



owned or not buildings, in communal areas, in public areas, in Local Authority areas or in other private areas.

The plan describes the following among others:

- ▶ The terms and preconditions for the drawing up of collocation agreements and jointly used facilities.
- ▶ The minimum content of the relevant agreements.
- ▶ The content of the relevant applications.
- ▶ The procedures that satisfy collocation requests for providing information.
- ▶ The procedures that satisfy collocation requests for jointly used facilities.
- ▶ The relevant fees.
- ▶ The relevant agreements' auditing procedures.
- ▶ The procedure regarding dispute resolution.
- ▶ The compulsory collocation provision following EETT's Decision.

The objective of the Regulation is to provide benefits, not only to the public (arising from reductions in environmental repercussions, reductions in public disturbances caused by infrastructure development projects, accessibility to the services of more providers, etc), but also to the service providers or/and the electronic communications network providers (time saving and cost reduction in infrastructure developments, etc).

Public Consultation lasted initially from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 up to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008. However, following requests from providers, the deadline for submitting comments and proposals was extended up to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

The final format of the Regulation will be drawn up by the end of the Public Consultation and after taking into consideration the viewpoints and comments of all participants.

## Collaboration between the Regulatory Authorities of the Euro-Mediterranean Countries

**The Second High-Level Session of Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities of the Euro-Mediterranean Countries took place in Rome, in December 2007.**

The Session, which was attended by EETT, was held under the auspices of the President of IRG/ERG for 2007, Mr. Roberto Viola and Mr. Fabio Colasanti, representative of the DG Information Society & Media of the European Commission. Apart from the Mediterranean countries of the European Union, participants in the Session were representatives of the Telecommunications Authorities of Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Israel, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco. The objective of the Session was to tighten relations between the members of IRG/ERG with the Regulatory Authorities of the other Mediterranean countries, with the aim to create a deregulated telecommunications market environment.

During the proceedings of the Session, the coordinator of the NATP-II program ([www.natp2.org](http://www.natp2.org)), Mr. Hans Bakker, presented the main objectives

of the program with respect to the Electronic Communications Market and its results to date. NATP-II constitutes a European Union program that commenced in 2000 with the objective to assist the Regulatory Authorities of the Mediterranean countries in developing and applying deregulation policies in the electronic communications sector.

Mr. Daniel Weiss (EC, DG EuropeAid) presented the peripheral program of the European Union, with its aspirations being the development of the information community in the Mediterranean region and announced the creation of a new collaboration network between the Euro-Mediterranean Regulatory Authorities (EMERG). Members of EMERG can include Telecommunication Regulatory Authorities from the Mediterranean region as well as other member countries of IRG/ERG that wish to participate.

## Formation of IRG as a Legal Entity

**The formation of the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) as a Legal Entity that is to be governed by the Belgian Legal System (Association Sans but Lucratif - ASBL) was signed in Rome in December 2007.**

The legal formation of IRG was signed by 33 National Telecommunication Regulatory Authorities, including EETT. The siege of the IRG Secretariat will be in Brussels, while its President for 2008 will be Mr. D. Pataki from the Hungarian Telecommunication Regulatory Authority. Candidate for the Presidency in 2009 is Mr. M. Kurth from the German Regulatory Authority (BNetzA).

Mr. Roberto Viola, President of IRG/ERG for 2007 stated that the objec-

tive of the new IRG will be to continue the successful course for the improvement of the level of competition and the systematic regulation of the telecommunications market, in accordance with the Community Regulatory Policy "Better Regulation Agenda". In conclusion, he declared that IRG will continue to work in collaboration with the European Commission in order to improve regulatory practices.