

Memorandum of Cooperation

Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM)

and

**National Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications
and Information Technology of the Republic of Moldova
(ANRCETI)**

Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (Portugal) and the National Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications and Information Technology (Moldova), hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”,

Considering:

- the fundamental role that efficient communications play in the economic and social development and well-being of populations;
- the good relationship between the Parties and their interest in strengthening cooperative relationship in the telecommunications and postal sectors;
- the relevant roles that the Parties assume in promoting the sector's development;
- the value of the existence of a memorandum of cooperation as an instrument for pursuing specific actions, creating an institutional framework of a lasting nature;

Concur on the following:



Article 1

Objective

The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish a flexible framework for technical and institutional cooperation in matters related to the Parties' activities, as national regulatory authorities for the communications sector, with the aim of contributing to its development in their respective countries.

Article 2

Cooperative Activities

Within the scope of this Memorandum, and without prejudice to other matters that may be considered relevant by written consent between the Participants, special attention should be paid to the following objectives:

- a) Exchange of experiences within the scope of the Parties' common competences;
- b) Organizing joint activities or inviting the other to respective existing activities within the competence of the Parties;

Parties' cooperation within the scope of participation in various international *fora*.

Article 3

Areas of cooperation

The policy areas of cooperation in this memorandum are as follows:

- Resilient telecommunications networks (including 5G and Beyond 5G/6G)
- Development of broadband networks
- Regulation of digital markets
- Management of limited electronic communications resources, including advancement of new technologies
- Roaming services, including collaboration in the promotion and implementation of the Declaration by EU and Moldovan operators on lowering roaming tariffs



- Bridging the digital divide
- Rule-making and development of AI
- Improvement of postal services and networks
- Online safety
- Collaboration in international *fora* in the telecommunications and postal sectors.

Article 4

Governance

1. Without prejudice to the identification of general initiatives that are recognized as necessary by the Parties, the action plan and specific actions to be developed should be defined at a high-level and working level meeting, to take place as often as deemed appropriate, in condition to be concurred between the Participants.
2. The Parties acknowledge that this Memorandum will not be deemed as an international agreement and will not constitute or create any legal obligations governed by international law.
3. In the implementation of this Memorandum, the Parties will maintain high security standards and robust governance arrangements for the handling and processing of sensitive information.
4. The cooperation envisioned in this Memorandum may be carried out through the exchange or transfer of information and documentation, official level meetings, technical missions, or others to be defined, according to the interests of the Parties.


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Article 5

Period of validity and renewal

This Memorandum enters into force on the date of its signature and continues for a period of three years, being automatically renewed for equal successive periods, unless either Party informs the other of the decision of non-renewal, as follows:

- (a) The decision not to renew this Memorandum, or to suspend its application, should be transmitted to the other Party at least 60 (sixty) days in advance, before the end of the current period or the date on which the suspension commences.
- (b) This Memorandum may be modified at any time by written consent between the Parties.

Signed on the 17th of November of 2023, two original copies to be delivered to each of the Parties, in English language, both copies having equal value.

Signed by:

João Cadete de Matos



For and on behalf of:

*Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações,
Portugal*

Signed by:

Sergiu Gaibu



For and on behalf of:

*National Regulatory Agency for Electronic
Communications and Information Technology,
Moldova*