

NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS: REGULATION AND INVESTMENT

Tutoring the tutors

17 April 2007
Hotel Principi di Piemonte, via Gobetti 15, Turin - Italy

PROGRAMME

Next Generation Networks (NGNs) are very much a current issue for operators, regulators and investors. The aim of the conference is to provide some insights on NGNs in terms of the possible business models, the technological change and the regulatory implications.

16 April

Afternoon: guided tour at Madama Palace. Evening: gala dinner at Royal Palace

17 April

8.45 - 9.15

Registration

9.15 - 9.30

Welcome to participants

Keynote address: **Corrado Calabrò**, *President, AGCOM, Italy*

9.30 – 10.45

*The Business Models (Chair of the section: **Ian Hargreaves**, Board Member, OFCOM, UK)*

This section should allow the participants to evaluate the merit of some strategic choices, such as those between VDSL and FTTx, and within the latter the various options (FTTH, FTTB, FTTC) in terms of performance and return on capital. The NGN services (Voice Over IP - Video over IP) perspective will be addressed.

FASTWEB: **Stefano Parisi** (*Chief Executive Officer, Italy*)

NGNUK: **Peter Black** (*Executive Chairman, UK*)

KPN: **Jilles van den Beukel** (*Regulatory Officer, The Netherlands*)

Question and answer session

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30

*The Technology (Chair of the section: **Marianne Treschow**, Director General, PTS, Sweden)*

This section will explore – via an overview of technical solutions already implemented – the infrastructure and the technological evolution available to all players. Transformation in the core network, access and peering will be examined in the light of recent implementations.

TELECOM ITALIA: **Stefano Pileri**, *(Chief Technology Officer, Italy)*
VONAGE: **Michael Taylor** *(General Counsel, UK)*
ARBINET: **Steven Heap** *(Chief Technology Officer, US and UK)*

Question and answer session

12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
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14.00 – 16.00 *Towards an ERG position on NGN regulation: (Chair of the section: **Roberto Viola**, ERG Chairman)*

The ERG experience: **Matthias Kurth** *(Chairman, BNetzA, Germany)*, **Cara Schwarz Schilling** *(Chair of ERG NGN Project Team, BNetzA, Germany)*

Panel discussion:

- Openness, Network neutrality and interoperability
- Non-replicable assets and open access
- Regulatory (Access) Holidays
- Ex ante regulation and new markets development
- NGN and competition law: too little too late?

Already registered to speak (floor will be open to other interventions):

Bernd Langeheine *Director, Directorate B, DG INFSO, European Commission*

Jorgen Abild Andersen *Chairman, NITA, Denmark*

Josè Amado Da Silva *Chairman, ANACOM, Portugal*

Chris Fonteijn *Chairman, OPTA, The Netherlands*

Gabrielle Gauthey *Member of the Board, ARCEP, France*

Gloria Calvo Diaz *Member of the Board, CMT, Spain*

Susan Schorr *Regulatory Officer, ITU*

Conclusions: **Daniel Pataki**, *Chairman, NCAH, Hungary*