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**AGENCY FOR ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

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MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

The Electronic and Postal Communications Authority of the Republic of Albania (EPCA) and the Agency for Electronic Communications of the Republic of North Macedonia (AEC),

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Recognizing the importance of electronic communications services in the development of social and economic well-being for both countries,

Considering and:

- having the common interest in promoting closer ties in the field of electronic communications;
- assessing the importance of digital infrastructure in the economic and social development of the two countries
- taking into account the importance of digital connectivity/interconnection as well as the impact on future developments
- aimed at promoting innovative developments and 5G future technologies for a high level of consumer protection, competition
- taking into account the benefits that may arise for both parties from cooperation on issues related to the exchange of information, experience and documentation related to the development of electronic communication services in both countries

- take into consideration the common basis for plans, programs and their willingness to maintain regular contacts and develop practical cooperation on issues related to electronic communications services;

Convinced of the need and desire for greater cooperation between the two regulatory authorities, enter into this Memorandum of Cooperation:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is:

- 1.1 Cooperation between the parties in the design of policies and programs to address current and future regulatory challenges in both countries as well as in the region, based on EU good practices and international commitments.
- 1.2 The development of regular meetings between the representatives of the parties as well as the drafting of joint work plans and calendars, in accordance with the legal provisions, which regulate the field of activities and functions of both parties.

Article 2

Commitment

1. The parties are committed to cooperate for the realization and implementation of this Memorandum in the fastest and most efficient way, as well as for the highest quality realization of its purpose.
2. The parties undertake to cooperate for:
 - a) Increasing cooperation and coordination regarding the implementation in the near future of the fifth generation of mobile technologies (5G) for electronic communications networks, especially regarding the cross-border harmonization of frequencies.
 - b) Increasing cooperation in the field of harmonization of cross-border frequencies, in the preparation of technical agreements and their adaptation to plans for the use of frequencies and the harmonization of the spectrum of 5G frequencies.
 - c) The continuation of cooperation for the implementation of the RLAH Agreement for the removal of roaming charges between Western Balkan countries.
 - d) The continuation of cooperation for the reduction and adjustment of Roaming tariffs between the countries of the Western Balkans and the European Union.
 - e) To exchange plans and reports on the degree of implementation of new technologies and digitalization of societies in both countries.
 - f) Conducting annual bilateral meetings, in which it will be aimed to deal with common issues and agreements for any further cooperation, as well as information exchange but not limited to other form and time, (e.g. questionnaires, events specifics, reports, information on activities in electronic communications markets, etc.).

- g) Creation of joint ad hoc work groups, as an effective tool for establishing closer technical cooperation.
- h) The organization of joint activities for the realization of the purpose of this Memorandum.

Article 3

Communication

- 3.1 For the effect of the implementation of this Memorandum, each party, within one month from its signature, appoint the persons who will be responsible so that the exchange of data and/or information is fast, concrete and effective and take the necessary measures in time
- 3.2 The parties undertake that, as a result of the implementation of this Memorandum, they will take all the necessary legal measures to provide the persons mentioned in this article with all the permits, orders and/or authorizations necessary to proceed and/or pursue or to carry out communications or announcements, according to the specific legal and sub-legal provisions that regulate the institutional activity of each party, especially those related to communications or announcements outside the respective institutions.

Article 4

Amendments

- 4.1 The parties may, at any time, make improvements, amendments or additions to this Memorandum.
- 4.2 In any case, any amendment or addition will only be made in writing by the holders of the relevant institutions and will come into force after their signature.

Article 5

Use of confidential information

- 5.1 All information or data that will be obtained in and for the implementation of this Memorandum will be used according to the respective legal powers of each party and only for the purpose defined in this Agreement.
- 5.2 Any information and/or data that will be exchanged in and for the implementation of this Memorandum will be subject to the principles of good faith (confidentiality), with the exception of those of a public nature, determined according to the normative acts in force.
- 5.3 None of the parties has the right to make public or pass on, in any form, to third parties, the information or data it will receive from the other party, without its explicit authorization.

5.4 Each party has the obligation to train the relevant employees who will be appointed to follow and implement the provisions of this Memorandum, in relation to the limitations of this article.

Article 6

Term of the Memorandum

6.1 This Memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period.

6.2 The Memorandum can be terminated by either party by sending a written notice to the other party, at least 1 (one) month in advance.

6.3 In the event of the termination of this Memorandum, the parties shall abide by the obligations arising from this Memorandum, in terms of the information exchanged before the date of its termination.

Article 7

Signature and entry into force

7.1 The parties undertake to respect and implement the rights and obligations arising from this Memorandum.

7.2 The Memorandum enters into force on the date of its signing.

Article 8

Repeal

8.1 The Memorandum signed on 20th April 2010, is repealed.

Signed in Skopje, on 21.10.2022, in two original copies in the official languages of both countries – Macedonian language, based on the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia and Albanian language, based on the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, and English language, where all texts are equally authentic. In case of any inconsistency due to the interpretation of this Agreement, the English language text shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF THE AGENCY FOR
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH
MACEDONIA**

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Jeton AKIKU



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