



# A Norwegian perspective on net neutrality regulation

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# The value of net neutrality

- How does the Internet compare with cable-TV or traditional telecommunications networks?
- Nkom's objective of net neutrality  
Ensure that the Internet remains an open and non-discriminatory platform for all types of communication and content distribution
- Net neutrality is not regulating the Internet, it is safeguarding an open and non-discriminatory Internet
- Restricting end user access to content & applications, *that* would be regulating the Internet

# Internet is different from telecom

1. Decoupling of content and applications from the underlying network layer
  2. This decoupling facilitates an immense innovation of content and applications
  3. The demand for content and applications is the driver of demand for high-speed access
- Concern for US dominance on the Internet:  
Blocking and throttling of content and applications would not stimulate *European* providers of content and applications...

# The Norwegian co-regulatory approach

## Clarification phase

2008

Net neutrality pre-study

2008-2009

Co-regulatory working group

2009

Net neutrality guidelines

## Adjustment phase

2010-2012

NN stakeholder group

2011

NN also for mobile

2012

CDN regulatory report

## Consolidation phase

2013-2015

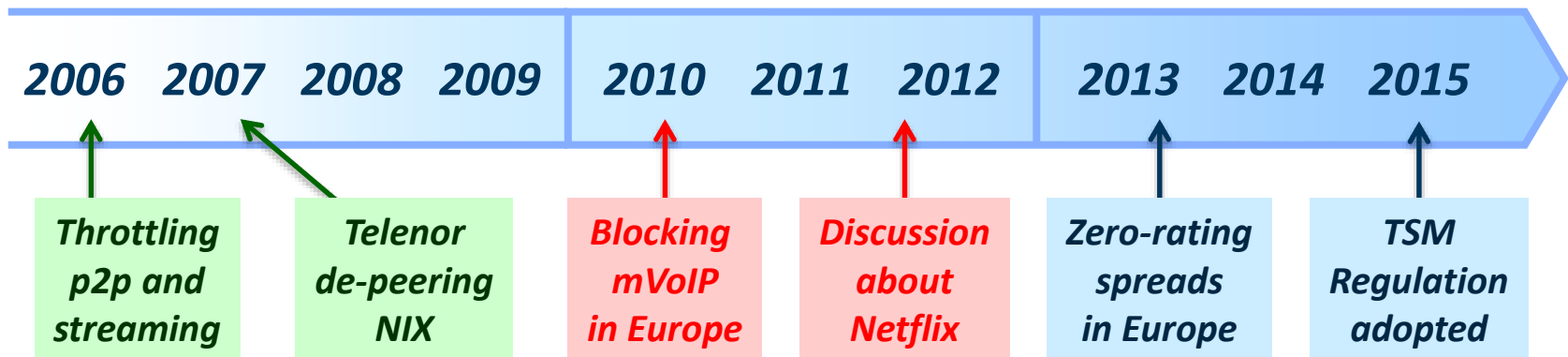
Norwegian NN Forum

2013

Revised Ecom law

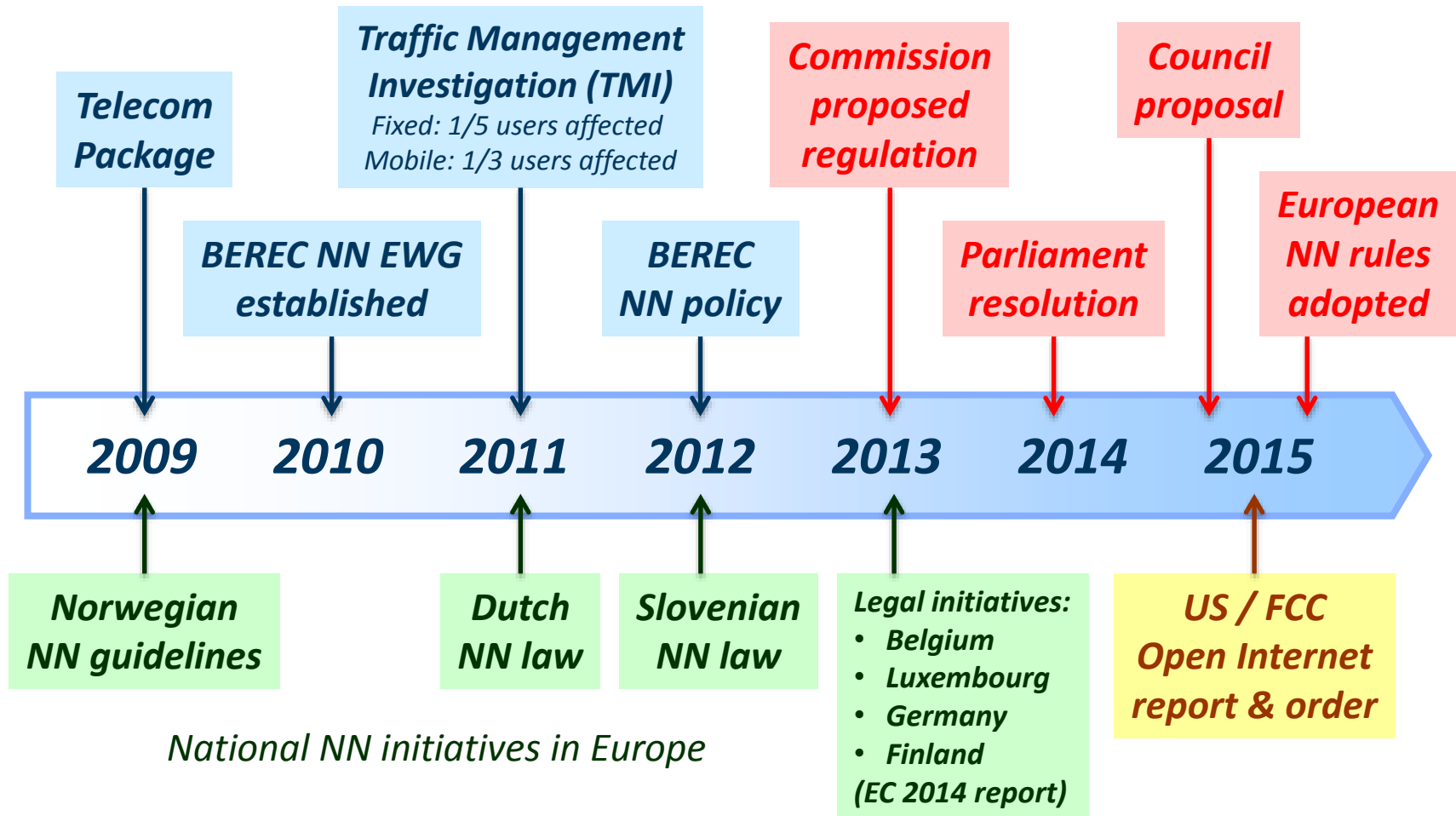
2014

Zero-rating vs. NN



*External incidents etc.*

# The European approach to net neutrality



# Future prospects

Detailed questions are still to be resolved:

- Reasonable traffic management
- Specialised services
- Zero-rating

How will European net neutrality regulation influence the future development of European Internet?

How will European net neutrality regulation compare with US and other regions of the world?