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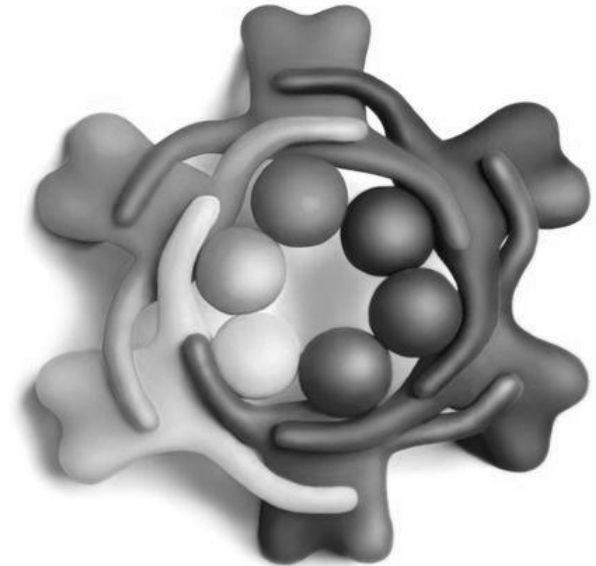
REGULATORY COOPERATION
ANACOM'S EXPERIENCE AT BEREC, EMERG, REGULATTEL AND ARCTEL

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1. ANACOM's Cooperation: a legal obligation and a mission

As communications is a structural and strategic sector for the development of society, ANACOM sees cooperation as an important vector of its remit, recognizing it as a priority channel for strengthening relations with other regulatory bodies and multilateral entities.

By its statutes, ANACOM is incumbent to accompany the activity of similar regulatory bodies and foreign experience in regulating communications, and to establish relations with other regulatory bodies, and, on the technical level, with community and international bodies.

Thus, cooperation:

- enables and exchange of experiences with counterparts;
- improves benchmark exercises;
- enhances a major knowledge of different approaches to the same key-questions as well as harmonization among the sector; and
- helps “exporting” the european regulatory framework for the electronic communications sector, disseminating regulatory best practices, such as common approaches, methodologies or guidelines on subjects of common interest

ANACOM develops its cooperation with its counterparts

- at a multilateral level, namely at BEREC, EMERG, Regulatei and ARCTEL; and
- at a bilateral level, given priority to relations with Brazil, Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOP), East-Timor and certain European countries, including the most recent entrants to the European Union.

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Legal Statute

It's not a Community body nor has juridical personality

Created at

2009

Scope / Members

EU members and observers (Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey)

Composition

Board of Regulators: one member per NRA (one vote each) and one representative from the European Commission, as an observer without right to vote

Role

- develop and disseminate among NRAs regulatory best practice, such as common approaches, methodologies or guidelines on the implementation of the EU regulatory framework;
- on request, assist the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the NRAs in relations, discussions and exchanges with third parties; and assist the Commission and NRAs in the dissemination of regulatory best practices to third parties.



