ERGP launches public consultation on the postal universal service

The European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) has published a Discussion Paper *on the implementation of Universal Service in the postal sector and the effects of recent changes in some countries on the scope of the USO*, prepared by the ERGP USO Net cost calculation Sub-group as background information for a discussion in a workshop with stakeholders to be held on 19 November 2014 in Bucharest.

The Discussion Paper is under public consultation until **14th November** on the ERGP website <u>http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/ergp/docs/documentation/2014/ergp-14-16-uso_en.pdf</u>.

All European postal stakeholders are invited to express their views on this theme and to participate in the workshop. Attendance to the workshop is free of charge and the deadline for registration is **31 October 2014**. The working language of the workshop will be English.

All comments received during the public consultation and during the workshop, including the name of the contributors, will be published together with the final ERGP *Report on the implementation of the Universal Service in the postal sector and analysis of the effects of the market and other developments on the scope and long term sustainability of the USO.*

If the respondents deem that certain information under the documents they transmit to ERGP during the consultation process or during the workshop is confidential, then they are asked to mark that information as such, in order for ERGP to remove it from the documents that are made publicly available.

Further information is available on the following document:

 $\underline{http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/ergp/docs/documentation/2014/ergp-14-26-press-release-uso-ancom_en.pdf$