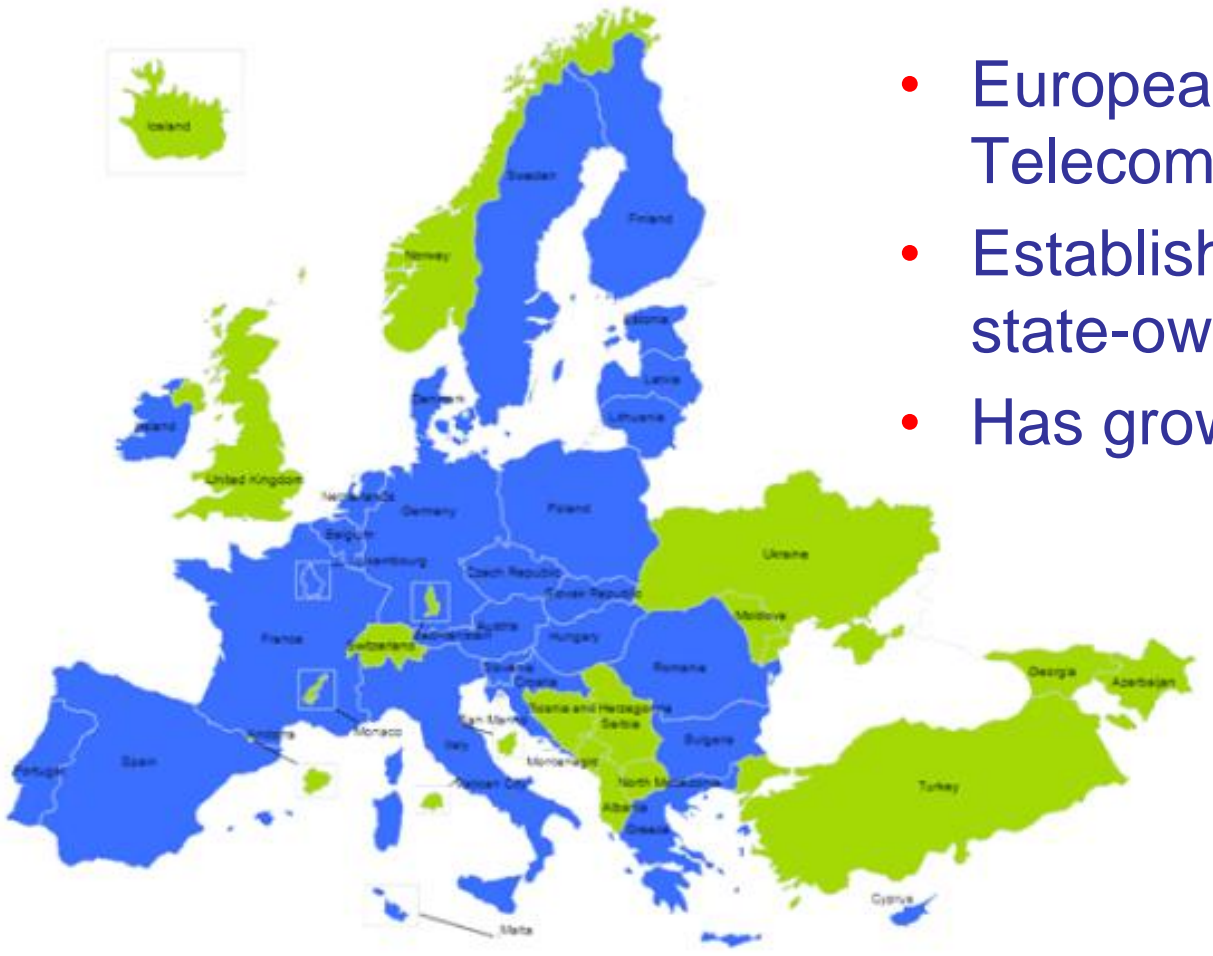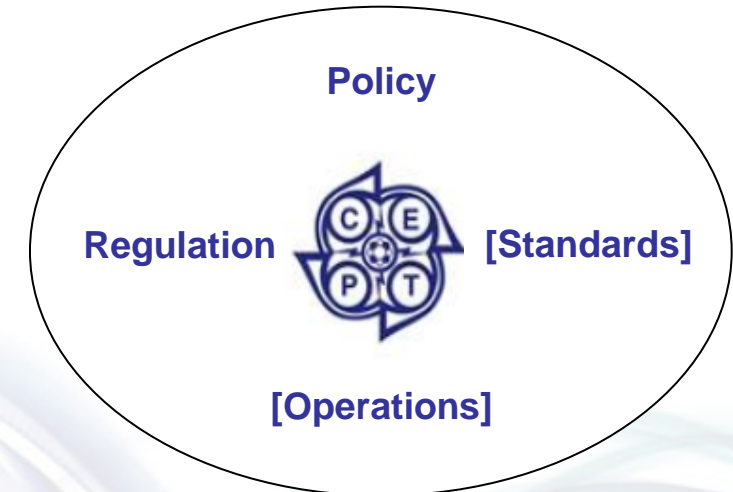# Introduction to CEPT

