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ERG LAUNCHES A CONSULTATION ON NEXT GENERATION ACCESS REGULATORY ISSUES

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The European Regulators Group (ERG) launched on the 4th of May a consultation document covering access to next generation networks. The document (http://erg.eu.int/documents/cons/index_en.htm) deals with regulatory issues and provides guidance on different fibre roll-out scenarios. It focuses explicitly on wireline next generation access, providing general proposals on amending the Recommendation on relevant markets susceptible to ex-ante regulation, which is currently being reviewed by the European Commission. The document explores cost factors, co-location issues, duct sharing and fibre to the building scenarios amongst others. The consultation will end on 11 June 2007.

Ends.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

The European Regulators Group ([ERG](#)) was created to act as an advisory group to help the European Commission develop the internal market for electronic communications and services and ensure the consistent application of the regulatory Framework.

The ERG takes into account in its work the objectives given to NRAs in Article 8 of the Framework Directive (2002/21/EC) to promote competition, contribute to the development of the internal market and promote the interests of EU citizens.

The ERG consists of European National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs). Its full members are the twenty-seven EU Member States whilst the four EFTA States (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and three EU Accession/Candidate States (Turkey, Croatia and Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia) participate as observers.

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