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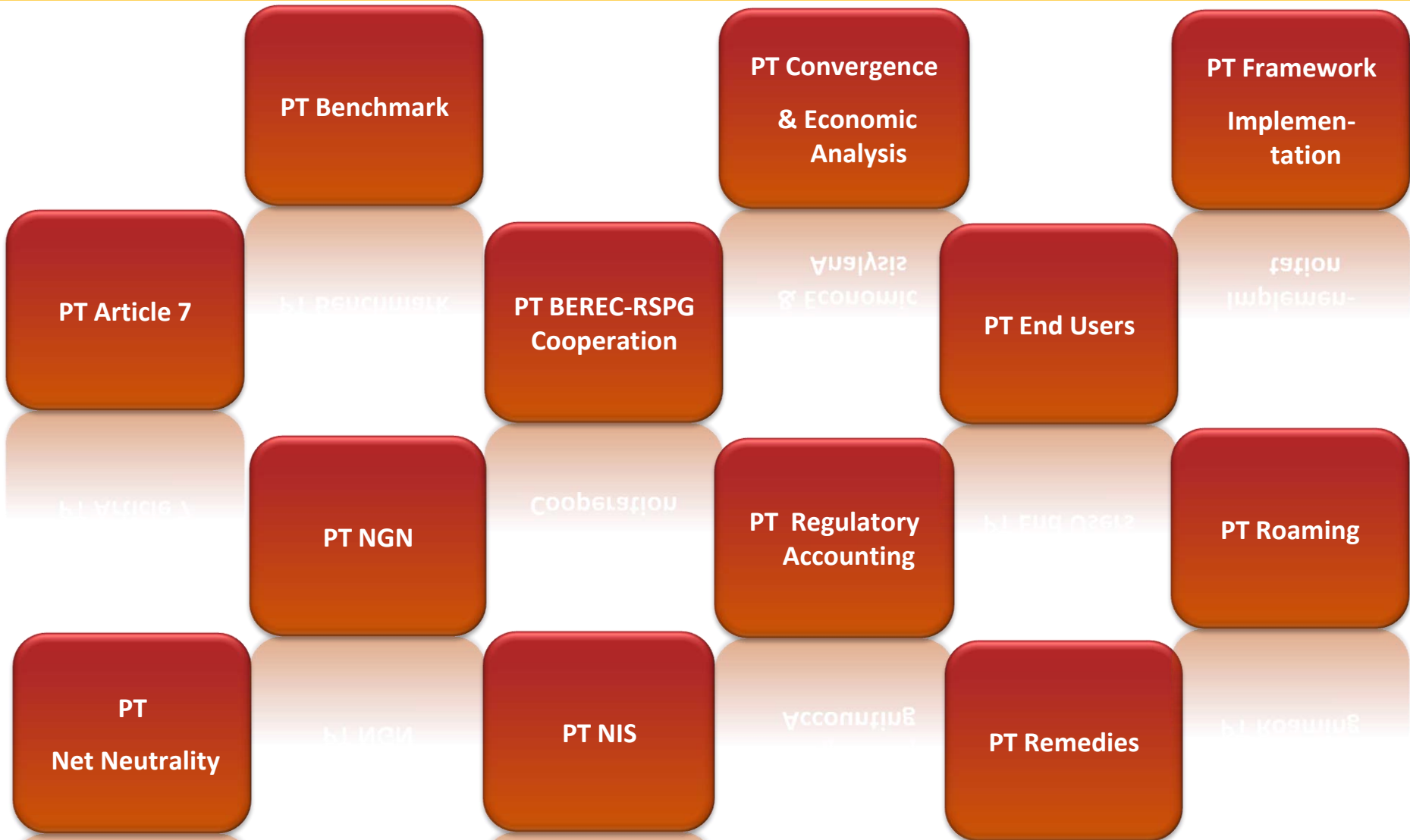
The Management Committee (one member per NRA, with one vote each, and one representative from the European Commission), the Administrative Manager and the Staff

Role

- provide professional and administrative support services to BEREC
- collect information from NRAs and exchange and transmit information
- disseminate regulatory best practices among NRAs
- assist the Chair in the preparation of the work of the Board of Regulators
- set up Expert Working Groups, upon request of the Board of Regulators
- provide support to ensure the smooth functioning of those Groups

Budget

- a subsidy from the Community
- financial contributions from Member States or from their NRAs made on a voluntary basis



EMERG

3. The Euro-Mediterranean network of Regulators

www.emergonline.org

Legal statute

EMERG has no juridical personality

Scope / Members

Regional informal network group of Euro-Mediterranean communications market regulators set up for the enhancement of Euro-Mediterranean regulatory co-operation. EMERG has participants from the BEREC, the North Africa and the Middle East, namely, Argelia, Austria, Cyprus, Egipt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Israel, Jordan, Lebannon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Syria, Switzerland, Tunisia and Turkey

Role

Share experiences and ensure better consolidation and harmonisation of regulatory principles, encouraging competition and stability in electronic communication markets, the development of new technologies and the overcoming of the digital divide, thus making information society benefits available to all

Internal organization

The EMERG Plenary, that corresponds to the NRAs Chairmen meeting, and the Contact Network

Budget

Financed by the NATP-III project from the European Commission, as well as by individual contributions from the NRAs

ANACOM participation

ANACOM is a founder member of EMERG, with a view to fostering involvement in initiatives seeking closer Euro-Mediterranean co-operation. Specifically, ANACOM has participated at the set up and financing of the EMERG site

EMERG Presidency

Malta (2009); Morocco (2010); Italy (2011)

2010 Initiatives

Among others, during 2010, the EMERG has been organizing several workshops. ANACOM has co-organized the workshop on “Next Generation Networks, impact on markets and regulation”, held in Lisbon last 22th-23rd September, 2010

