

22nd Königswinter Postal Seminar

10-11 September 2026

Hirschburg, Königswinter, Germany



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Kommunikationsdienste

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

19:00 Welcome dinner

Thursday, 10 September 2026

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome and introduction

*Antonia Niederprüm, Head of Department Postal Services and Logistics
WIK, and Dr Cara Schwarz-Schilling, General Manager WIK*

The Universal Postal Service: Trends and Outlook

Chair: WIK

9:40 – 10:00 Intro: Overview on universal service changes in EU Member States
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10:00 – 10:30 Universal service in Finland
Päivi Rokkanen, Posti

10:30 – 11:00 Challenges in reforming the Swedish USO
Anders Hildingsson, PTS

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:00 Universal service obligations in France: current state of play
Julie Berlemont, ARCEP

12:00 – 12:30 *Matthias Kühn, Attorney*

12:30 – 13:45 **Lunch at Hirschburg castle**

The Regulation of Parcel Markets: State of Play

Chair: WIK

13:45 – 14:00 Intro: Regulatory trends on parcel delivery services
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14:00 – 14:30 Social externalities in last-mile logistics: Balancing working conditions and productivity
Joris Beckers, University of Antwerp

14:30 – 15:00 *Paolo Alagia, AGCOM*

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 16:00 *Claire Couet, Geopost*

16:00 – 16:30 *BIPT (requested)*

Optional: Walk to Drachenfels

17:00 Walk to Drachenfels summit (about 90 minutes)

Hirschburg Networking Lounge

19:00 Reception at Hirschburg

19:30 Dinner

Dinner speech:

Mark van der Horst, Consultant, Postal and Delivery Policy

Friday, 11 September 2026

The EU Delivery Act: The Future of the EU Postal Regulatory Framework

Chair: WIK

9:00 – 9:30 *InPost (requested)*

9:30 – 10:00 *Adam Tomczak, Allegro (requested)*

10:00 – 10:30 Competition-oriented regulation for the postal sector and how to implement it

Annegret Groebel, Federal Network Agency Germany

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:15 **Panel discussion**

Moderator: Sonja Thiele, WIK

Panelists:

Raluca Moraru, European Commission DG GROW

Kristin Bergum, Posten Bring

Claire Couet, Geopost

Annegret Groebel

Adam Tomczak, Allegro

Mark van der Horst, Consultant, Postal and Delivery Policy

12:30 – 12:45 Wrap-up and closing remarks

Antonia Niederprüm, WIK

13:00 Lunch / seminar ends
