

# Speech by EETT President on effective NGA regulation at the FTTH Council Europe

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EETT's President and BEREC Chair 2013, Dr. Leonidas Kanellos, presented the key objectives of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) regarding the effective regulation of NGA networks towards the successful implementation of the European Digital Agenda.

The presentation took place during the closing ceremony of the Annual Conference of the FTTH

Council Europe, which was held in Munich, on February 15-16.

More than 3,300 industry executives

from sectors such as equipment manufacturing, fiber optic network management and content and service development as well as delegates from local authorities and user communities attended the conference.

Dr. L. Kanellos focused on how effective regulatory models contribute to the successful

deployment of NGA in Europe. In his speech, he stressed the availability of several options,

instead of a one-size-fits-all solution, when trying to achieve balance between promoting

investment and safeguarding competition in the market. Dr. Kanellos emphasized the urgency to set

new incentives for investors in broadband networks, bearing in mind the current economic and market

conditions, and to lift entry barriers in the broadband market; otherwise anti-competitive

practices could lead to the quick depreciation of existing

investments developed by alternative operators. He also pointed out that the national regulators need to ensure that access to NGA infrastructure is granted to all operators under equal, fair and transparent conditions, in accordance with European law.

Dr. L. Kanellos, EETT's President and BEREC Chair 2013 concluded his speech by stating that "In this emerging broadband ecosystem, all stakeholders should develop synergies for new infrastructure and services. On the other hand, the independent regulators commit themselves to the pursuit of the Digital Agenda goals and to defend the right of all European citizens to embrace the digital revolution and actively participate in the Information Society".

*Full text of the speech and additional press material are available at*

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