



# **Harmonisation of network access charges**

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## *Introduction*

- **Regulation provides for the adoption of rules, in guidelines, leading to a progressive harmonisation of national tariff systems**
- **How should this issue be addressed in the first set of guidelines, i.e. in the short-term?**





## *Current practice in Member States*

### **General principles**

- **More costs are allocated to L than to G**
- **Important divergences in the absolute level of in particular G-charges likely to lead to distortions**
- **Harmonisation of values of both G and L charges in the short term unrealistic**

**>>Concentrate efforts on G charges**





## *Current practice in Member States*

### **Long-term locational signals**

- **Provide price signal in terms of current and future infrastructure costs**
- **Currently not common practice**
- **However, short/medium term signals exist (congestion and losses)**





## *Conclusions for the guidelines*

### **Two basic issues to be addressed:**

- **How best to work towards increased harmonisation of “basic” G-charge?**
- **Should, on top of this “basic” G-charge, an addition charge to provide long-term locational signals be introduced?**





## *The “basic” G-charge*

- **Objective: narrow as far as possible the value of G (harmonisation of G/L split insufficient?)**
- **Three options:**
  - **G = 0**
  - **G = any positive value**
  - **G = within a range**
- **Harmonised G would be country average**
- **Would not cover directly attributable costs**
- **Would not cover regulatory charges**





## *Locational signals*

- **Three options:**
  - **current short term signals are sufficient**
  - **existing short term signals need to be strengthened (losses)**
  - **long-term signals introduced**





## *Locational signals*

### **Possible design of a first long-term system**

- **Area=MS**
- **Three different locational G-charges**
- **Average charge per MS**
- **In principle applied to both existing and new generation**
- **Regular update of value, but need for certain predictability**





## *Conclusion*

**Participants are invited to express  
their views on these issues**

