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In 2016, the actions of the Commission will continue to be focused on its strategic goals for improving the conditions for the building and functioning of the electronic communications market, for enhancing the possibilities for end users to make a choice, for promotion of competition, for raising the quality of services and for ensuring an adequate protection of the users' rights.

In order to ensure a stable and predictable environment for all market players and encouraging competition, innovation and investment in advanced technology solutions, CRC will continue to focus its regulatory intervention on the markets where competition is not yet effective and which are crucial for Europe's competitiveness. In this regard, among the main tasks in the Commission's work during the next year will be the completion of the third round of markets analyses for call termination in fixed and mobile networks, preparation of a draft analysis of the wholesale market of high-quality access at a fixed location, determination of specific obligations on the undertakings with significant power on these markets, as well as the control on the execution of regulatory measures already imposed.

The radio frequency spectrum is an essential building block for the deployment of broadband services. For this reason, CRC will work also during the next year towards development and implementation of transparent procedures for proportional apportioning and equitable provision of necessary frequency resource for market penetration of new technologies and services. In terms of an active dialogue with stakeholders will continue the work on implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the EC for harmonised use of radio frequency spectrum.

The open Internet is an engine for the dynamic entering the market not only of innovative services, products and applications, but of new players and business models. This necessitated a revision of the rules on European level under which the electronic communications markets should be regulated. Considering these trends, in 2015 the European Commission has adopted a strategy for a Digital Single Market in Europe. The strategy is based on three pillars: providing better access for consumers and businesses to digital goods and services across Europe, creating the right conditions for digital networks and services to flourish and maximise the growth potential of the European digital economy. Among the main actions aimed at the implementation of this ambitious strategy of the European Commission are providing appropriate rules in the electronic communications sector, aimed at a harmonised development of the single market and building a comprehensive broadband connectivity by promoting infrastructure competition and efficiency of investment and better consumer access to digital content and strengthen confidence in and security of digital services and of the processing of personal data. The first step in this direction was the adoption by the European Commission at the end of 2015 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120⁷⁰, which lays down harmonised rules to ensure open Internet access, net neutrality, and stages for the definitive elimination of surcharges of retail roaming prices within the European Union.

The implementation of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 in Bulgarian regulatory practice will be among the priorities of the Commission in the next year. In this respect, the Commission will continue to participate actively in the work of BEREC and IRG by contributing to the harmonisation of the practice at European level.

⁷⁰ Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 laying down measures on access concerning open internet and for amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services and Regulation (EU) No. 531/2012 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the European Union.

In 2016 the CRC will continue working taking into account the trends and processes occurring not only on the single market of the European Union but also on the Bulgarian market for electronic communications. In the conditions of dynamically changing technological and market environment CRC will seek more active dialogue with the players on the Bulgarian market for electronic communications networks and/or services. This approach would be a base for implementation of the priorities of the CRC for the next one-year period that will ensure conformity not only with the amendments in the regulatory framework in the sector at European level, but also with the nationally specific characteristics.