



**Draft Minutes of the**  
**Contact Committee CERP / European Commission**  
**Brussels 24 August 2011 (14.30-16.00)**

**1. Approval of the agenda**

The Agenda was adopted without any modification.

**2. State of affairs ERGP**

The European Commission gave a short overview on the current work:

- The last Contact Network meeting took place on 15 June 2011. Due to technical reasons the ERGP website will be online with a little delay only. Participation of a broad range of regulators as possible was strongly encouraged. Regarding particularly the subgroup Regulatory accounting/Price regulation the ERGP is looking for the active participation of NRAs of smaller member countries so that their specific needs are recognized as well.
- The next meeting of the Contact Network will take place on 3 November 2011.
- The ERGP Plenary meeting is scheduled for 24 November 2011.
- First (interim) results from some of the subgroups are to be expected by beginning of 2012.

**3. 45th CERP Plenary in Montreux, 27 October 2011**

The Chairman gave an overview over the Agenda for the next CERP Plenary meeting in Montreux. The European Commission agreed to give an overview over the recent and current developments concerning regulatory affairs for CERP members. Furthermore the European Commission confirmed their attendance in the Forum discussion "What are the main interests of European policy makers and regulators concerning the 2012 UPU Congress in Doha and are there any concrete proposals that should be launched?".

**4. UPU Affairs**

The CERP chairman mentioned that the United Nations recently granted a modified status to the European Union. He asked the European Commission if this may have any consequences regarding the representation of the European Union in the meeting of the UPU. The European Commission answered that this change was following the Lisbon Treaty would have no direct consequence for the UPU which is a specialised organisation of the United Nations family. It was pointed out that the UPU was based on an own constitution and has its own set of rules, namely the Universal Postal Convention and its

Regulations. Independently from the institutional setting it will need to be assured that there is an efficient coordination among the Member states of the EU. The Commission will actively contribute to this process through different for a; inter alia in the framework of the CERP WG UPU.

The chairman of the CERP Working Group UPU gave an overview over the recent discussion within the Reform of the Union working group:

- It is under discussion, whether or not two (instead of one) POC meeting shall be organized each year, to enable the UPU members to react faster on operational challenges.
- A review regarding the role of the Consultative Committee is undertaken.
- The future role and status of Extraterritorial Offices of Exchange is studied.

Furthermore information about the next UPU Congress in Doha in 2012 was provided. The European Commission was informed about the regulations concerning the drafting of proposals, the specific timelines and the attempt of CERP to coordinate the work regarding proposals of fundamental regulatory interest. The European Commission stated their interest in being informed about the further work and to participate in the relevant meetings, where these proposals are discussed, as far as possible.

## **5. EC Studies**

Final drafts on the results of the studies “Appropriate Methodologies to better measure consumer preferences for postal services” by Rand Europe and “Study on Intra-community cross-border parcel delivery” by FTI Consulting will be presented in a workshop on 4 November in Brussels.

In 2012 two new studies regarding “Net cost calculation” and the “Pricing Behaviour” are going to be launched. The kick of meeting for these studies is foreseen on 26 January 2012.

## **6. VAT**

The Commission explained that the legislative proposals concerning VAT are still on hold. A next meeting of the VAT committee may possibly be organized in autumn 2011.

## **7. Next meetings**

The Steering Group agreed with the European Commission to hold the next meeting on either 25 or 27 January, the day before or after the kick of meeting for the new studies in Brussels. A concrete date will be confirmed later on.

## **8. AOB**

The European Commission informed that the next PDC Plenary meeting is going to be held on 5 December 2011.

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