

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
AUTORIDADE NACIONAL DE COMUNICAÇÕES
OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC
AND
THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
AUTHORITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**

Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações, (hereinafter referred to as “ANACOM”) and the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (hereinafter referred to as BTK), both hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”,

Considering:

- the fundamental role that efficient communications play in the economic and social development and well-being of populations;
- the good relationship between the Parties and the interest of the Parties in strengthening cooperative relationship in the telecommunications and postal sectors;
- the relevant roles that the Parties assume in promoting the sector's development;
- the value of the existence of a memorandum of cooperation as an instrument for pursuing specific actions, creating an institutional framework of a lasting nature;

Concur on the following:

**Paragraph 1
Objective**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is to establish a flexible framework for technical and institutional cooperation in matters related to the Parties' activities, as national regulatory authorities for the communications sector, with the aim of contributing to its development in their respective countries.

Paragraph 2 Cooperative Activities

Within the scope of this MoU, and without prejudice to other matters that may be considered relevant by written consent between the Parties, special attention should be paid to the following objectives:

- a. Exchange of experiences within the scope of the Parties' common competences;
- b. Organizing joint activities or inviting the other to respective existing activities within the competence of the Parties;
- c. Parties' cooperation within the scope of participation in various international fora.

Paragraph 3 Areas of cooperation

The policy areas of cooperation in this MoU are as follows:

- Resilient telecommunications networks (including 5G and Beyond 5G/6G);
- Development of broadband networks;
- Digital Transformation (DX)
- Submarine cables, including advancement of new technologies;
- Bridging the digital divide;
- Rulemaking and development of AI;
- Improvement of postal services and networks;
- Online safety;
- Collaboration in international fora in the telecommunications and postal sectors,
- Other issues as may be mutually agreed.

Paragraph 4 Governance

1. Without prejudice to the identification of general initiatives that are recognized as necessary by the Parties, the action plan and specific actions to be developed should be defined at a high-level and working level meeting, to take place as often as deemed appropriate, in condition to be concurred between the Parties.

2. The Parties acknowledge that this MoU will not be deemed as an international agreement and will not constitute or create any legal obligations governed by international law.
3. In the implementation of this MoU, the Parties will maintain high security standards and robust governance arrangements for the handling and processing of sensitive information.
4. The cooperation envisioned in this MoU may be carried out through the exchange or transfer of information and documentation, official level meetings, technical missions, or others to be defined, according to the interests of the Parties, under the conditions of the following items:
 - a. This MoU does not constitute or create and is not intended to constitute or create any legally binding obligations.
 - b. This MoU enters into force on the date of its signature and continues for a period of three years, being automatically renewed for equal successive periods, unless either Party informs the other of the decision of non-renewal as follows.
 - c. The decision not to renew this MoU, or to suspend its application, should be transmitted to the other Party at least 60 (sixty) days in advance, before the end of the current period or the date on which the suspension commences.
 - d. This MoU may be modified at any time by written consent between the Parties.

Done on 26 October 2023 in Ankara, in two original copies to be delivered to each of the Parties, each in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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