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Main outcomes of the 22nd ERG Plenary

Roberto Viola, ERG Chairman
Brussels, 23 October 2007

Foreword

The Athens Agenda at a glance

- **Harmonising VoIP: Draft CP finalised for public consultation**
- **Improving harmonisation:**
 - a) **New Task of the MTR PT: harmonising application of costing methodologies**
 - b) **Work on symmetry of MTRs and FTRs to be pursued at full speed**
 - c) **MTR Snapshot as of 1st July 07 published – confirms downward trend of MTRs and reduction of differences of MTRs across Europe**
 - d) **Draft CP on Wholesale Leased Lines**
- **Implementing the International Roaming Regulation**
- **ERG opinions on Functional Separation and on NGN/A**
- **Improving organisation: New Chairman Secretariat in place**
- **Work Programme 2008**

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Harmonising VoIP

VoIP has been identified as a key-area for harmonisation (pan-European potential prevented by non-alignment of National regulations)

In Athens, the High Level Task Force presented the draft ERG VoIP Common Position, namely:

- **Allowing nomadic use of VoIP for geographic numbers**
- **number portability should be allowed if providers fulfil conditions of use of the appropriate numbering ranges**
- **access to emergency services to be provided generally irrespective of whether VoIP is PATS or ECS**
- **PATS or ECS definition ought to be adjusted in the new framework to the NGN architecture, not limited to PSTN anymore**
- **draft CP published for consultation until 6th Nov. 2007**
- **final approval envisaged for Plenary in Rome (Dec.'07).**



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Work on MTRs and FTRs

The ERG agreed to add a new task to the MTR PT and work on the harmonisation of the application of costing methodologies to eliminate “unjustified MTR differences and ensure MTRs converge towards cost-oriented levels across Europe

Scope : review methods used to implement the cost orientation remedy

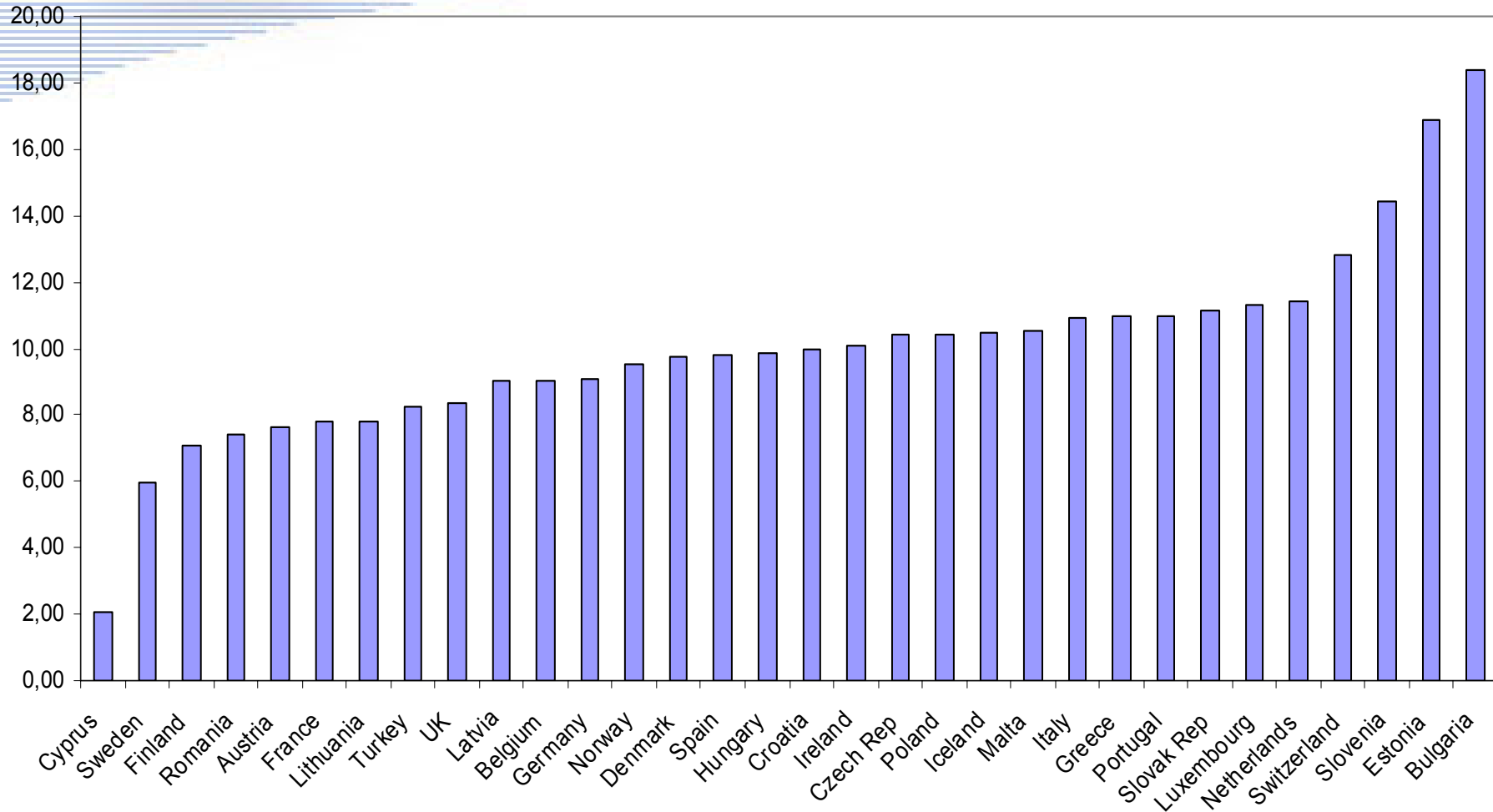
- What cost are relevant for MTRs ?
- How should joint costs be allocated ?
- How cost should be accounted for ?
- What are the best practices to develop top-down, bottom-up models & to use international benchmarking to set rates.

