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How should cable networks be regulated to best foster infrastructure competition and investment? Should they be included in the relevant markets for wholesale broadband (physical) access and, if so, which obligations should be imposed? The seminar will address these issues in three parts.

Part one

Discusses the technological and economic rationale for the regulation of cable networks.

Network architectures, technologies and capacities will be compared and the methodology for defining wholesale broadband (physical) access markets will be presented.

Part two

Investigates prospective issues such as the regulation of multiplay bundles and what impact the forthcoming Commission Recommendation on "Regulated access to Next Generation Access Networks (NGA)" might have on the regulation of cable.

Part three

Starts with an overview of "Article 7" cases on market definition and regulation regarding cable networks.

Explores the regulatory treatment of cable networks, esp. regarding market definition, through two national cases.

These cases are respectively discussed from the perspectives of an NRA and of national operators.

The case studies will address questions like:

- Access to cable networks: an issue in or out of markets 4 & 5?
- What solution would foster infrastructure competition and investment? In NGA environment?
- What level of access would be proportionate to impose?
- How is consumer welfare best protected?
- Where there is cable competition, is there still place for functional separation?

16:00 Registration and coffee

- **Chair : Catherine Rutten**
(Member of the Council, BIPT)

16:30 PSTN, NGA and cable access networks compared:
a technical perspective

- **Laurent Schumacher**
(Professor, University of Namur)

16:55 The definition of wholesale broadband (physical)
access markets : an economic perspective

- **Tony Shortall**
(Director, Telage)

17:20 The regulatory approach to multiplay bundles

- **Ulrich Stumpf**
(Director, WIK)

17:40 The regulation of cable networks and the new
NGA recommendation

- **Christian Hocepiéd**
(Principal Expert, DG Competition) (tbc)

18:00 Coffee break

18:20 Current status of notifications under the EU
consultation procedure regarding cable networks

- Presentation:
➤ **Liyang Hou**
(Senior Researcher, ICRI - KULeuven)

- Comments:
➤ **Caroline Van Weede**
(Managing Director, Cable Europe)

19:00 The Dutch Case – an NRA perspective

- **Johan Keetelaar**
(Deputy Director Markets, OPTA)

19:20 The Belgian Case – views from two operators

- **Wim De Rynck**
(Director Regulatory Affairs, Belgacom)

- **Luc Vanfleteren**
(Director Regulatory & Interconnection Affairs, Telenet)

19:50 Cocktail reception

Venue:

Fondation Universitaire Stichting
rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

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Fee* and registration:

Participation fee: €100 (drinks and sandwiches included).

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the additional participants will benefit from a 25 % reduction.

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