Next events

- 14-15 December 2010, at Rome, the Benchmarking and Planning meeting for 2011, to discuss the results of the 2010-2011 benchmarking and select the subjects for the 2011 EMERG work plan;
- 28 January 2011, at Rome, Plenary meeting



3. Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators

www.regutel.org

Legal statute

REGULATEL has no juridical personality

Created at

1999

Scope / Members

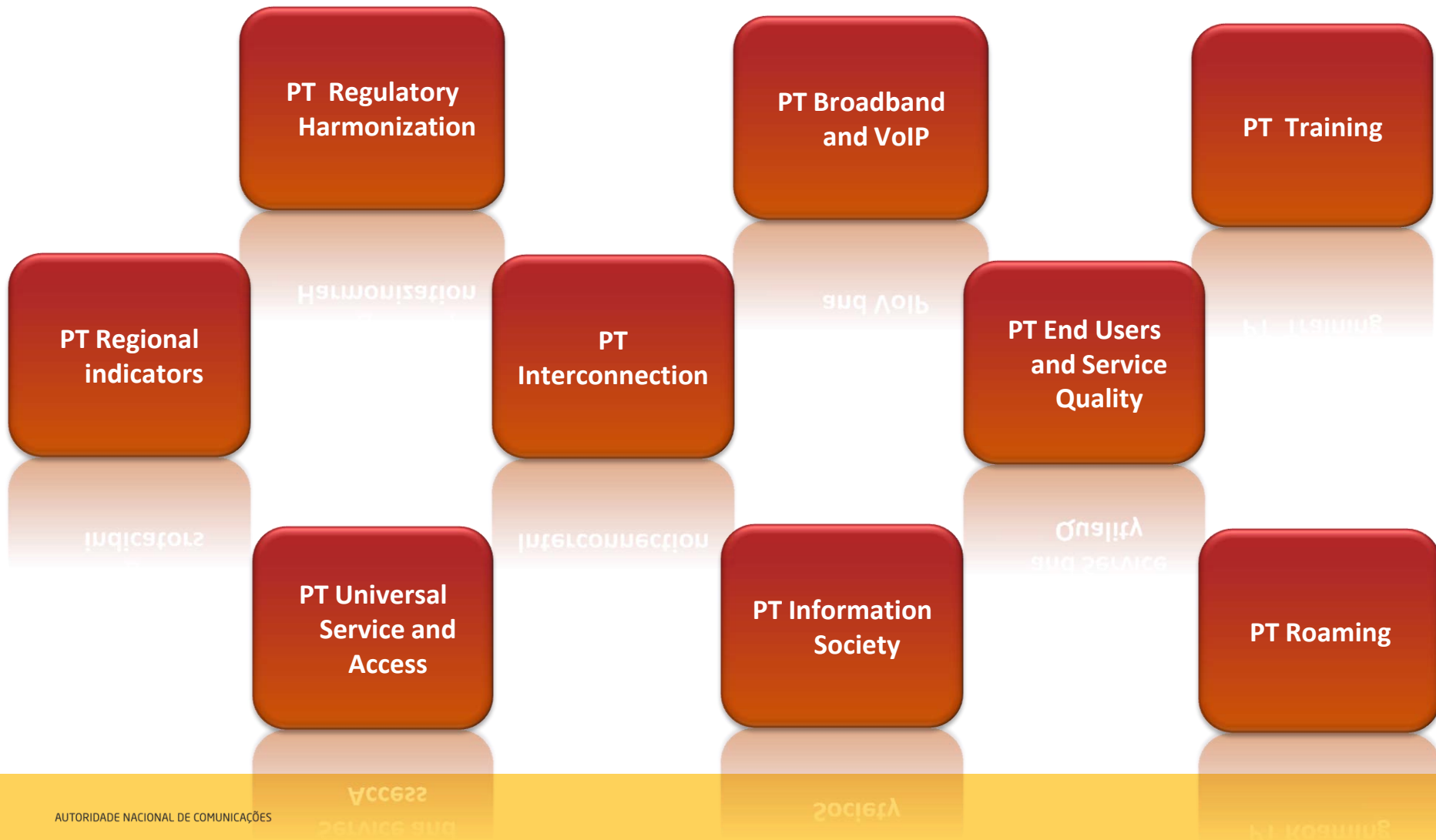
Regulatel is the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulators, namely: Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela and, as observers, Italy, Spain and Portugal

Role

Ensure the exchange of information on the regulatory framework of each administration and the harmonization of regulators' rules and activities, so as to contribute towards a better identification and defence of regional interests and the adoption of common positions at international level

Internal organization

The Contact Network, as well as a Plenary meeting, and a Management Committee (actually, it aggregates OSIPTEL/Peru; INDOTEL/Dominican Republic; ANATEL/Brasil, Ministry of Information and Communications/ Cuba; SUTEL/Costa Rica; and CRC/Colombia. The General Secretary is Mr. Gustavo Peña, from Colombia.



