

LEADING EUROPEAN TELECOMS POLICYMAKERS CONVENE AT ECTA REGULATORY CONFERENCE

Annual meeting of telecommunications stakeholders to debate next decade of regulatory decisions

Brussels, 3 October 2008 – ECTA's annual Telecommunications Regulatory Conference, which attracts Europe's leading policymakers, national authorities, regulators and operators, will take place in Brussels on 26-28th November, 2008. The conference comes at a critical time for the European telecommunications market, as the regulatory environment for next generation broadband access is determined.

The Conference, sponsored by KPMG and supported by pro-competition providers including BT, Cable & Wireless, Fastweb, TDC, Wind and Verizon Group, will provide one of the most important forums this year for open debate on the recently announced Framework Review proposals made by the European Parliament and the Commission.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Commissioner Neelie Kroes**, DG Competition, European Commission
- **Francois Barrault**, CEO, BT Global Services
- **Fabio Colasanti**, Director General for Information Society and Media, European Commission
- **Matthias Kurth**, President of BNetzA and Chair Elect IRG and ERG 2009
- **Daniel Pataki**, President of the National Communications Authority of Hungary and ERG Chair 2008
- **Harri Koponen**, CEO, Tele2

In addition, Jan Duben, Director, Section of Electronic Communications and Postal Services, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade will address 'The priorities for the Czech Presidency 2009'

Raffaele Mosca, Director of Regulatory and Institutional Affairs, WIND Telecomunicazioni SpA said, "The ECTA Regulatory Conference provides one of the most comprehensive outlooks on the status of the telecoms regulation in Europe. The free exchange of points of view on the most debated issues remains a durable asset for every participant."

Key topics to be addressed include:

- **Next generation access regulation:** How will the Commission's forthcoming Recommendation affect fibre network roll-out and competition?
- **The Review of the EU Regulatory Framework:** What are the key issues following the review by the European Parliament and the Commission's proposals?
- **Universal broadband and state aid:** Should universal service be extended to broadband? How can state aid support the roll-out of next generation fibre networks?

- **Call termination and IP interconnection:** How will the Commission's Recommendation on termination rates affect fixed and mobile operators and consumers?
- **Mobile competitiveness and roaming:** Should mobile platforms be open to service and content providers, and should mobile data roaming be regulated across the EU?
- **Market analyses and geographic segmentation:** what are the key national precedents from 2008? Should regulators actively segment national markets?

For more information and to register, go to www.ectaportal.com/regulatory08. The Early Bird Rate is valid until 10th October 2008.

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ECTA works for a fair regulatory environment that allows all electronic communications providers to compete on level terms in order to multiply investment and innovation throughout an effective European internal market. The association represents the telecommunications industry to key government and regulatory bodies and maintains a forum for networking and business development.

ECTA [member companies](#) include operators, service providers and suppliers as well as National Associations of such which all contribute towards regulatory policy development and participate in our comprehensive range of networking events, conferences, seminars, briefings and executive meetings.