range of access remedies available for regulatory authorities and how these could impact the market, in particular for fibre broadband;
- a review of how the Commission's ambitious proposals to reform spectrum policy were amended during the political debate, and how the final provisions in this area will affect the EU's aim to be a leader in 5G;
- an insight into the changes introduced for end user rights, how OTTs are affected, and how the concept of universal service has been refocused on broadband access; and
- an understanding of the institutional changes for BEREC and NRAs, including the work now needing to be done to implement the package.

Who should attend and why?

The seminar is suitable for:

- regulatory experts and specialists who wish to gain a detailed understanding of the new Code; and
- anyone in the industry who wishes to gain an overview of the new Code, its aims, and the changes that it will introduce.

The seminar will help participants to:

- understand how the Code will affect their own national regulatory environment; and
- learn and exchange views on how the Code will shape the communications industry in Europe.

The training organiser

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We are also regularly selected to carry out important research and studies for the European Commission and other organisations and we are frequently sought out to chair or make presentations at industry events.



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Presenters

Lead trainer

Matej Podbevšek, Principal Analyst, follows telecoms regulation in Latvia, Slovenia and the UK, and is the lead author of the monthly European Telecoms Updates. Before joining Cullen International in 2014, Matej was a senior advisor in the telecommunications department of the Slovenian regulator for communication networks and services (AKOS).

Team of trainers

All Cullen International trainers are seasoned regulatory affairs professionals specialised in telecoms regulation. Very few have less than 10 years experience in their field of expertise.

Veronica Bocarova, Principal Analyst, is responsible for developing Cullen International's regulatory training portfolio. She has been actively engaged in capacity building initiatives for policymakers and regulators across a wide range of European countries. She also follows regulation in the Scandinavian countries as well as Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe.

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Laurence Nivot, Senior Analyst, follows telecoms regulation in Belgium, France and Lithuania. Laurence is also the lead author of the Consumer Protection Cross-Country Analysis report, covering ten European countries. Laurence joined Cullen International in 2012, previously working as a journalist for the European Commission's news website.

Marianna Mattera, Analyst, is a qualified lawyer and she follows telecoms regulation at EU level, in Hungary and in Greece. Before joining Cullen International in 2016, Marianna worked at the European Commission (DG Justice) on various topics related to national justice reforms in the context of the European Semester and as project coordinator for a Brussels-based NGO.

Kyrylo Prymak, Analyst, follows regulation of the telecoms sector and the wider digital economy in the UK. He also covers the telecoms sector in Bulgaria and Hungary. Before joining Cullen International in 2018, Kyrylo worked in Ukraine for an international law firm on telecoms regulation, intellectual property and data protection law. He has also worked as a legal advisor at one of the biggest Ukrainian telecom operators. Kyrylo holds a master's degree in Information and Communications Technology Law from the University of Oslo.

Martin Schraa, Principal Analyst, follows telecoms regulation at EU level, covering the European Commission, Parliament, Council and BEREC. He also follows postal and telecoms regulation in the Netherlands. Martin joined Cullen International in 2007 after an internship at the European Telecommunications Network Operators' association (ETNO).



Course timings

Three half-day online modules

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TRAINING SESSIONS

AIMS OF THE EECC AND MAIN CHANGES TO THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Setting the background for new European Electronic Communications Code (EECC). We will discuss:

- The scope of the EECC
- A high-level overview of the changes compared with the current EU regulatory framework for electronic communications
- The main connectivity targets the European Commission has set for 2025 regarding 5G deployment and gigabit very high capacity networks (VHCN)
- The need to stimulate network investment
- Next steps: BEREC and Commission guidance, entry into force of specific provisions, review

GENERAL AUTHORISATION: A NEW ROLE FOR BEREC

The EECC introduces several measures to improve cross-border coordination for pan-European operators, albeit not to the extent the Commission envisioned in its initial proposal. Whereas the Commission wanted BEREC to be the single contact point for notifications by operators, the EECC maintains the central role of national authorities, while BEREC manages an EU-level register. This session will look into:

- The scope of the general authorisation regime
- Rights and conditions attached to the general authorisation
- The role of BEREC: register of national notifications and guidelines on notification template
- Review by BEREC and the Commission



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NEW ASYMMETRIC SMP PROVISIONS AND MARKET ANALYSIS: THE INTRICACIES OF MAKING CO-INVESTMENT WORK

