



## **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CEPT and UPU**

In its Plenary meeting in Dublin on 19-20 May 2011 CERP approved the terms of reference for its working groups. For the Working Group UPU this included amongst others the topics

- Role of CERP as a restricted union within the UPU,
- Support to the IB in the provision of UPU projects (guidance to UPU members in the development and introduction of new strategies and applications),
- Contributions to the UPU activities on regulatory issues and postal regulation.

In order to further the implementation of these tasks the presidency got in contact with the International Bureau of the UPU and started the project of creating a MOU between CEPT and the UPU.

After negotiations within the last months the annexed draft MOU was agreed on. The content of the draft MOU explicitly defines the role of CERP within this context.

After its approval by CERP the draft MOU will be forwarded to CEPT members for final approval.

The signing of the MOU by CEPT and UPU is scheduled for the beginning of the year 2013.

The CERP Plenary is asked to approve the annexed draft MOU, being aware that the wording may be subject to editorial amendments still.

Ulrich Dammann  
CERP Chairman

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
(hereinafter referred to as the "MOU")**

**Between**

**The Universal Postal Union (UPU)  
and  
the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)**

The Universal Postal Union, hereinafter the UPU, of the first part, and

the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, hereinafter the CEPT,  
of the second part

Considering

articles 1 and 8 of the Constitution and article 115 of the General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union

Recognizing

That the CEPT is a regional organization within the meaning of the basic texts of the UPU, with the essential aims to strengthen relations between Members, to promote their cooperation and to contribute to creating a dynamic market by establishing necessary contacts and cooperation with other regional organizations and their members,

Wishing

To further the realization of the objectives of the two Unions within the framework of their respective basic Acts and of their resolutions and decisions

Recognizing also

that the UPU is the primary forum for cooperation between postal sector players helping to ensure a truly universal network of up-to-date products and services by fulfilling an advisory, mediating and liaison role, and providing technical assistance where needed,

Realizing

That Restricted Unions, gathering UPU member countries, aim to promote further cooperation,

Realizing further

That the CEPT actively participates in the work of the UPU through its European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP),

Recalling

That the CEPT have been supporting the joint implementation of regional development plans and providing the necessary resources for this,

Recalling also

that a number of UPU resolutions recognize the contribution of Restricted Unions and call them to participate in the fields such as development cooperation, markets and market development, Postal sector reform including policy and regulatory issues,

Convinced

That improving synergies and strengthening the cooperation would be beneficial to the international postal service,

*Have agreed on the following:*

1. Cooperation:

- a. Promotion and exchange of "best practices" among UPU member countries and the restricted unions,
- b. Cooperation in studies

- c. Cooperation in the technical field
  - Provision of expertise within multi-year integrated projects referring to the UPU Regional development plans,
  - Provision of expertise within projects on bilateral basis with UPU member countries and other restricted unions,
  - Main possible areas of cooperation are indicated in the annex to this MOU (ANNEX 1)
- d. Exchange of information through participation within committee meetings of the other party
- e. Providing input to each other projects within the field of competence.

2. Mutual representation:

- a. In the UPU meetings and conferences, the CEPT will be represented through the CERP as observer. For the purpose of the provision of expertise within projects the CERP has built up a specialized group of experts coming from CERP member administrations.
- b. In the CERP meetings, the UPU will be represented through the UPU International Bureau (IB) as observer and/or, when agreed by both parties, by experts nominated by the IB.

3. General Provisions

- a. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent expressed in writing. It may also be revoked by either party by giving six month's notice to the other party.
- b. This MOU will come into effect on the date on which it is signed both by the CEPT Presidency and by the Director General of the International Bureau of the UPU.
- c. Supplementary agreements can be concluded when necessary.

For the CEPT

For the UPU

ANNEX I

**Possible areas of cooperation**

- 1 Defining Universal Postal service
- 2 Financing of the Universal Postal Service Obligation
- 3 Cost Accounting and Price Regulation
- 4 Postal Regulation
- 5 Sector Policy
- 6 National Regulatory Authorities
- 7 Consumer Issues
- 8 Market Supervision
- 9 Sustainable Development