# COLLABORATIVE REGULATION FOR INCLUSIVE CONNECTIVITY

REGIONAL REGULATORY ROUNDTABLE FOR EUROPE AND AFRICA

# How has regulation evolved?

The ICT Regulatory
Tracker tracks the
transition of
countries through g
enerations one to four

Regulated public Partial liberalization and Command & control approach Privatization across the layers

innovation and access
Dual focus on
stimulating
competition in service
and
content delivery, and
consumer protection

Enabling investment,

Collaborative regulation
Inclusive dialogue and harmonized approach across social policy goals

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G1 ---- G2 ---- G3 ---- G5

	1. Regulatory authority	2. Regulatory mandate	3. Regulatory regime	4. Competition framework
G1	Consolidated with policymaker and/or industry	Businessas usual	Doing as we have always done	State-owned monopoly
G2	Separateagency	First wave of regulatory reform	Doing more	Li b er alization
G3	Separate agency, autonomous in decision making	Advanced liberalization of ICT sector	Doing the right things	Partial competition
G4	Separate agency with enforcement power	Adjacent issues become core mandate	Doing the things right	Full competition
G5	Separate agency as part of a network of partner regulators	Separateagency as part of a network of partner regulators	Doing things together	Intra-modal competition

# FIFTH GENERATION OF REGULATION – THE GOLD STANDARD

Why do we need collaborative regulation?

- Digital transformation is a game changer
- The new digital world needs a new take on regulation
- Holistic and harmonized approach can deliver greater impact
- Development and inclusion have become a primary focus of regulation

## **COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS**

No silver bullet, many shapes and forms

#### **Informal collaboration**

Unstructured or intermittent outreach between regulators to coordinate on specific issues

#### Semi-formal collaboration

Mix of formalized legal texts and informal outreach between regulatory authorities

#### Formal collaboration

Legal texts define agency roles, responsibilities, jurisdictions for ongoing collaboration

### LESSONS LEARNT FROM RESEARCH

#### Focus on implementation

- Sound policy and regulatory frameworks are key for timely, effective implementation
- Data-driven implementation mechanisms and clear targets are key
- Mind the gap between legal frameworks and implementation

#### Focus on market outcome

- Collaboration brings centers of expertise and decision-making together
- Collaboration is good, positive market and consumer outcome is better
- Implementation should be collaboration based, too