
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGULATORS GROUP (EMERG)

***17th Global Symposium for Regulators Communications Regulators
Regulatory Associations Meeting
Nassau, The Bahamas
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- ✚ Established on July 1, 2008 in Malta
- ✚ Independent platform of Regulatory Authorities for Electronic Communications Networks and Services
- ✚ Membership - **regulatory authorities** that are parties:
 - ✚ to the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)
 - ✚ to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (*launched within the framework of the Barcelona Declaration of 28th November 1995 and confirmed by the European Neighborhood Policy*)
- ✚ Currently **22 Members**: Algeria, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, State of Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey

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Plenary Assembly

-  representatives of the Member (*President, CEO, designated Board Member*)
-  once a year

Contact Network


-  representatives of the Member/Observer
-  once a year, before the Plenary Assembly

Permanent Secretariat

-  representatives of 5 different Members on voluntary basis
-  appointed every year by the Plenary Assembly

Chair and Vice-Chair

-  appointed by the Plenary Assembly for a one-year term
-  current Chair Italy, for 2018 Egypt

-  European Commission has the right to send observers of an appropriate level to any EMERG meeting/activity

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- ❖ Improvement of the **relations** and fostering **cooperation** amongst Members by:
 - ❖ acting as a forum for regular discussions and exchanges of information on issues relating to electronic communications;
 - ❖ promoting the approximation to the European regulatory framework and best practices among its Members;
 - ❖ monitoring the development of the electronic communications in the Mediterranean area;
 - ❖ facilitating the cooperation and exchange of ideas and expertise with international organizations, other regulatory networks and sector experts;
 - ❖ preparing and contributing to the preparation of a region's reservoir of documents, reports, benchmarks, presentations, analyses and common positions

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
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 **Work Program** – activities aimed at achieving main strategic priorities:

-  enhancing approximation
-  reinforcing regulatory cooperation
-  monitoring the development of the markets
-  promoting EMERG visibility in the public arena

 **Workshops** (2017):

-  Broadband strategies and Universal Service
-  Quality of Service and Consumer protection
-  OTT Regulation, Cross Border content portability Big Data Regulation and Key market indicators
-  NGN and Network Sharing and LLU

 **Benchmarking Reports** – comparison of the regulatory environment and market outcomes of the telecom sector amongst the EMERG Members

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International cooperation

BEREC

-  MoU signed 2014
-  workshop once a year, joint EMERG and BEREC organisation

Contacts with **regional** associations and platforms of regulators:

-  Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
 -  REGULATEL (Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators)
 -  EaPaReg (Eastern European Countries Partnership)
-  Participation at the **Regulatory Associations Meeting (RA)**, organized during the Global Symposium of Regulators by the ITU

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Recent – multilateral Summit



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BEREC – EMERG – EAPeREG - REGULATEL SUMMIT
CONNECTING REGIONS
ENSURING CONNECTIVITY IN A CONVERGENT WORLD
CASCAIS, PORTUGAL | 31 MAY 2017

DECLARATION

 http://www.berec.europa.eu/eng/news_and_publications/whats_new/4369-berec-and-its-counterparts-of-emerg-eapereg-and-regulatel-discussed-the-connectivity-challenges

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- EMERG activities benefit the institutional strengthening of NRAs and approximation of regulatory polices
- Platform for knowledge exchange between experts, for networking and for disseminating best practice as an important activity driver for NRAs in looking at possible improvements of regulatory frameworks or methodologies
- Multilateral cooperation and addressing topics that cannot be addressed that easily by bilateral programs
- Objective of EMERG is to support NRAs in the approximation of regulatory frameworks with a view to promote open and competitive markets, promote very high capacity connectivity, further end-user interests and contribute to the development of the Digital Economy and Society**



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