



INVITATION

ERGP Stakeholder Workshop

on the

ERGP Mid-Term Strategy

Date: 30 June 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 13:00 pm

Venue: Riu Pravets Resort Bulgaria

Dear Madam or Sir,

As Chair of the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) in 2016, I have the distinguished pleasure of inviting you to the ERGP Stakeholder's Workshop dedicated to ERGP Mid-Term Strategy to be held at Riu Pravets Resort, Bulgaria, on

30th June 2016 from 10h00 to 13h00

During the 8th Plenary of ERGP (3rd December 2015, Brussels), it was decided to elaborate a draft ERGP Mid-Term Strategy. The document will cover the period 2017-2019.

The Strategy's aim is clear: identify the core postal market's issues that have to be addressed at European level in order to have the postal sector recognized as an essential component of the global economy. To this end, the many factors challenging the postal sector, including globalization, market liberalization, competition, electronic substitution, the advancement of new technologies, and regional and national inequalities, among others, should be taken into account.

The Workshop will be an interactive public debate and will bring together the stakeholder's views and expertise as regards the developments and the trends of the European postal market, in order to increase effectiveness and transparency in the ERGP's work.

All European postal stakeholders - postal services providers, consumer associations, postal industry associations, labour associations, e-retailers – are invited to express their views on the strategic/core issues at EU level that should be addressed in the ERGP Mid-term Strategy in the presence of the ERGP members – the heads and representatives of the European regulatory authorities for postal services.

The basis of the debates will be the *Discussion Paper on the Mid-term Strategy*, which will be drafted by the ERGP.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

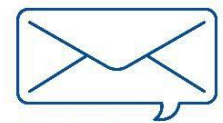
Veselin Bozhkov
ERGP Chair 2016



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration*
- 10:00 – 10:10 Welcome and introduction by Mr. Veselin Bozhkov, PhD,
ERGP Chair 2016*
- 10:10 – 10:30 Presentation of the Discussion Paper on the Mid-term Strategy
by the team of incoming ERGP Chair for 2017 (AGCOM)*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Stakeholder Dialogue – Session 1
Moderator: TBD*
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Stakeholder Dialogue – Session 2
Moderator: TBD*
- 12:00 – 12:20 Presentation of the major stakeholder inputs from Session 1
(ERGP Member TBD)*
- 12:20 – 12:40 Presentation of the major stakeholder inputs from Session 2
(ERGP Member TBD)*
- 12:40 – 12:50 Conclusions by the Moderators*
- 12:50 – 13:00 Conclusions remarks by Mr. Veselin Bozhkov, PhD*



REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Please register for the Workshop at the following email: mivanova@crc.bg and GROW-ERGP@ec.europa.eu no later than 20 April 2016. If you are willing to participate as a speaker, please indicate this on your registration form.

For the hotel reservation and transfer from/to Sofia Airport please contact directly to Riu Pravets Resort at the following email: reservationpravets@tts.bg.

You are kindly requested to make your reservation at the hotel **no later than 20 April 2016**. Please indicate in your email the event: **ERGP Stakeholder Workshop on 30 June 2016**.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. The deadline for registration for the workshop is **20 April 2016**
2. Registrations submitted after this date will not be taken into consideration.
3. The deadline for reservation at the hotel is **20 April 2016**
4. The opinions expressed and information presented during the workshop will be recorded and ERGP reserves the right to include any such opinion and information in the ERGP Mid-Term Strategy and to make them public, together with the name of the contributors.
5. The number of workshop participants will be limited by the capacity of the meeting room. CRC reserves the right to close registration once the maximum number of participants is reached.
6. The working language of the workshop will be English.