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**ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
STEERING COUNCIL**

No. _____ Prot.

Tirana, __.__.2026

DECISION

No. 17, dated 08.06.2026

ON

**THE APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE GUIDELINE
“VERY HIGH CAPACITY NETWORKS”**

The Steering Council (SC) of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP), attended by:

Mr. Gentian Sala, Chairman
Ms. Edlira Dvorani, Member
Ms. Diana Dervishi, Member
Mr. Bleron Dokle, Member
Mr. Armer Juka, Member

and with Ms. Dania Nallbani acting as Secretary, at the meeting held on 08 June 2026, in accordance with the procedure established by Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”, Law No. 8480, dated 27.05.1999 “On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of the State Administration and Public Entities”, and the Internal Regulation on the Organization and Functioning of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP), approved by Decision No. 11, dated 31.03.2026, of the AKEP Steering Council, upon the proposal of the Directorate of Administration and Management of Limited Resources, reviewed the matter with the subject:

- Approval for public consultation of the Guideline “Very High Capacity Networks”.

LEGAL BASIS

1. Article 108 of Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”.
2. Regulation “On Public Notification and Consultation Procedures”, approved by AKEP Steering Council Decision No. 21, dated 07.12.2021.

THE STEERING COUNCIL

Upon reviewing the written documentation consisting of:

1. The document submitted for public consultation: Guideline “Very High Capacity Networks”;
2. The explanatory report accompanying the draft decision;
3. The reasoned draft decision;

as well as the discussions held during the meeting on the matter, and with reference to the aforementioned legal basis,

NOTES THAT:

1. Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania” entered into force on 20.12.2024, repealing Law No. 9918/2008 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”, as amended. The new Law No. 54/2024 has partially transposed into national legislation Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC).
2. The document submitted for public consultation, the Guideline on Very High Capacity Networks, has been drafted in accordance with Article 108 of Law No. 54/2024, which provides that: “AKEP shall issue regulations on very high capacity networks based on the BEREC Guidelines on Very High Capacity Networks and shall specify the criteria that a network in the national market must meet in order to be considered a very high capacity network, particularly with regard to downlink and uplink bandwidth, resilience, error-related parameters, latency and latency variation. The criteria that a network in the national market must meet in order to be considered a very high capacity network shall be updated periodically by AKEP, based on the relevant BEREC guidelines.”
3. The draft act aims to harmonize the national regulatory framework with the practices and recommendations of the European Union (EU), relying on the BEREC Guidelines BoR (23) 164 on Very High Capacity Networks, by aligning Albanian legislation with the acquis communautaire in the field of electronic communications and contributing to the fulfilment of Albania’s commitments within the European integration process.
4. The draft guideline has been prepared in accordance with the strategic objectives for the development of the electronic communications sector, which aim to expand modern broadband network infrastructures, increase the capacity of electronic communications networks, and promote investment in advanced communications technologies. Defining criteria for VHCNs contributes to the establishment of a clear and predictable regulatory environment, supporting market development and the provision of high-quality services to end-users.
5. Pursuant to Articles 44 and 45 of Law No. 54/2024 and the Regulation “On Public Notification and Consultation Procedures”, approved by AKEP Steering Council Decision No. 21, dated 07.12.2021, the document approved through this decision shall be submitted for public consultation for the purpose of obtaining the opinions of interested parties.

FOR THESE REASONS:

Pursuant to Article 14(1) and Article 15(1) of Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania” and Law No. 8480, dated 27.05.1999 “On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of the State Administration and Public Entities”, the AKEP Steering Council,

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DECIDED:

1. To approve for public consultation the draft Guideline “Very High Capacity Networks”.
2. The public consultation procedure shall be conducted for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the document referred to in point 3 of this Decision.
3. This Decision and the Public Consultation Document: Guideline “Very High Capacity Networks” shall be published on AKEP’s website at www.akep.al.
4. The Directorate of Administration and Management of Limited Resources is entrusted with the follow-up and implementation of this Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member
Gentian Sala	Edlira Dvorani	Armer Juka	Bleron Dokle	Diana Dervishi