

Summaries of Speaker Presentations

for the workshop on "The Role of Regulators in Regulatory Policy"

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Independence in decision making, within general economic guidelines set by government, Parliament and the EC, involvement of all stakeholders in decision making and full accountability of regulatory activity are among the main features of a modern network regulator. However, the growing complexity of regulatory frameworks on the one hand and of their direct and indirect costs on the other pose today specific new challenges that require the development of new regulatory quality tools: full impact analysis over the whole regulatory cycle, effective notice and comment procedures for the involvement of all stakeholders in decision processes, comprehensive and transparent motivations of decisions subject to judicial review, analysis and reduction of administrative burdens and promotion of innovative regulation learning from a behavioural approach.

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The presentation will outline the importance of independent authorities for an effective regulation on the national level and of close cooperation among National Regulatory Authorities on the European and international level in order to promote the European internal market and to overcome barriers to international trade in services. It will set out numerous examples on how this works in the fields of telecommunications, energy, post and railways and what are the key factors to a successful implementation of regulation both on the national and the European level. It will analyze and compare the multi-governance schemes of European regulatory groups and bodies in the sectors mentioned since 1997. It will show the development since then and put a particular focus on the implementation of the revised regulatory frameworks of 2009 in the telecommunications and energy sectors. It will also look at the advantages of a multi-sector regulatory body. Finally, conclusions on the design of national regulatory bodies and multi-governance schemes will be drawn.