



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF LATVIA AND
REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL
COMMUNICATION OF KOSOVO**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF LATVIA (*hereinafter referred to as "SPRK"*) and **REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL COMMUNICATION OF KOSOVO** (*hereinafter referred to as "ARKEP"*) (*hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"*);

Desiring to further strengthen the existing friendly relations and to boost cooperation between the Parties as institutions of fraternal countries,

Recognizing that cooperation in matters of mutual interest through the exchange of ideas, information, personnel, skills and experience will be of reciprocal benefit to both Parties;

Being aware of the fact that the cooperation in the field of communications regulation enables the existing relations in other areas to develop further,

Have agreed as follows:

I. Introduction

SPRK and ARKEP hereby undertake to increase cooperation in the field of communications regulation on advantageous and equal conditions and in the spirit of the friendly relations between the two Parties.

2. Purpose

This cooperation is aimed at promoting the exchange of information concerning the two Parties' respective experience in the regulation of the communications markets.

The Parties anticipate that this cooperation will serve to support regulatory policies and actions by the two Parties in keeping with mutual interests, international best practices and the public convenience and necessity of the citizens of both nations.

3. Fields of Cooperation

SPRK and ARKEP shall encourage and support the cooperation on the following main areas:

- Assignment of radio spectrum;
- Regulation of communications markets;
- Consumer protection in relation to communication services;
- Promotion of technical innovation in the field of QoS and network neutrality testing;
- International cooperation, especially in the framework of EU;
- Other issues as may be mutually agreed.

4. Means of Cooperation

The cooperation between SPRK and ARKEP can be carried out through:

- Exchange of information and documentation;
- Exchange of experts;
- Bilateral consultations;
- Joint organization of technical workshops, seminars, study visits and training sessions;
- Dissemination of best practices in the field of electronic communications regulation;
- Missions of experts and joint working groups in innovative telecommunication services and technologies, and
- Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually deemed appropriate.

Where appropriate, the Parties shall coordinate their actions and positions at international regulatory forums and organizations related to the electronic communications sector.

The cooperative activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources to the respective Parties. Each Party shall bear the costs of its own activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Information Confidentiality

The exchange of information in the framework of this agreement is being performed taking into consideration the constraints of national legislation of the Parties. Information acquired under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by

either Party to third parties without the prior written consent of the Party from which it has originated.

6. Relation to Other Treaties

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect any obligations of the Parties under any international treaty. The provisions of this Memorandum shall not be interpreted as an agreement within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and shall not create rights and obligations in the area of international law.

7. Period of Memorandum of Understanding and Modifications/Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day of the signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years. Upon the expiration of this period, its validity shall be automatically renewed, for a further three years period, except in the case that one of the Parties terminates this Memorandum of Understanding through notifying the other Party of the same no later than 3 months prior to the expiration of the case that one of the Parties terminates this Memorandum of Understanding through notifying the other Party of the same no later than 3 months prior to the expiration of the initial subsequent periods.

Done on 10 November, 2016 in Riga, Latvia in two originals, each in English, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed for and on behalf of ARKEP by:

Singed for and on behalf of the SPRK by:

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