

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

**THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION IN
COMMUNICATIONS OF ROMANIA**

AND

**THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

**ON ENABLING THE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN
THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS FIELD**

The National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania ("ANCOM") and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority ("TRA") (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

Proceeding to further extend friendly relations on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Recognizing the mutual interest for establishing collaboration partnerships in the fields of electronic communications regulation,

Having regard to the fact that cooperation between the two Participants would contribute to the development of consistent regulatory practices in the particular area of this Memorandum of Understanding,

Recognizing the importance that electronic communications has in the development of social and economic welfare of both countries,

Considering:

- a. Common base for plans and programs, and their readiness to maintain regular contacts and to develop practical cooperation on matters relating to electronic communications,
- b. The benefits that may accrue to both ANCOM and TRA from the cooperation between the two regulatory authorities in matters concerning the exchange of information, experience and documents related to the development of regulation of electronic communications in both countries,

Convinced of the need for and desirability of greater cooperation between the two authorities,

Hereby the Participants agree to cooperate for the purpose of exchange of information and experience as follows:

Paragraph 1 - Cooperation Objective

(1) The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the necessary framework for the cooperation and exchange of information between the two Participants, in compliance with their legal powers in the area of regulation and monitoring of activities in the electronic communications sector.

(2) The collaboration is mainly aimed at promoting the exchange of information regarding the legal framework, which applies to the electronic communications sector, as well as the exchange of experience inasmuch as regulation and consultation in this field is concerned.

(3) The Participants anticipate that such cooperation will uphold the regulatory activities undertaken by both Participants with a view to promoting competition in the electronic communications sector and the end-users' interests, in line with the European, Gulf Cooperation Council and international best practices.

Paragraph 2 - Areas of Cooperation

In order to enhance the institutional capacity of the Participants, the main directions of the cooperation between the two Participants will encompass the following areas:

- a) exchange of information concerning the development of policies and strategies on electronic communications in their countries;
- b) exchange of information on their national laws and regulations in the field of electronic communications, including any amendment or modification thereof;
- c) exchange of experience in the electronic communications field;
- d) where applicable and agreed, organisation of associated seminars, conferences and forums held in the field of electronic communications;
- e) organisation by the Participants of joint consultations and expertise in view of promoting, cooperating in the frame of, and carrying out of, an exchange of experience in the area of activities specific to the electronic communications field;
- f) promotion of a competitive environment in the electronic communications field;
- i) promotion of technical innovations in the electronic communications field;
- j) cooperation with other international institutions or organisations with activities in the electronic communications field; and
- k) promotion of joint or regional initiatives in the field and within the limits of competence of the Participants.

Paragraph 3 - Cooperation Instruments

(1) The instruments of cooperation between the Participants are as follows:

- a) exchange all publicly available data and documents of professional nature, resulted from their activities;
- b) inform and extend invitations, when appropriate, to each other on international symposia and conferences organized under their auspices;
- c) organisation of bilateral consultations, both at management and expert levels in order to study technical, legal and other aspects of national regulatory activities;
- d) consultations between the high level officials of the Participants to review the implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding, to set the priorities for cooperation within its framework for the next term, and to exchange views and take, where appropriate, joint actions and positions at European and other international fora and organizations related to the sector of electronic communications;
- e) encouragement of the enforcement of best regulatory practices in the electronic communications sector; and

f) other forms of collaboration agreed by the Participants, based on the specific proposals of cooperation, as an expression of future coordinated or joint actions of the two Participants.

(2) The Participants will review periodically the results and their cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding. When appropriate, the Participants will consider the need for improvements in their cooperation and make suitable proposals for modifying the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 4 - Financial Issues

(1) The cooperation activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Participants.

(2) Each Participant will bear the costs of its own activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding.

(3) In cases where the measures adopted for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding may incur financial obligations, prior to adopting those measures, the Participants will conclude an Arrangement, under the reserve of the financial rules and regulations of both Participants.

Paragraph 5 - Confidentiality Issues

Information acquired under mutual cooperation will not be disclosed to third participants without the prior written consent of the Participant from which it has originated.

Paragraph 6 - Reconciliation of Disputes

(1) The Participants commit to observe precisely and in good faith the provisions under this Memorandum of Understanding.

(2) Any dispute between the Participants relating to the enforcement, respectively interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably, in the shortest time possible.

Paragraph 7 - Amendments

(1) With the consent of both Participants, amendments and additions may be incorporated into this Memorandum of Understanding, documented as Arrangements.

(2) The supplementary acts mentioned under sub-paragraph (1) will be concluded in a written form and will constitute an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding, the provisions of paragraph 8 applying correspondingly.

Paragraph 8 - Final Provisions

(1) This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of its signature, is concluded for a period of 3 years and will be automatically renewed for similar periods, unless either of the Participants determines otherwise.

(2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant one (1) month upon prior written notice to the other.

(3) If termination has been notified, the Participants will take immediate measures for ending all joint activities, in a fair manner and without delay.

(4) No provision under this Memorandum of Understanding sets up legally binding obligations for any Participant, neither should be interpreted similar to the international law provisions nor issues rights and obligations ruled by the international law, respectively.

Done in Bucharest, on 27 September 2022, in two original copies in English.

**On behalf of The National Authority
for Management and Regulation in
Communications of Romania**

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