MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NORDIC-BALTIC ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORS ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

This Memorandum of Understanding is established between the following regulators in the field of electronic communications:

- ERHVERVSSTYRELSEN (ERST) - Danish Business Authority (DBA)
- TEHNILISE JÄRELEVALVE AMET (TJA) - Technical Regulatory Authority (TRA), Estonia
- VIESTINTÄVIRASTO - The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority - FICORA
- PÓST – OG FJARSKIPASTOFNUN (PFS) - The Post and Telecom Authority (PTA), Iceland
- SABIEDRISKO PAKALPOJUMU REGULĒŠANAS KOMISIJA (SPRK) - The Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Latvia
- RYŠIŲ REGULIAVIMO TARNYBA (RRT) - The Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania
- NASJONAL KOMMUNIKASJONSMYNDIGHET (Nkom) - The Norwegian Communications Authority
- POST – OCH TELESTYRELSEN (PTS) – The Swedish Post and Telecom Authority

Hereafter collectively referred to as “The Regulators”.

Acknowledging that a close co-operation between the Nordic and Baltic regulators is a common goal of all the parties concerned,

Taking into account the legal and regulatory responsibilities and environment in which each regulator operates,

Recognizing that the Nordic and Baltic countries have electronic communications markets with many similar features and to a large extent the same operators,

Guided by the provisions of the legislation in force in the states of the regulators and their international obligations, and

In their capacity as regulators of electronic communications according to the functions and responsibilities assigned under their respective national legislation,

The Regulators have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding stating their common interest and will to achieve the following objectives:

1. Promote the development of efficient electronic communications markets in the Nordic and Baltic area, consistent with the development in the European Economic Area (EEA).

2. Co-operate in order to promote competitive markets in electronic communications, in which the principles of transparency and non-
discrimination are ensured. The Regulators will monitor, reinforce and follow up these processes of market development in the electronic communication markets.

3. Co-operate in issues relating to electronic communications markets, in which the Regulators have responsibilities according to their respective national legislation.

4. Set up the appropriate mechanisms of co-operation, information exchange and assistance amongst the Regulators, and reinforce their level of common representation in the co-operation within the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC).

5. Provide a framework for the discussion of regulatory issues and exchange of experience in order to facilitate convergence of views and common positions when appropriate.

6. Provide the necessary elements for the development of regulation and promote increased harmonisation and efficiency in the regulatory framework and processes.

7. With due regard to national differences in the legal framework and responsibilities, work to establish common positions toward agreed issues.

Within the scope of their competence, the Regulators have agreed on the following scope and manner of cooperation:

1. Create a close co-operation between the Nordic and Baltic regulators in the name of the Nordic-Baltic Electronic Communications Regulators Network (NB Reg).

2. NB Reg will deal with issues related to the Nordic-Baltic and European electronic communications markets and also with exchange of information with respect to developments within each country.

3. NB Reg will comprise regulators from the Nordic and Baltic countries.

4. The information of joint statements and common positions will be driven by the principle of consensus.

5. The main organisation of NB Reg will be a rotating chairmanship whose appointment will take place every year during the annual meeting of the Heads of the regulators or their authorised representatives.

6. The Regulators will appoint contact persons to deal with the exchange of information between them.

7. The NB Reg meetings will be held at least once a year physically and the regulators may invite other representatives whenever appropriate to their meetings or other events of common interest.
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