

**IRB Expert Working Group**

**Discussing TOGETHER the progress on setting-up the independent NRAs**

**in the EaP countries**

**&**

**further proposals**

**towards resilient DIGITAL Transformation in EaP**

 *online event*

21st of April 2021

**AGENDA**

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| Time(CET) | Topic | Moderator / Speakers |
| 10:30-11.00 | Time for connection – the session will start at **11:00 sharp** | **Moderator:** Chairperson of IRB EWG of EaPeReg, Ms Inga POPOVICI |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | ***Welcome speech and opening remarks by virtual hosts of the event***:Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania (ANCOM) | **The Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union**, Ms Luminiţa Teodora ODOBESCU **Vice-president of ANCOM**, Mr Eduard Lucian LOVIN |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | ***What is the role of an independent regulator in the challenging digital era?***Presentation of the legislative analysis findings and recommendations in light of relevantEU regulatory framework requirements andthe draft law that aims at filling the identified gaps | **Chairperson of IRB EWG of EaPeReg**, Ms Inga POPOVICI**EU4Digital Facility Telecom Rules Stream Leader** Mr Andrejs DOMBROVSKIS **Director-General of the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority** (PTS), EaPeReg & BEREC Vice-chair in 2021, Mr Dan SJÖBLOM**Representatives of the International Telecommunication Union:** Ms Sofie Maddens, Head of the Regulatory and Market Environment Division, BDT **Representative of the EU MS NRA**Mr. Jeremy Godfrey, Commissioner of the Irish Commission for Communications Regulation |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Q&A | All participants |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | ***Proposal for a harmonized approach to measure broadband connectivity:*** Methodology for connectivity state-of-play assessment | **Chairperson of IRB EWG of EaPeReg,** Ms. Inga POPOVICI**World Bank Group**, Program Leader in European Union Member States, Europe and Central Asia, Mr Juan NAVAS-SABATER |
| 13:00 – 13:10 | Q&A | All participants |
| 13:10-13:15 | **online voting** on the presented proposal for a methodology as an instrument for the EaP countries to monitor the connectivity targets | Representatives of the EaP **line ministries** |
| 13:15– 13:30 | Closing remarks | **European Commission:**Mr. Hoa-Binh Adjemian, Head of Sector Economic Development and Digital Eastern Partnership, DG NEAR Mr. Philippe Gérard, Adviser for Capacity Building & Cooperation with Third Countries, DG CONNECT **EaPeReg Chair in 2021,** Mr Alexander Zhyvotovsky, Head of the National Commission for the State Regulation of Communications and Informatization (NCCIR) of Ukraine  |