Output : best practices on how to implement the cost orientation remedy and to use international benchmarking, results envisaged for Q2/2008

The ERG continues to work on the CP on MTR symmetry and on the CP on FTR symmetry, both CPs are envisaged to be discussed in Rome and consulted afterwards

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Average MTR - July 2007(€-cent)



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Draft CP on Wholesale Leased Lines

- **The ERG approved for consultation the “Madeira style” draft CP on Wholesale Leased lines**
- **It deals with best practices for remedies for M13 and M14 and specifies remedies to assure access, create a level playing field, avoid unfair first-mover advantages of an SMP operator, ensure transparency of terms and conditions and to ensure fair and coherent prices as well as reasonable quality parameters**
- **Draft CP published for consultation until 23th Nov. 2007**
- **Final approval envisaged for Plenary in Rome (Dec.'07).**

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Implementing the IR regulation

- After the approval of the EU Regulation on IR, the ERG and the Commission are now monitoring the implementation of the IR
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- In an ad hoc study, the introduction of the Eurotariff, the information and transparency obligations vis-à-vis the customers by IR providers were investigated
- In order to ensure consistent application throughout Europe, the ERG prepared a data specification model which will serve for collecting the data about the tariffs offered to customers and on the wholesale level after the IR Regulation entered into force
- NRAs will collect the data from the providers in their countries and then pass it on to the ERG which will process it for the 1st Report requested from the Commission by end of 2007
- Final version of the data specification and explanatory memorandum published

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ERG Opinions on NGN/A and on Functional Separation

Soon before Athens, on 3 October, the ERG has published two important documents:

- ERG Opinion on Functional Separation (ERG(07)44) suggesting it as evidence-based complementary remedy, supporting non-discrimination in access to bottlenecks;
- ERG Opinion on Regulatory principles for Next generation Access (ERG (07)16rev2), in response to Commission's request, highlighting detailed guidelines to make the regulatory framework suitable to the new challenges posed by NGNs.

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Improving organisation

The success of the ERG evolutionary strategy relies also on the improvement of efficiency and level of organisation

The Chair's Secretariat took up its work on 17 Sept / 1st October, based in Brussels:

- Bettina Bauer (Head of Secretariat, bettina.bauer@irg.eu);
- Vyantas Vaitkus (Junior Member, vyantas.vaitkus@irg.eu);
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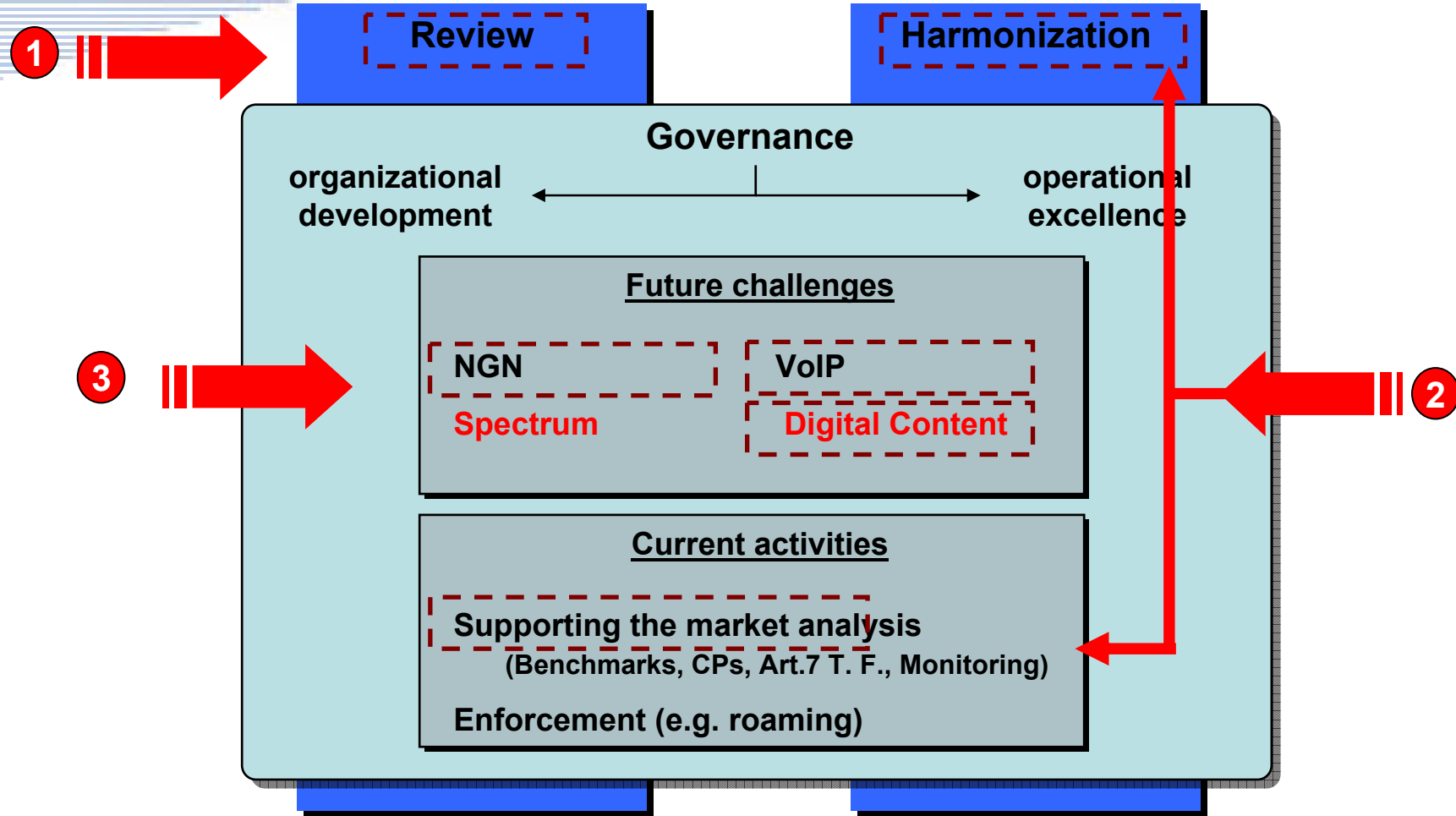
Work Programme 2008: main items and structure

- 1. Framework review**
- 2. Further harmonization towards the Internal Market**
- 3. Response to emerging challenges**

- 2008 Work Programme drafted in continuity with 2007 WP
- Consultation to start immediately
- Final WP 2008 to be adopted at Rome Plenary

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Work Programme 2008



 Building on work programme 2007 outcomes



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Documents approved for publication

- Draft VoIP Common Position (ERG (07) 56rev1)
- Draft Work Programme 2008 (ERG (07) 65)
- Draft Wholesale Leased Lines CP (ERG (07) 54)
- International Roaming – data specification model + explanatory memo (ERG (07) 47rev1 + ERG (07) 47rev1b)
- Supplementary Document to NGA Opinion (ERG (07) 16rev2b)
- MTR Snapshot of July 2007 (ERG (07) 61)

All documents are available on the new ERG website available at <http://erg.ec.europa.eu>, the MTR Snapshot also on <http://www.irg.eu>