



DSM – viewpoints by the Nordic NRAs

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Promoting investments in high capacity networks



Development of networks

- lags behind DAE objectives and users' needs
- varies across countries



Some areas see faster roll-out

- Non-traditional operators, "bottom-up"
- Operators vary in size and geographic scope



Mobile connectivity is a lifeline to society

- Complement to fixed broadband
- Sustainable competition to be safeguarded

SMP regulation

Access regulation needed

- Regulation of access to high capacity networks
- Symmetric regulation

SMP regulation vs. competition control

- Which markets require sector-specific regulation?
- Would competition law and control suffice?

Voice regulation will become outdated

- More and more traffic is made up of data
- Why to apply heavy regulation on a small part of the network usage?

Scope of regulatory supervision

- A need to evaluate and revise the sector-specific regulation due to technological developments
- CAPS/OTT services and their impact on the telecommunication sector need analysis
- To be assessed whether certain common requirements related to information security, data protection and privacy are still needed for both TCS and CAPS or if only general consumer protection law and competition law should be applied to both categories of services

Aim is to reduce the regulatory burden where possible rather than extending the present sector-specific regulation.

Universal service



Consumer protection framework

Current status: fragmented rules, low consumer trust

Consistent consumer protection rules needed

General consumer protection legislation to be applied to as large extent as possible

Sector-specific rules where absolutely necessary. If yes, then harmonised.

Conclusions

- Connectivity and high capacity networks a key
- Sector-specific competition regulation: access regulation also in the future, SMP concept and its coverage in need of reform
- Scope of regulation: analysis of CAPS and the whole services market, preference for reducing regulatory burden, rely on competition legislation
- USO: evaluation, update, special needs
- Consumer protection: general consumer protection legislation