



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

How are the implementing 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 |
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| Access | December 2020 Recommendation on relevant markets | December 2019 Guidelines on minimum criteria on transparency for reference offers |
| | December 2020 Delegated regulation setting single EU-level caps for wholesale voice termination | 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 |
| | | June 2021 Guidelines on geographical surveys: verification of information |
| 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) | |

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| 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

2021

Topic

21 DECEMBER

Universal service

Review of existing obligations at national level

General authorisation

Forwarding of notifications made before 20 December 2020 to BEREC

General authorisation

Review of EECC provisions: BEREC opinion

End-user rights

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Action by

Member states

Competent national authorities

- BEREC: mandatory opinion
- Commission: optional report to Parliament and Council, with legislative proposal if necessary

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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

Topic

21 JUNE

Public warning systems

Providers of mobile number-based interpersonal communications send public warnings to end users in case of emergency

Action by

Member states

21 DECEMBER

Public warning systems

First Commission delegated 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

Topic

Not specified

VHCN definitions: BEREC guidelines

Review to take 5G developments into account

Action by

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

Topic

19 DECEMBER

Delegated acts

Expiry to the Commission's power to adopt delegated acts. Tacitly extended for a five-year period.

Action by

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

Topic

14 MAY

Intra-EU retail voice and SMS caps expire

Action by

No specific action

21 DECEMBER

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21 DECEMBER

Review of the EECC

Review of the universal service obligation (USO) scope

31 DECEMBER

Small cells

Report to the Commission on the application of the implementing decision

Action by

Commission

Commission

Member states

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