



Draft Minutes of the
Contact Committee CERP / PostEurop
Bern, 25 April 2013, 13.00-14.45 hours

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. 48th CERP Plenary in Kristiansand, 23-24 May 2013

The agenda of the next CERP Plenary meeting was discussed. Due to other commitments the PostEurop Chairman, Jean-Paul Forceville, may not be able to attend this meeting and may be substituted by the Secretary General, Botond Szebeny. It was agreed that PostEurop will participate in the Forum discussion "CERP – What's next" on 24 May 2013.

3. 2013 Plenary Assembly of PostEurop / 20th Anniversary Celebration of PostEurop

The PostEurop chairman explained that the next PostEurop Plenary meeting will be held in Brussels on 18-19 September 2013, where the 20th anniversary of PostEurop will be celebrated too. A detailed invitation will be presented in due time.

4. CERP WG activities

The Chair of CERP WG UPU presented the results of the last WG meeting on 14-15 March 2013 in Madrid. He highlighted the evaluation of the experience during the last UPU congress in Doha and the conclusion that for the future CERP will focus its activities on giving detailed explanation on limited proposals and trying to reach a CERP common position on these fewer proposals. The next WG meeting is foreseen prior the CA session in autumn this year.

The chair of CERP WG Policy explained the recent activities. Due to a limited participation in the survey regarding the "Green paper An integrated parcel delivery market for the growth of e-commerce in the EU" the WG was not able to present a common CERP position. In its last meeting on 13-14 March 2013 in Madrid the WG discussed the consequences of the adoption of proposal 20.7.1.Rev 1 during 25th Doha Congress (Literature for the blind). This issue is being one for further discussion as CERP will observe what is happening in this regard. Furthermore PostEurop was informed about a recent CERP survey regarding the future standardisation process in CEN/TC331, where CERP members indicated their preference for future topics.

5. PostEurop WG activities

PostEurop informed about the latest discussions in the working group dealing with regulatory issues:

- An EU regulation regarding the privacy of consumer data prepared by DG Justice is currently in discussion in the Parliament. Many amendments include a regulation asking for an opt-in solution for physical mail (advertising) which, if adopted, may lead to significant decrease in letter post volumes with effects to cost per item ratio and the financing of USO. PostEurop alone and together with EMIP partners (e.g. FEDMA, Intergraf, etc.), has submitted common positions on this issue. The contact committee agreed to bring this issue to the attention of CERP members during the forthcoming CERP Plenary.
- Regarding the regulations on Public Procurement PostEurop is in discussion with the European Commission regarding the applicability of these requirements for Postal Operators acting in a liberalized market and competing with private operators not subject to these rules.
- The customs code regulations as agreed in the Doha congress and as further discussed in the EU will result in a change in product mode and detailed education of staff as well as it will require enhanced technology with the demand of additional investments. The postal volumes will probably require a time for adaptation.
- PostEurop members have contributed to the "Green paper An integrated parcel delivery market for the growth of e-commerce in the EU" with a common position, resulting in a request for no further regulation in this developing business area in a highly competitive market. But postal operators are aware they will have to better interconnect to fulfil the needs of this increasing traffic and are already working on the matter.

The PostEurop UPU affairs committee has concentrated on the preparation of the POC/CA session in April 2013. In the future PostEurop will look for a better visibility of "Europe" and will work towards "European Position". A possible topic of this type could be how to further increase the efficiency of the work of the UPU, with special regard to the length of the Congresses. Furthermore PostEurop informed about regular meetings with the International Bureau of the UPU regarding the provision of IPDP projects in east and south-east Europe.

6. Next meetings

The participants agreed to organize the next Contact Committee meeting if possible during the forthcoming CA session in autumn this year. A concrete date will be determined later on.

7. AOB

None.

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