



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PARTIES

Autorità per le garanzie nelle comunicazioni (AGCOM), whose headquarters are in Centro Direzionale, Isola B5, Torre Francesco, 80143 Napoli, Italy, Tel: +39 081 7507111 - Fax: +39 081 7507616, represented by its Board Member, Commissioner Antonio Preto, and

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC), whose headquarters located at Shmeisani Area, Abd Al-Hamid Sharaf Street, building no. 90, P.O. Box: 941794 Amman 11194 Jordan, represented by its Chairman / Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mohammad Al-Taani,

BACKGROUND

AGCOM is the Italian independent authority for the communications sector, established by Law n. 249 of 31 July 1997, whose main tasks are to ensure equitable conditions for fair market competition and to protect fundamental rights of all citizens

TRC is established as a financially and administratively independent jurisdictional body through the Telecommunications Law No 13 of 1995 and is subsequent amending law No.8 of 2002. The primary function of the TRC is to regulate the telecommunications and information technology (ICT) service sectors, as well as the postal sector according to the Postal Law No 34 of 2007 in Jordan.

AGCOM and TRC have been partners since 2011 in the implementation of Twinning Projects funded by the European Commission, which aimed at Institutional strengthening for the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission in Jordan.

In light of the conclusion of components 1 and 4 of the Twinning project, AGCOM and TRC recognize the significance of the work done and the results achieved and both agree on the opportunity to maintain and strengthen their cooperation through a bilateral agreement that will pave the way to the implementation of the issues presented in the various reports and in the Green paper drafted in the 2 components.

HEREBY AGREE ON WHAT FELLOWS:

Article (1): This Memorandum, developed in the frame of European integration, is aimed at developing and strengthening the working relations between AGCOM and TRC.

Article (2): Fields of cooperation:

- a) Revision and comparison of the telecommunications and electronic communications legal and regulatory frameworks;
- b) Technical innovation in the ICT field;
- c) Radio spectrum management;
- d) Audiovisual legal and regulatory framework, with specific focus on:
 - o development of digital terrestrial television and convergence of media;
 - o analysis of the development of convergent services implying the transmission of audiovisual content over telecommunications networks;
 - o regulation of convergent services, connected TV, OTT and new media;
- e) Access and Interconnection;
- f) NGN and broadband;
- g) costing and pricing matters;
- h) market review studies and experience and Competition methodologies and treatment of anti-competitive practices;
- i) Assistance and cooperation in standard operating procedures and data collection management tools and databases; design of data collection instruments;
- j) Consumer Protection and Awareness Campaignes, to include and not limited to public Consultations and Market Surveys.

Article (3): The joint actions conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding may include:

- exchanges of information and documentation;
- meeting experts and receiving delegations;
- providing mutual technical assistance and showing the best practices adopted;
- sharing information about regulatory, economic and technical rules and procedures;
- bilateral consultations or missions of experts and joint working groups;
- organisation of round tables and bilateral meetings;
- reception of trainees by both Parties;



- organisation of trainings for the benefit of one or another Party;
- submissions of common contributions to ITU within the framework of their competences;

Article (4): Each party at the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding will designate a representative who will be in charge of the actions led in his organization in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article (5): The parties agree that this document is not intended to create legal relations between AGCOM and TRC. They both promise however to use all reasonable endeavors in good faith to fulfill the objectives and commitments made in this Memorandum.

Article (6): The parties may modify the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding by an exchange of letters.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum shall become effective when signed by the representatives of the two NRAs and may be modified upon mutual understanding of the parties. It shall be valid for an indefinite period of time and may be terminated by each party after 30 days prior written notice.

For correspondence related to the implementation of the present Memorandum AGCOM and TRC shall use English language.

Signed in Amman on 19 September 2013

Mohammed Al- Taani

TRC / Chairman of the Board

Antonio Preto

AGCOM Board Member