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Regulatory news

The European Commission investigates state capital injections to PostNord.

Brussels has announced that it will open an investigation to the postal group consisting of the Swedish and Danish couriers, following a complaint by the Danish transport association, for the amounts received from their respective governments in recent years, to deal with its restructuring. Specifically, the investigation will focus on the three contributions that the Swedish and Danish Executives would have made to the company in 2018, for a total amount of 375 million euros.

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Regulator approves higher mail prices in Germany.

Mail prices will go up in Germany from July 1 after the Federal Network Agency today provisionally approved Deutsche Post’s proposed new prices until the end of 2021.

Among the changes, the price for a domestic standard letter of up to 20g will rise by 14% from €0.70 to €0.80, which is the first increase for three years. There will also be increases of €0.10 for medium-sized, large and very large domestic letters, and a €0.20 rise for standard and medium-sized international letters.

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CTT adopts ANACOM’s guidelines on postal network density targets.

Correios de Portugal has reformulated the proposal that complements the postal network density targets and minimum offers of service defined by ANACOM. In ANACOM’s view, the postal establishment in each municipality where CTT is required to ensure provision of the full range of concession services under the requirements of the current targets, must be either (i) a post office or (ii) a postal services office that provides the full range of concession services under conditions equivalent to those at post offices.

CTT’s reformulated proposal responds to ANACOM’s concerns and takes the framework defined by ANACOM in its decision of January 2019 properly into account. As such, CTT:

- has made clear that its proposal applies to all postal services offices which, in each municipality, provide the full range of concession services. These operate every working day for a minimum daily period of 6 hours in 99% of the municipalities in Portugal and every working day for a minimum daily period of 3 hours in the remaining 1% of municipalities; (…)

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Working groups Policy and UPU meeting in Belgrade.

From 20th to 22nd March, the 13th CERP Working Group Policy (WG Policy) meeting and the 23rd CERP Working Group Universal Postal Union (WG UPU) meeting were held in Belgrade. More than 60 participants attended the meetings and discussed important topics such as the UPU remuneration system and the withdrawal of the USA from the UPU.

During the WG Policy meeting the importance of developing technical cooperation among CERP member countries was emphasised. Some interesting initiatives were presented in this regard.

The WG UPU held discussions on UPU remuneration systems and the withdrawal of the USA from UPU. Some relevant panelists were present such as Mr. Stephen Anderson, from the US State Department, Mr. Siva Somasundram, from UPU International Bureau, Mr. Jean Paul Forçeville from PostEurop and Mr. Tarjei Weseth from the Nordic Postal Union.

Two communications to UPU on the Provident Scheme and the 2020 budget were also approved.

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Working group UPU Proposal CA C1 2019.1-Doc 10b, approved by the UPU CA Committee.

The CERP WG UPU proposal on the provident scheme, adopted during the last Belgrade meeting, was approved by the UPU CA C1 during the last sessions held in Bern on April.

The proposal, CA C 1 2019.1–Doc 10b, was officially supported by 19 CERP member countries and instructed to the IB and the TF Chairman to:

the Chair of the Task Force to:

☐ present a detailed work programme for consideration and a vote of its members by 20 April 2019;
☐ hold a first remote meeting to debate and approve the Task Force work plan by 30 April 2019,

Also instructs

The International Bureau to present the Task Force members with a detailed report on the current financial position of the Provident Scheme by 20 April 2019.

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54th CERP Plenary meeting in Skopje.

The 54th CERP Plenary meeting was held last week in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia.

Under the framework of the EU Twinning Project “Strengthening of the capacities of the Postal Agency”, the event brought representatives of 28 CERP member countries.

The four candidates to the UPU Director General and Vice Director General positions, and the Chairman of the UPU Consultative Committee took part in the first forum discussion on the UPU-Next Cycle.

Representatives of Wik Consultant, Copenhagen Economics and Cullen International, as well as the Chairman of Posteurope and the POC Chairman discussed the UPU Remuneration System and the new EU Regulation.

Technical cooperation was the main topic of the meeting, especially the Twinning Project “Strengthening of the capacities of the Postal Agency”. This Project was fully explained during the meeting.

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European Commission. The tool to find public tariffs on cross-border parcel delivery is now online.

One of the aims of the regulation on cross-border delivery services is to improve price transparency. The tariffs are the public prices a customer has to pay for delivering a single-piece item domestically or to another EU country and they can be found on the provider's website and on public tariff lists of the provider.

It should be noted that the displayed price reported by a provider for a parcel delivery service may include certain conditions and restrictions. The published prices are applicable as of 1 January and exclude VAT. Price information is updated every year on 31 March. They are reported in the local currency and in euros.

European Commission-postal services
Public tariffs on cross-border parcel delivery services in the EU.

27th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics – Dublin.

The FSR C&M organized, in collaboration with the CRRI Centre at the Rutgers Business School, the 27th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics, a world leading Conference open to academics, representatives from companies, regulatory authorities, public institutions, sector-specific associations and consultancies active in the postal and delivery ecosystem.
This edition was held in Dublin, Ireland, 22-25 May 2019 with the following keynote speakers: Raphaël Goulet, Head of Unit, DG Growth, European Commission; João António Cadete de Matos, President of ANACOM and ERGP Chair and Garrett Blaney, Chairperson at ComReg

The topics covered included: market dynamics, regulatory challenges (Beyond the USO reflections on recent decisions on postal SGEIs, The Compensation Fund on the Postal Market, The Polish case), the evolution of the business models (Ex-ante and ex-post access regime in the postal sector: a revival of margin squeeze), cost and demand analysis (Can the postal market afford affordability?), the impact of digitalisation and big data in postal services.

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ERGP Opinion on the review of the regulatory framework.

Technological development, evolving consumer demand and adapting business practices are changing, with varying levels of maturity, the postal market landscape in the European Union (EU) Member States.

This ERGP Opinion was published last March on ERGP’s website. The report identified core trends and developments in the postal sector as well as difficulties that national regulatory authorities encounter in applying the provisions of the Postal Services Directive and made interesting recomendations in these specific fields:

- **Postal services from a market perspective**: Scope, Competition and Regulatory aspects;
- **General aspects of regulation**: Flexibility and harmonization; Governance.
- **Users rights and interests**: Protecting users of postal services; Universal Service; Minimum set of postal services and scope of universal service; Net cost calculation and methods of financing;

EC-ERGP Documents: Report “Opinion on the review of the regulatory framework”