Session 1: Introduction to CEPT, its committees and ECO
CEPT – A brief history

• Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT)
• Established in 1959 – a cooperative and voluntary organisation acting as a coordinating body for European state telecommunications and postal organisations
• Original members were the state-owned monopoly-holding postal and telecommunications administrations
• 1959 – 19 Countries. 2019 – 48 Countries
• 3 official languages – English, French and German
CEPT – A brief history (2)

- Objective: Promote harmonisation and standardisation and to develop and share best practices

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• Internal and external priorities:
  – **Internal**: Harmonised policies and regulations for electronic communications (with a strong emphasis on spectrum and numbering plan management) and postal services;
  – **External**: Coordinating CEPT member engagement with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and strengthening cooperation with partners
CEPT - Organisation

48 CEPT member countries
- 28 EU Member States
- 36 ECO Convention signatories

CEPT Framework
- CEPT Arrangement
- CEPT Rules of Procedure
CEPT - Organisation

- 3 autonomous business committees – CERP, Com-ITU and ECC
- Chairs of 3 committees make up the CEPT Co-Presidency
- ECO is the permanent office of CEPT
- ECO’s governing body is the ECO Council made up of representatives from each of the ECO Convention’s signatory countries
The ECO provides expert advice and administrative support to the CEPT to help it to develop and deliver its policies and decisions effectively and transparently.

The Office is a European centre of expertise in electronic communications. It provides a forum for CEPT member countries and concerned stakeholders to discuss, debate and collaborate on advancing European communications policy for the benefit of all Europe's citizens.

- 12 staff members
  - 7 subject matter experts
  - 5 administrative staff

[https://www.cept.org/eco/](https://www.cept.org/eco/)
ECO - History

ERC = European Radiocommunications Committee
ECTRA = European Committee for Regulatory Telecommunications Affairs

- ERO established in 1991
- ETO established in 1994
- ETO & ERO merged under ERO name in 2001
- ECO formally established on 1 July 2009

CEPT Committees ECTRA & ERC Merge
ECO Council – 36 CEPT countries:
Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Vatican City.

ECO Council Chair
Marta Leandro, ANACOM (POR)

ECO Council Vice-chair
Dr. Samuel Ritchie, ComReg (IRL)
The CEPT Committees - CERP

Comité Européen des Régulateurs Postaux (CERP)

CERP is responsible for postal regulation and European co-ordination and preparation for Universal Postal Union meetings.

Mission

• To examine postal regulatory affairs in a European context taking into account the changes in the borderlines between regulatory aspects and operational aspects in this domain.
• To assess the influence of international regulatory policies in all CEPT countries and to establish the necessary contacts with the European Union.
• To establish and maintain relations with representatives of relevant bodies and associations concerned with postal regulation issues.
• To develop proposals, where appropriate, based on the results achieved by the Working Groups.

Steering Group

CERP
Chairman: Mr. Germán Vázquez (E)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Nikola Trubint (SRB)

WG Policy
Chairman: Mr. Andreas Hach (AUT)
Vice-Chair: Ms. Anna Karolak-Woźniak (POL)

WG UPU
The CEPT Committees - Com-ITU

Committee for ITU Policy (Com-ITU)

- The Committee for ITU Policy (Com-ITU) is responsible for organising CEPT’s engagement with the ITU for all activities except World Radiocommunication Conferences.
- The committee co-ordinates its members’ positions for the Plenipotentiary Conferences (PP), World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDC), World Telecommunication Standardisation Assemblies (WTSA), and various other meetings.
- The committee also plays an important role in communicating the CEPT’s views directly to the ITU Council, whose membership is just a part of the ITU membership as a whole.
- The Project Team on Strategic ITU-T Issues (PT ITU-T) identifies issues and coordinates European inputs in meetings of the Telecommunications Sector of ITU. PT ITU-T also leads on preparations for WTSA.

Com-ITU

Chairwoman: Ms. Cristiana Flutur (ROU)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Oli Bird (G)
Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (POL)

PT ITU-T
Chairman: Mr. Reiner Liebler (D)
Electronic Communications Committee (ECC)

The ECC considers and develops policies on electronic communications activities in European context, taking account of European and international legislation and regulations.

The ECC:
- Works toward common regulatory policies in Europe
- Harmonises efficient use of the radio spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources
- Provides a focal point for information (EFIS etc.)
- Cooperates with other bodies (EC, BEREC, ETSI)
- Develops European common positions and proposals, for use in the framework of ITU-R (WRC) to promote European interests on the international stage
“Working Groups shall develop and approve ECC Recommendations and ECC Reports, and develop draft ECC Decisions and draft CEPT Reports for approval by the Plenary”

- ECC Rules of Procedure

- **ECC Decisions** are measures on significant harmonisation matters.
- **ECC Recommendations** are measures which administrations are encouraged to apply. They are principally intended as harmonisation measures for those matters where Decisions are not yet relevant or to provide guidance to national administrations.
- **ECC Reports** are the result of studies by the ECC normally in support of a harmonisation measure.
- **CEPT Reports** are the final result of studies by the ECC in response to Mandates from the EC
- ECC Deliverables informed through a public consultation process
- Process for development of deliverables governed by the ECC Rules of Procedure and ECC Working Methods
- www.ecodocdb.dk provides access to all ECC Deliverables
ECO – Support to ECC strategic plan

ECC strategic plan: defines key actions and challenges for ECC (Next version planned for 2020-2025)

Confers tasks on the ECO to assist in the execution of the strategic plan. Current responsibilities include to:

• explore relationships with universities, relevant scientific institutes and European research programmes
• ensure proper maintenance and development of EFIS
• assist Administrations in making proposals for studies
• promote ECC deliverables and activities
• develop a communication programme (e.g. electronic newsletters) to support the promotion of ECC achievements
• develop training sessions and materials for newcomers
• support ECC in developing close relations with industry and other external organisations
• support ECC in organising workshops on thematic issues.
ECO – operational services

- Manage CEPT family of websites
- Provides facilities for collaborative working (physical, electronic)
- Conduct, on behalf of ECC, consultations on draft deliverables and questionnaires on specific topics
- Publish CEPT deliverables and keep a record of their implementation: http://www.ecodocdb.dk/
- Develop and maintain online information systems:
  - EFIS, https://www.efis.dk/
  - Information repository for coordination at 700 MHz, http://700mhz.cept.org/countries
- Provide a central source of information: https://cept.org/ecc/topics/
Thank you for your attention!

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