

Review of the European Framework for Electronic Communications

International Conference
Hotel Kanzler, Bonn, Germany

Thursday, 24 April 2008
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The implementation of the 2002 regulatory framework for electronic communications represented a milestone for European telecommunications regulation. Noteworthy innovations in the regulatory framework include (1) the use of objective economic criteria to determine whether regulatory remedies are appropriate, and (2) an overarching concept of technological neutrality. After an extensive and thorough review process that took account of experiences gained and expected market and technological developments, the European Commission issued their proposed modifications in November 2007.

WIK is organising a conference on April 24 and 25, 2008 in Bonn to reflect on this "Review of the European Framework for Electronic Communications". The goal of the conference is to discuss and analyze the Commission's proposals.

The conference will provide insights into the experiences, expectations and perspectives of National Regulatory Authorities, members of the European parliament, other government officials, market players and independent regulatory experts. Their many different viewpoints will be communicated through presentations and panel discussions. Moreover, the conference will provide opportunities to network with high-ranking industry experts and to discuss the most challenging issues.

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- 09:00 h** **Registration**
- 10:00 h** **Introduction**
- **Dr. Karl-Heinz Neumann**, WIK
- 10:15 h** **Keynote Addresses:**
- **Fabio Colasanti**, European Commission, Director General DG INFSO
 - **Matthias Kurth**, President of Federal Network Agency
- 12:00 h** Lunch
- 13:00 h** **Session I, Regulation, Deregulation, Markets and the Application of Competition Law in Telecommunications**
- Chair: Dr. Iris Henseler-Unger**, Federal Network Agency
- **Alden F. Abbott**, Associate Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
 - **Professor Justus Haucap**, University of Erlangen and German Monopolies Commission
 - **Lorenzo Pupillo**, Executive Director, Public Strategies, Telecom Italia
- 14:30 h** **Session II, Regulatory Reform outside of Europe**
- Chair: Stephen Schmidt**, Telus
- Japan: **Yoshihiro Katagiri**, Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD
 - USA: **Kenneth R. Carter**, WIK
- 15:30 h** Break
- 16:00 h** **Session III, Relevant Markets**
- Chair: Scott Marcus**, WIK
- New and emerging markets, **Marcus Weinkopf**, Executive Vice President Regulatory Strategy, T-Com-Zentrale, Deutsche Telekom
 - NGN/NGA, **Dr. Cara Schwarz-Schilling**, Federal Network Agency/ERG
 - Sub-national markets, **Dr. Ulrich Stumpf**, WIK
 - A competitive carriers' view, **Ilsa Godlovitch**, ECTA, Belgium
- 17:30 h** **Session IV, Functional Separation**
- Chair: Yves Gassot**, IDATE
- Has regulation against discrimination failed?
Vianney Hennes, France Télécom
 - Concept of the Commission, **Ken Ducatel**, DG Information Society
 - Experience in the UK, **Tom Kiedrowski**, OFCOM
 - Theoretical Analysis, **Professor Martin Cave**, Warwick Business School
- 19:00 h** End of first day of conference
- 20:00 h** Social Event

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- 08:30 h** **Session V, Market structure and regulatory harmonization**
Chair: Professor Arnold Picot, University of Munich
- **Professor Heinrich Otruba**, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration
 - **Peter Alexiadis**, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
 - **Emilia Nyevrikel**, Board Member, Hungarian NCAH
- 09:30 h** **Session VI, Views from the European Parliament**
Chair: Professor Arnold Picot, University of Munich
- **Erika Mann**, MEP
 - **Malcolm Harbour**, MEP
- 10:30 h** Break
- 11:00 h** **Session VII, Institutional reform**
Chair: Professor Jürgen Kühling, University of Regensburg
- Experience with current notification procedure,
Dr. Reinald Krüger, European Commission, DG Competition
 - Commission view on veto for remedies and new market authority
Roland Honekamp, DG Information Society
 - ERG viewpoint, **Dr. Annegret Groebel**, Federal Network Agency/ERG
- 12:15 h** Lunch
- 13:15 h** **Session VIII, Views from the industry**
Chair: Professor Joachim Scherer, Baker & McKenzie
- **Marcel Smits**, Member of the Board, KPN
 - **Felix Müller**, Head of Legal and Regulatory, BT Germany
 - **Richard Feasey**, Public Policy Director, Vodafone Group
 - **Tiziana Talevi**, Director Regulatory Affairs, Fastweb, Italy
- 14:45 h** **Session IX, Views from the Council**
Chair: Dr. Karl-Heinz Neumann, WIK
- **Gerold Reichle**, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany
 - **Tim Cullen**, Assistant Director, European ICT and Media Policy Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, UK
 - **Ljudmila Tozon**, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU
 - **Emmanuel Gabla**, Director, Information and Communication Technologies Directorate General for Enterprises, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Employment, France
- 16:00 h** End of Conference