



PROGRAMME OF THE DEBATE

The European single market for electronic communications

1st April 2014, from 4 to 6pm

European House, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

On 11 September 2013, the European Commission adopted a Communication “Telecommunications Single Market” and a regulation laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent. Its objective is to move towards the Single market for electronic communications in which citizens and businesses can access electronic communications services wherever they are provided in the Union, without cross-border restrictions or unjustified additional costs. The proposal amends Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC transposed two years ago and Regulations (EC) No 1211/ 2009 and (EU) No 531/2012 which define most of the current regulatory framework for telecommunications. The aim of the proposal is to establish an European authorisation for operators that provide their services in more than one EU country, harmonise spectrum and virtual access to fixed networks, introduce safeguarding access to the open internet, strengthen rights of end-users (e.g. in connection with the change of an operator) and furthermore to adjust the elimination of charges for incoming calls if the caller is abroad within the EU and to support roaming for home prices in 2016 or earlier. The proposal is now being discussed in the European Parliament which scheduled to adopt its report in plenary on April 3, 2014. The restrained Council's approach leaves suspect that the conclusion of this proposal will not run smoothly.

The aim of the debate is to discuss the changes brought by the single market for electronic communications and its impact on Czech entities.

What are the obstacles of smooth consideration of the proposal in the Council? Are MEPs going to be successful in convincing the Council to approve the proposal before the end of the Greek Presidency? What will be the impact of the proposal on Czech telecoms operators and Czech citizens if approved?

The debate will be opened by **Jan Michal**, Head of the European Commission Representation to the Czech Republic, followed by:

- **Peter Eberl**, Deputy Head of Unit for Electronic Communications Regulation, DG CONNECT, European Commission (video - conference)*
- **Ondřej Malý**, Member of the Council of the Czech Telecommunication Office
- **Michal Frankl**, Member of the Board of Telefónica Czech Republic

The discussion will be moderated by **Jiří Peterka**, an independent consultant and publicist in the field of telecommunications.

Partners of the debate are the University of Economics in Prague - Faculty of International Relations and University of Finance and Administration, the University of Finance and Administration, EurActiv.cz and Prague Leaders Magazine.



This debate is organized as a part of a project of the Representation of the European Commission to the Czech Republic and European Parliament Information Office in the Czech republic with the aim to communicate current European issues to the wide range of experts and general public. It is implemented by Czech Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with CEBRE – Czech Business Representation to the EU. More information prague@cebre.cz

