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ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
STEERING COUNCIL

No._____prot. Tirana, on___.___.2026

DECISION

No.27 dated 06.11.2026

ON

THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES ON VERY HIGH CAPACITY NETWORKS (VHCN)

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

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

and Secretary Ms. Dania Nallbani, at its meeting held on 6 November 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 Organisation 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 for the Administration and Management of Scarce Resources, examined the following matter:

- Approval of the Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks".

LEGAL BASIS:

Articles 108 and 191 of Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania".

THE STEERING COUNCIL:

Having examined the written documentation consisting of:

1. The Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks";
2. AKEP's Position on the comments submitted by interested parties following the public consultation;
3. The reasoned Draft Decision;
4. The Explanatory Report accompanying the Draft Decision;

and taking into account the discussions held during the meeting on the matter, as well as the above-mentioned legal basis,

NOTES THAT:

1. The AKEP Steering Council, by Decision No. 17, dated 08.06.2026, approved the Draft Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks" for public consultation.
2. The public consultation process on the Draft Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks (VHCN)" was conducted through AKEP's official website for a period of 30 days, from 09.06.2026 to 09.07.2026.
3. The Draft Guidelines were prepared in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 54/2024 and are based on BEREC Guidelines BoR (25) 182 (Guidelines on Very High Capacity Networks), with the aim of harmonising the Albanian regulatory framework with European best practices in the field of electronic communications.
4. At the conclusion of the public consultation process, comments were submitted electronically to AKEP on 09.07.2026 by the undertakings "Vodafone Albania" sh.a. and "One Albania" sh.a.
5. The Draft Guidelines underwent several improvements and clarifications compared to the document approved for public consultation, which have been reflected in their provisions and in Annex 1 attached to the Guidelines.
6. The amendments mainly concern the specification of G.fast 212 MHz technology and clearer references to alternative access technologies. These updates reflect technological developments taken into consideration when assessing the performance of fixed networks. Based on the assessment carried out, these amendments do not affect the principles, structure or methodology followed in the Guidelines prepared by AKEP. Nevertheless, to ensure compliance with the latest version of the BEREC Guidelines, the relevant adjustments have been made to the technical terminology and references to access technologies.
7. Following the completion of the public consultation process and the analysis of the comments submitted, the following documents were prepared:
    - The Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks (VHCN)", constituting the final document submitted for approval; and
    - The document "AKEP's Position on the Comments of Interested Parties", presenting AKEP's assessment of the comments and proposals received.

8. From a legal perspective, the Guidelines comply with the provisions of Article 108 of Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania".

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,

DECIDES:

1. To approve the Guidelines "Very High Capacity Networks", as well as AKEP's Position on the Comments of Interested Parties, in accordance with the attached documents.
2. This Decision and the documents approved under point 1 shall be published on AKEP's official website.
3. The AKEP administration shall be responsible for following up on and implementing this Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Chairperson	Member	Member	Member	Member
Gentian Sala	**Edlira Dvorani**	**Armer Juka**	**Bleron Dokle**	**Diana Dervishi**