Press release

European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) 21th Plenary meeting

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The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) held its second Plenary meeting for 2021 in hybrid format, under the chairmanship of Dr. Spyros Pantelis, Vice President of the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT), supported by the Vice-Chair Mr. Cadete de Matos, chairman of the Portuguese Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) and Prof. Dr. M. Bacigalupo, Member of the Board of the Spanish Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC).

The Plenary agreed on the ERGP Work Programme 2022, which sets out the ERGP’s tasks for the year 2022, in line with the strategic pillars the ERGP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2020-2022: (1) revisiting the postal sector legal framework; (2) promoting a competitive EU postal single market and (3) empowering end-users and ensuring a user oriented universal service.

In 2022, the ERGP will focus its activities on the following: the Postal Services Directive evaluation, the impact of on-line platforms and new business models on competition in the postal sector, access to postal networks in a context of booming e-commerce as well as consumer’s protection and changing needs in the context of rapidly increasing e-commerce, the implementation of the Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services, the impact of VAT/customs changes and environmental sustainability issues on the postal sector. In the context of the Report online platforms and e-retailers ERGP is actively following the evolution of the initiatives Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act.

The Plenary welcomes the EU Reports on
   a) the Evaluation of the Postal Services Directive 97/67/EC application and
   b) the Application and Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/644 on cross-border parcel delivery services.
ERGP members have exchanged their initial views on the reports and have agreed on a timely reaction focusing on the next steps to update the Postal Regulatory Framework.

Furthermore, the Plenary approved the following documents:
The ERGP (European Regulators Group for Postal Services) is composed of the 27 national
regulatory authorities (NRAs) for postal services of the EU, as well as national regulatory authorities from countries of the European Economic Area and countries with candidate status to join the EU. The ERGP advises and assists the Commission on the development of the internal market for postal services and on the consistent application in all Member States of the regulatory framework for postal services.