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Smart regulation for Access and Interconnection

Brussels, March 25, 2015, 15:30 - 19:30

Fondation Universitaire Stichting, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

Electronic communications markets are changing and evolving towards more concentrated markets: the mobile sector is consolidating, mobile-only operators are seeking ways of providing fixed services, more fibre is deployed in the local loop with consequences on the offering of wholesale broadband services.

This edition of the Brussels Internet & Telecom Seminar will address the impact that those market evolutions should have on the economic regulation for access and interconnection. In particular the seminar will discuss whether the Significant Market Power test need to be changed into another test, such as essential facilities, significant lessening of competition as in the Merger Regulation or a bottleneck test. In doing so, our seminar will also feed in the current BEREC discussion on the need to regulate tight oligopoly.

On interconnection, following the application of the pure LRIC concept, voice termination rates are now standing at around 0.1 eurocent for fixed and around 1 eurocent for mobile in most Member States. With such low levels, the question has to be asked whether the costly process of maintaining cost accounting systems is really worth the efforts.

Finally, panelists will share their views on whether the debate on data termination - opened in the run up to the ITU WCIT of Dec 2012 – should be reignited.



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15:30 - 16:00 Welcome and coffee

16:00 - 17:30 **Smart regulation for Access**

Speakers:

Peter Alexiadis,	<i>Gibson Dunn</i>
Alexandre de Streel,	<i>University of Namur and CRIDS</i>
Richard Feasey,	<i>Fronfraith Ltd</i>
Marc Lebourges,	<i>Orange</i>
Scott Marcus,	<i>WIK Consult</i>

17:30 - 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 - 19:00 **Smart regulation for Interconnection**

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Christian Hocepied,	<i>Cullen International</i>
Richard Feasey,	<i>Fronfraith Ltd</i>
Marc Lebourges,	<i>Orange</i>
Scott Marcus,	<i>WIK Consult</i>

19:00 - 19:30 **Reaction from policy makers**

Speakers:

Anthony Whelan,	<i>European Commission</i>
Axel Desmedt,	<i>BIPT</i>

19:30 Cocktail Reception



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://bits.unamur.be/registration-form>

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*Any profit from this event will be used for supporting academic research in ICT regulation at CRIDS <http://www.crids.eu/> and ICRI <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/icri/>