



EECC implementation calendar December 2021: state of play and next steps until 2025

How are the measures and guidelines to ensure consistent implementation of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC) by the member states coming along?

What are the next steps we can expect in the coming years?

This implementing calendar looks ahead at the cycle of reporting, updating and reviewing until the end of 2025.

It also takes stock of the measures and guidelines adopted so far by the European Commission and BEREC, the assembly of European telecoms regulators.

Implementing the EECC: actions taken so far by the European Commission and BEREC

Topic	European Commission	BEREC
Access	December 2020 Delegated regulation setting single EU-level caps for wholesale voice termination	December 2019 Guidelines on minimum criteria on transparency for reference offers
		March 2020 Guidelines on the identification of the network termination point (NTP)
		March 2020 Guidelines on geographical surveys of network deployments: consistent application
		October 2020 Guidelines on Very High Capacity Networks (VHCN) definitions
		December 2020 Guidelines on co-investment in VHCN
		December 2020 Guidelines on symmetric access obligations
		March 2021 Guidelines on geographical surveys: designated areas
General authorisation	No specific action	December 2019 Guidelines on the notification template for national authorities
		March 2020 Database of notifications by providers subject to general authorisation
Spectrum	January 2019 Implementing Decision on harmonised conditions for 5G in the 3.6 GHz band	No specific action
	June 2019 Commission Decision setting up the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG)	
	April 2020 Implementing Decision on harmonised conditions for 5G the 26 GHz band	
	July 2020 Implementing Decision on small-area wireless access points (small cells)	
End-user rights	December 2020 Implementing Decision on a contract summary template	March 2020 Guidelines on quality of service (QoS) parameters
		October 2020 Guidelines on intra-EU retail voice and SMS caps
Numbering	No specific action	March 2020 Guidelines on the management of numbering resources by non-ECS providers
		February 2021 Database of numbering resources for extraterritorial use
Emergency communications	December 2020 Report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the single European emergency number '112'	June 2020 Guidelines on assessing the effectiveness of different types of public warning systems
		Decision-making in progress Designation of a database of member state emergency services

Next steps and deadlines

Year	Topic	Action by
2021	21 DECEMBER	
	Universal service Review of existing obligations at national level	Member states
	General authorisation Forwarding of notifications made before 20 December 2020 to BEREC	Competent national authorities
	General authorisation Review of EECC provisions: BEREC opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEREC: mandatory opinion Commission: optional report to Parliament and Council, with legislative proposal if necessary
	End-user rights Review of EECC provisions: BEREC opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEREC: mandatory opinion Commission: mandatory report to Parliament and Council, with legislative proposal if necessary
2022	22 DECEMBER	
	End-user rights End to stricter national consumer protection measures than those prescribed by the EECC	No specific action
	31 DECEMBER	
	Small cells Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision	Member states
2023	21 JUNE	
	Public warning systems Providers of mobile number-based interpersonal communications send public warnings to end users in case of emergency	Member states
	21 DECEMBER	
	Public warning systems First Commission information act on caller-location information, access for end users with disabilities and routing to the most appropriate public safety answering point (PSAP)	Commission
	Single European emergency number '112' Report on effectiveness and implementation	Commission
	31 DECEMBER	
	Small cells Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision	Member states
2024	Not specified	
	VHCN definitions: BEREC guidelines Review to take 5G developments into account	BEREC
	19 APRIL	
	Delegated acts Report on the delegation of power under the EECC to the Commission	Commission
	19 SEPTEMBER	
	Delegated acts Deadline to oppose extension of the Commission's power to adopt delegated acts under the EECC	European Parliament or Council
19 DECEMBER		
Delegated acts Expiry to the Commission's power to adopt delegated acts. Tacitly extended for a five-year period.	No specific action	
21 DECEMBER		
BEREC performance and mandate Evaluation and review	Commission	
31 DECEMBER		
Small cells Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision	Member states	
2025	Topic	Action by
	14 MAY	
	Intra-EU retail voice and SMS caps expire	No specific action
	21 DECEMBER	
	General authorisation Review of EECC provisions: BEREC opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEREC: mandatory opinion Commission: optional report to Parliament and Council, with legislative proposal if necessary
	End-user rights Review of EECC provisions: BEREC opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEREC: mandatory opinion Commission: mandatory report to Parliament and Council, with legislative proposal if necessary
	Universal service Review of existing obligations at national level	Member states
	Single European emergency number '112' Report on effectiveness and implementation	Commission
31 DECEMBER		
Small cells Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision	Member states	
21 DECEMBER		
Review of the EECC	Commission	
Review of the universal service obligation (USO) scope	Commission	
31 DECEMBER		
Small cells Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision	Member states	