



Press release

## European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) 15th Plenary meeting

Belgrade, 29 November 2018

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) held its second Plenary meeting for 2018 in Belgrade, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Hamande, Member of the Council of the Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT), supported by the Vice-Chairs, Mr. Cadete de Matos (ANACOM) and Prof. Angelo Cardani (AGCOM).

The Plenary session was preceded on 28 November by an external open workshop *"The Postal Framework – Views from within and outside the EU"*. On this occasion, the study on the EU cross-border e-commerce parcel market was discussed. Several non-EU countries came to explain how they are preparing themselves to adapt their regulatory frameworks to recognised changes in the global, European and national markets. Participants discussed current and potential forms of cooperation between EU and other European countries and shared their thoughts on the review of the regulatory framework for the postal sector and on the future of the Postal Services Directive.

The Plenary agreed on the ERGP Work Programme 2019, which sets out the ERGP's tasks for the year 2019 in line with the ERGP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS).

- In 2019, the ERGP will draft an Opinion on the review of the regulatory framework for postal services taking into account the *"Report on developments in the postal sector and implications for regulation"*. This report, as adopted by the Plenary, will be finalized in the first quarter of 2019 following a public consultation on the ERGP-website.
- Also, the ERGP will closely monitor in 2019 the implementation of the Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery and will further contribute to a harmonised implementation of the assessment of cross-border single-piece parcel tariffs.

The ERGP is proud to nominate Dr. Spyros Pantelis, Vice-President for the postal services sector at EETT (The Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission) for the 2020 ERGP Chair.

Finally, the Plenary approved the following documents:

- ERGP report on the measurement and allocation of delivery costs in the universal service postal network;
- ERGP report on the quality of service, consumer protection and complaint handling 2017;
- ERGP report on the main postal market developments 2017.

A number of internal documents were approved.

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