Oli Bird, Co-President, CEPT and Chair, Com-ITU

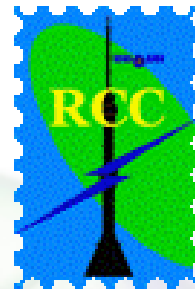**BRU-GVA interlinks, 24 January 2025**

CEPT: a brief history

- European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
- Established in 1959 to co-ordinate state-owned telecoms and postal organisations
- Has grown from 19 countries to 46
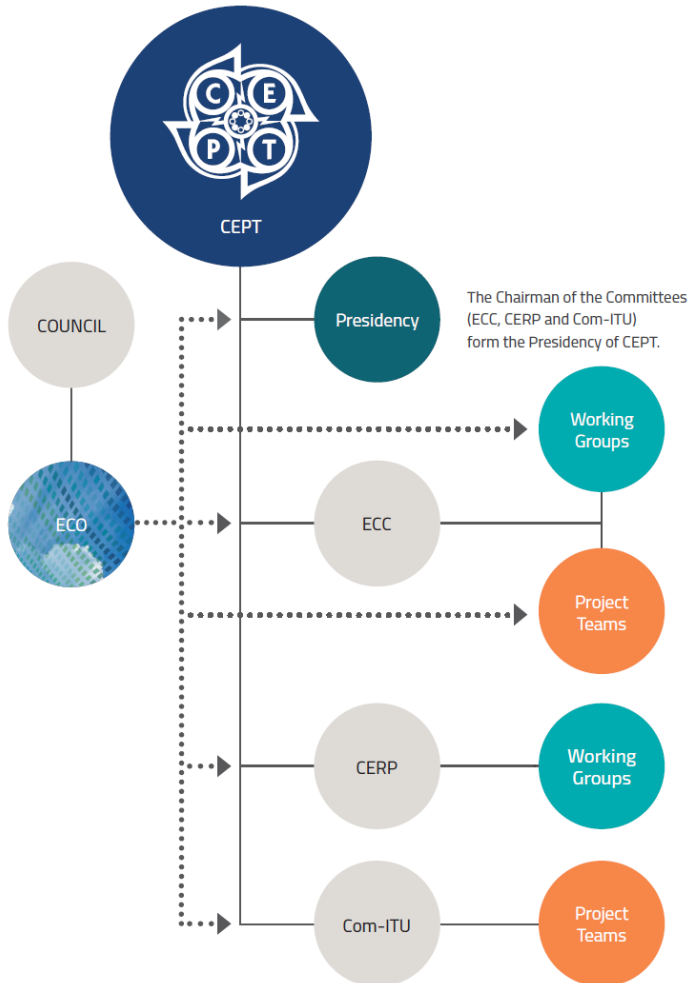
Policy