The EECC introduces the possibility for new asymmetric access obligations on SMP operators, while providing regulatory relief for specific business models (co-investment schemes, wholesale-only networks) under certain circumstances. Furthermore, the market analysis procedure has been changed to provide more regulatory certainty and consistency among EU member states. This session explains:

- Regulatory treatment of co-investment schemes in VHCN and wholesale-only networks
- Market analysis procedure: extended cycle, 'double lock' veto on remedies for BEREC, three-criteria test included in the EECC, review of the recommendation on relevant markets
- Commitments procedure - making commitments binding: scope (SMP access obligations, co-investment, voluntary functional separation), relation with the market analysis procedure

NEW SYMMETRIC REMEDIES: FROM ACCESS OBLIGATIONS TO MAPPING AND PAN-EUROPEAN PRICE CAPS

The EECC introduces several symmetric remedies, applicable to all providers regardless of finding SMP. Many of these obligations are accompanied by detailed conditions on their application, including possible exceptions. This session will explore:

- Symmetric access to non-replicable assets such as wiring and cables, up to and beyond the first concentration point
- Passive infrastructure sharing and localised roaming
- Single EU-level price caps for wholesale fixed and mobile termination rates
- Single EU-level price caps for international intra-EU calls and SMS



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END-USER RIGHTS: A MOSAIC OF USERS AND OBLIGATIONS

The EECC imposes the maximum harmonisation of end-user rights at EU-level, preventing member states from applying measures which are either more or less restrictive than those laid down in the Code. The applicability of end-user rights will vary according to the newly defined categories of ECS, including OTTs: internet access services (IAS), number-based and number-independent interpersonal communications services (NB/NI-ICS) and conveyance of signals (including M2M). This session will address:

- Maximum harmonisation of end-user rights, including derogations and exceptions
- The new types of ECS and the applicability of end-user rights
- New end-user rights protection measures, e.g. on switching providers

NUMBERING RESOURCES: ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR USE

This session looks into the possibilities for a broader use of numbering resources enabled by the EECC. These include numbering ranges for extraterritorial use, for use by non-ECS (electronic communications service) providers and for non-ECS services. Other topics include:

- Over-the-air (OTA) provisioning of numbering resources to facilitate switching especially for M2M communications
- Access to civil infrastructure as a new standard SMP remedy
- Granting usage rights for numbering resources
- Coordination among national authorities regarding extraterritorial use within the EU

SPECTRUM POLICY: STIMULATING INVESTMENT IN 5G?

One of the main goals the Commission set, when proposing the EECC, was to increase the harmonisation of EU spectrum policy, in particular through oversight on the conditions under which member states award spectrum. Such harmonisation should stimulate the investments by operators needed to deploy 5G. In the session, we will have a closer look at the new spectrum management measures, such as:

- Release of spectrum for 5G (3.4-3.6 GHz and 26GHz bands)
- 5G spectrum already released by member states
- Light-touch approach for the deployment of wireless access points (small cells)
- Coordinated timing of spectrum release, minimum licence duration, terms for licence renewal
- Voluntary peer review of national spectrum assignment measures by the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG)



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UNIVERSAL SERVICE: TOWARDS AFFORDABLE BROADBAND

The EECC reduces the scope of the universal service obligation, focussing on access to adequate, affordable broadband. Member states will be obliged to set a minimum bandwidth. The funding for the USO remains unchanged. This session will analyse:

- Current and new scope of the USO
- Including additional services within the USO scope
- Minimum bandwidth for broadband: definition by member states, functional requirements by the EECC, BEREC report on best practices
- Affordability measures by member states
- Funding of the USO
- Review of the USO scope by the Commission

GOVERNANCE: CHANGES FOR BEREC AND NRAS

The EECC and BEREC Regulation 2018 elevate BEREC's profile as an advisor to the EU institutions. Furthermore, NRAs will now share a minimum number of common tasks harmonised at EU level, including on some aspects of spectrum policy. Even though BEREC's set-up remains fundamentally unchanged, including its two-tier structure, the new Regulation makes a few alterations, including a longer term for the head of BEREC.

BEREC will now manage an EU-level register of notifications to NRAs under the general authorisation regime and will provide guidelines on the notification template. Other topics to be addressed include:

- Legal status of BEREC and the BEREC Office
- Provisions to increase NRA independence on the dismissal of the head of NRA
- Organisational changes, e.g. term of BEREC chair
- Sharing responsibilities with other competent authorities



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