

IS CONSOLIDATION NEEDED TO BUILD A DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET?

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Boosting the European economy and creating jobs, growth and investments are key priorities as well as challenges for European policy makers. Next generation broadband infrastructure and innovative digital services are important enablers of all other sectors as well as a connected and knowledge based society. *But what is the best way to achieve these goals?*

How to ensure that all players are enabled to invest, resulting in the rollout of new broadband infrastructure and maximising benefits for end-users? Does consolidation drive investments and improve the profitability of operators? Or should regulation re-focus on competition as the best driver of investments and guarantor that all – end-users and operators alike - can reap the economic benefits of digital innovation?

MEP Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN will host and moderate a working breakfast on the topic of consolidation in the telecoms market.

Speakers will share their views about the question whether consolidation in the telecoms sector is necessary to foster investments. The performance of the European Union – in terms of broadband investments, profitability and end-user benefits – compared to other parts of the world will also be discussed.

Speakers:

Andrew Entwistle, Partner, New Street Research

Agustin Diaz-Pines, Policy Analyst, OECD

Annegret Groebel, Head of Department International Relations/Postal Regulation, BNetzA

The brief presentations of the speakers will be followed by Q&A and discussion.

To attend please register by sending an email to abladocha@ectaportal.com

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