Regulation   [Standards]

[Operations]

An internal and external focus

- Internally, CEPT develops harmonised policies and regulations for electronic communications (notably spectrum and numbering plan management) and post

- Externally, CEPT coordinates members' engagement with the ITU (and UPU) and has relationships with equivalent regional bodies globally, as well as other partners

Structure of CEPT and correspondence to ITU

- Three autonomous committees and a co-presidency
- Supported by ECO
- Com-ITU responsible for all ITU engagement except ITU-R

The Chairman of the Committees (ECC, CERP and Com-ITU) form the Presidency of CEPT.

CERP Com-ITU ECC
Electronic Communications Committee

ITU

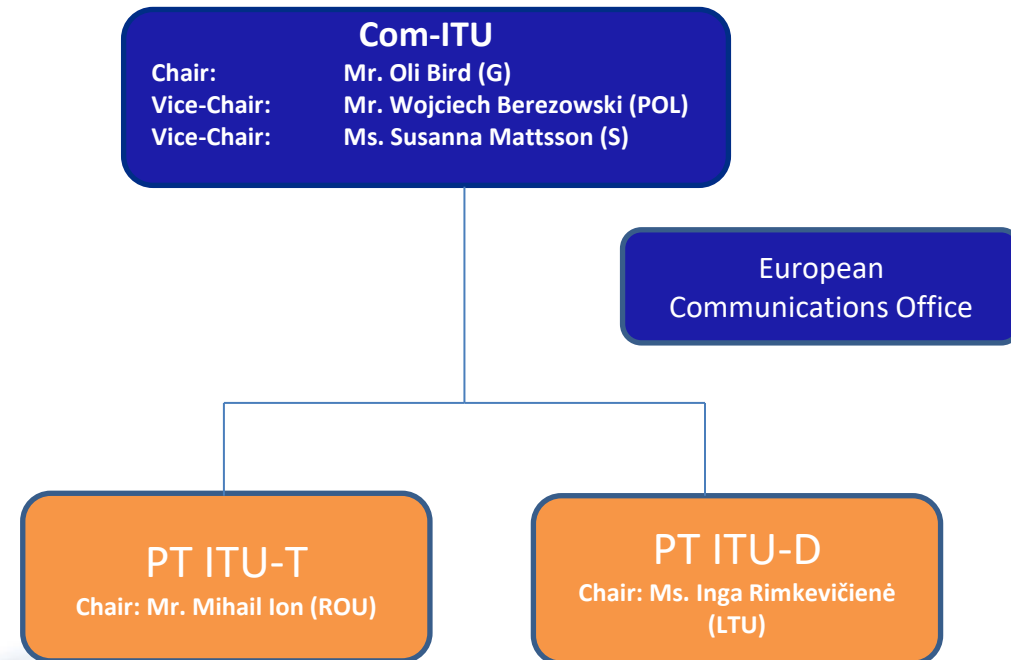PP/Council | WTSA | WTDC   WRC

Com-ITU

What we do...

- Committee for ITU Policy organises CEPT's ITU engagement for all activities except WRC/ITU-R
- Prepares European Common Proposals and co-ordinates members' positions for the PP, WTDC, WTSA (and their inter-regional preparation)
- Plays a role (alongside other RTOs) in communicating European views to the ITU governing Council
- PTs on ITU-T and D have broadened their activity to Study Groups and other sectoral meetings
- Propose to establish PTs for PP26 earlier than usual to enable strategic preparation through C25, C26

