

# Bits

Brussels Internet & Telecom Seminars

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## Net Neutrality vs. the right to discriminate

Brussels, November 28, 2013, 15:00 – 20:00  
Hotel Silken Berlaymont, 11-19, Boulevard Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels

Since 2009, the European policy on Net Neutrality was characterized by a reliance on market forces. Provided that markets were competitive, that possible restrictions to the use of applications and contents was transparent and that switching costs for consumers were kept low, the European Commission saw no reason to ban usage restrictions in telecom operators terms and conditions.

In June 2013, Ms Kroes announced a U-turn in the Commission approach by advocating the need for “a safeguard for every European, on every device, on every network”, and “a guarantee of access to the full and open internet, without any blocking or throttling of competing services”. The Commissioner plea was translated into a legislative proposal under the Draft Regulation for a Telecoms Single Market.

### The seminar will examine the following issues:

- *Lessons from industrial economics and competition law on discrimination*
- *The impact on the market of the Dutch law on Net Neutrality*
- *The importance of Net Neutrality for OTTs and broadcasters*
- *The work of BEREC on Quality of Service*
- *The French National Digital Council holistic approach on Net Neutrality*
- *The TSM provision on Net Neutrality*



**15:00**

Registration and Coffee

**15:30**

### Discrimination - what implications for policy makers

Prof Xavier Wauthy

*FUSL - Discrimination - Lessons of industrial economics for policy makers*

Prof Damien Geradin

*Tilburg University/Covington - Discrimination under competition law*

Christian Hocepiéd

*DG Competition - The relationship between competition law and sector specific regulation*

**16:50**

### Views of market players

Jos Huigen

*KPN - Impact of the Dutch net neutrality law on the market*

Jean-Jacques Sahel

*Skype - Net Neutrality - An OTT perspective*

Barbara Chazelle

*France Télévisions*

*Why net neutrality matters for broadcasters?*

**17:50**

coffee break

**18:20**

### Policy panel makers

Frode Sorensen

*NPT and BEREC net neutrality Expert Working Group*

*Net Neutrality - the importance of measuring Quality of Service*

Christine Balagué

*VP of the Conseil National du Numérique*

*Why Net Neutrality should be understood in a broader sense*

Anthony Whelan

*DG Connect - The TSM and Net Neutrality*

Vesa Terava

Tomas Jakimavicius

*Permanent Representation of Lithuania*

*Views of the Presidency of the Council*

**19:30**

cocktail



### Venue

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### Fee\* and registration

The seminar is a joint event of CRIDS of the University of Namur, Cullen International, and ICRI of the University of Leuven

**Participation fee:** € 130 (drinks and sandwiches included).

*Free for EU officials and diplomats*

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the additional participants will benefit from a 25 % reduction. Former DTIC-students and Ph.D. students are also entitled to a 25 % reduction.

**Registration:** <http://www.crids.eu/formations/juritic/inscription>

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