ANACOM participation

ANACOM joined Regulatel, in January 2005, as an outside observer during the Fourth Meeting of Regulatel Co-directors, held in Cuzco, Peru.

Budget

Financed by the @lis-2 program from the European Commission, as well as by individual contributions from the NRAs

REGULATEL Presidency

OSIPTEL, Peru (2010); INDOTEL, Dominican Republic (2011)

Initiatives / ANACOM participation

- ANACOM organized, in collaboration with ANATEL, a workshop on universal access and electronic communications regulation pro competition, at Manaus (Brasil), 25-26 March 2010. This initiative improved the knowledge on specific issues, such as universal service, quality of service, NGN, market analysis, digital television and the NRAs' role and independence.
- ANACOM also participated at the V International Regulation Workshop in infrastructure sharing for the development of ICT (25-26 October 2010, at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia), and at the 7th High Level Seminar BEREC – REGULATEL: “Latin-American and European Regulatory Overview 2010: Achievements and challenges” (23-26 August 2010, at La Antigua, Guatemala).

Next events

BEREC-Regulatel Summit to be held in Dominican Republic, December 2010.



4. Association of Communications and Telecommunications Regulators of the CPLP (ARCTEL – CPLP)

www.arctel-cplp.org

Legal statute

ARCTEL has no juridical personality

Created at

2008

Scope / Members

Sectorial NRAs from Angola (INACOM), Brazil (ANATEL), Cape Verde (ANAC), Guinea-Bissau (ICGB), Mozambique (INCM), Portugal (ANACOM), São Tomé and Príncipe (AGER) and East Timor (ARCOM)

Role

Permanent Forum for exchanging information and sharing experiences in the scope of the communications sector regulation to reinforce the historical bonds of friendship and cooperation between Portuguese speaking States of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP). The aim of the Association is to contribute to an institutional and regulatory environment that improve the cooperation in the sector and encourage innovation and communications development.

Internal organization

The Association bodies (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretariat) are elected at the ARCTEL General Assembly for a term of two years. There are also project teams.

Budget

Financed by individual contributions from the NRAs

ARCTEL Presidency

The present bodies are:

Chairman: Ronaldo Sardenberg from ANATEL (Brazil)

Vice-Charman: David Gomes from ANAC (Cape-Verde)

Secretariat: Filipe Batista from ANACOM (Portugal)

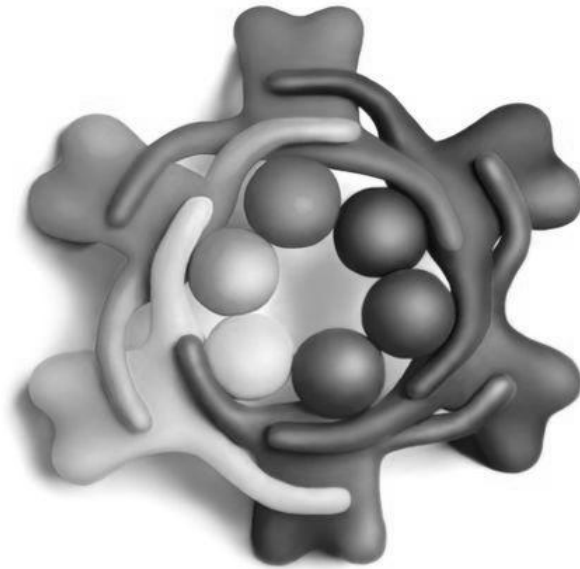
Initiatives / ANACOM participation

On 30th April 2010, following the II General Assembly, ARCTEL organized its first Forum which promoted the cooperation and debate between different sector stake holders, such as other International Regulator Associations, Foundations, Business Associations and International Organizations

Next events

The II Forum will take place in 2011 in Portugal

Thank you!



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