

Press release/Statement of public position

ERGP expresses its solidarity to Nova Posta of Ukraine

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The European Group of Postal Regulators (ERGP), which represents the independent postal regulators of the European Union, is extremely concerned about the recent destruction of postal infrastructure in Ukraine and the death of postal workers.

NCEC, the Ukrainian postal regulator, informed ERGP about the shelling of a Nova Posta postal installation in the region of Kharkiv on 21 October 2023. ERGP is seriously concerned and would like to express its deep condolences to the families and the people close to the victims.

Postal workers play an essential role in our daily social, economic and cultural life. They incarnate the oldest and most immediate way of communication between people and the peaceful delivery of postal items containing inter alia humanitarian aid to people in need, the Ukrainian citizens in this case. Therefore, it is crucial to protect them, to respect their work done under very difficult conditions, very often risking their lives, and to guarantee their safety, in particular in times of need.

Since Russia's invasion on 24th February 2022, Ukraine has suffered multiple attacks on critical postal infrastructure. A total of 1,338 facilities (post offices, sorting centers and transport depots) have been inaccessible since February 2022. These actions stand in clear contradiction to the general aim to develop communications between peoples by the efficient operation of the postal services.

As expressed in March 2022 [ERGP (22) 3], ERGP encourages EU postal operators to assist Ukrainian operators in their effort to ease parcel delivery and postal communications with the people in Ukraine. It is crucial that the integrity of the postal network and of postal services is maintained and ERGP urges that this be respected in all cases.

About the ERGP

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.