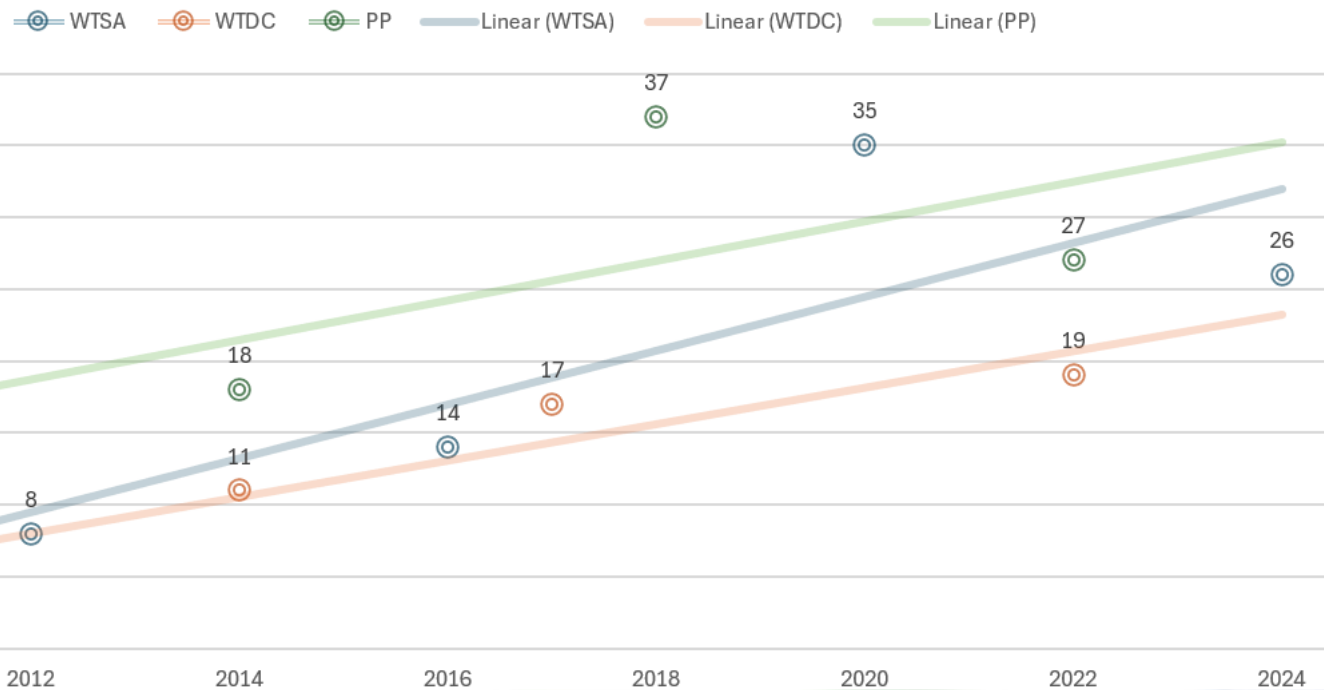**Com-ITU**
Chair: Mr. Oli Bird (G)
Vice-Chair: Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (POL)
Vice-Chair: Ms. Susanna Mattsson (S)

European Communications Office

PT ITU-T
Chair: Mr. Mihail Ion (ROU)

PT ITU-D
Chair: Ms. Inga Rimkevičienė (LTU)

Com-ITU

ECPs to ITU PP, WTSA and WTDC

Legend: WTSA, WTDC, PP, Linear (WTSA), Linear (WTDC), Linear (PP)

Observations

- *Increased activity of, and participation in Com-ITU*
- *Co-ordination has to be multi-dimensional*
- *Objectives are largely aligned but strength in diversity*
- *Greater potential for CEPT to develop a distinctive European voice*

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 primary objective of the ECC is to enable the efficient, effective and harmonised use of the radio spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources across Europe

Mission

- develops common policies and regulations for Europe
- considers European and International legislation
- prepares European Common Proposals to represent European interests in international organisations, especially in the ITU
- provide a focal point for information
- cooperates with other bodies

The 2020-2025 ECC strategic plan