

## EMERG # Wrap up by April 2021

Dear colleagues,

The first 2021 quarter flew by so rapidly and April was key to EMERG. We held our CN and Plenary meetings and we also took some steps towards the implementation of the 2021-2022 Work Programme.

Also, during this 1st quarter, the European Commission presented the [Europe's Digital Decade 2030](#), which sets EU common targets for a successful digitalization as well as a monitoring system to track the progress. This new strategy aims at having all European households covered with gigabit connectivity and a target that at least 75% of European businesses have taken up digital solutions like cloud computing or Artificial Intelligence. Within this context, the EC also identified **the role for building international partnerships**, which will be one of the key aspects of the Digital Decade. As the EC vice-President Vestager said *"In an open digital economy, partnerships help us fast-forward the development of European technologies which can hopefully become global solutions. (...). We will work to address the large connectivity gaps in the developing world while promoting our human-centric model, and we will explore setting up a new Digital Connectivity Fund to that end"*.



In order to have a quick overview on the taken actions, you can find hereunder the list of the meetings, initiatives, as well as of expectations in the short run.

Kind regards,

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EMERG 2021 Chair

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- **Meetings**
  - Permanent Secretariat
    - Meeting with the EC on the possibility to extend the funding contract by January 2023 (04.01.2021);
    - Regular meetings in January (12 and 28) and February (11).
  - CN
    - [2021.03.02](#)
  - Plenary
    - [2021.04.07](#), with the approval of the [EMERG Work Programme 2021-2022](#)

- **e- voting procedures**
  - Approval of the final versions of the [EMERG 2020 BMK Report](#) and EMERG 2020 Annual Report (*done; both documents approval*)
- **International cooperation**
  - EMERG at the ITU 21ST GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM FOR REGULATORS, Exploring Regional Perspectives, 10:30 - 11:45 CEST, 14 March
    - [Video recording](#) (from 00: 43':17 to 01:48':25)
    - [Press release at EMERGonline](#)
    - [Final Report](#)
- **Information, by email, on other groups/entities' Webinars:**
  - 💡 [WIK webinar on neutral fiber and the European green deal](#) - 29 April from 14h-15h30 (CEST)
  - 💡 [IRG International Full Connectivity webinar](#) - Invitation to participate at the IRG Full International Connectivity Webinar. 10th May 2021. 10 am-1 pm CET

Looking forward...

**In May, we expect to:**

- Confirm the EMERG Working Groups' resources (*ongoing request, by 9 May*);
- Start the EMERG WGs activities, based on each PRD;
- Welcome EKIP, the NRA from Montenegro, as a new member of EMERG (*ongoing e-voting procedure, by 12 May*);
- Participate at the ITU Benchmark of Fifth Generation Collaborative Regulation (G5 Benchmark).

Keep an eye on what's next in the agenda:

- **10. May.2021:** [IRG International Full Connectivity webinar](#)
- **27. May.2021:** [Launch Event: UfM Progress Report on Regional Integration \(Click here to register\)](#)
- **23-25. June.2021:** [ITU GSR-21 Regional Regulatory Roundtables and the Global Symposium for Regulators 2021](#)