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### *Resolution of the Working Group Telecom on the creation of a Committee to assess economic regulation in the telecommunications sector*

**The Trade Council Post and Telecom of CESI demands the resumption of the negotiations on the creation of a Committee to assess economic regulation in the telecommunications sector (CEREST – Comité d'évaluation de la régulation économique dans le secteur des télécommunications)**

The Trade Council Post and Telecom of CESI remains very critical of the developments in the telecommunications sector, which undergoes the strong influence of regulation. In the opinion of the Trade Council, the regulation-related operations have been substantially conducive to job cuts in the sector, to the transfer of activities to other companies and to the deterioration of working and salary conditions in the telecommunications companies. These developments are overlooked, and to this day the obvious distortions have been left uncorrected. In 2008 there were initial positive talks with European Commissioner Viviane Reding, who was at that time in charge of the information society and media, but they have not yet led to the creation of such a relevant Committee.

The Trade Council Post and Telecom of CESI therefore demands the resumption of the negotiations on the creation of a European institution that should examine the effects of regulation on jobs, social services, the quality of work, motivation and payment systems. This institution should be aimed to work out proposals compelling the employers to reduce negative effects to the absolute minimum. To this day, the regulation practice takes no account of the effects on employment and the employees, and the creation of CEREST should change this.

The proposal includes the following points:

With a view to enabling a permanent examination of the economic and social effects of the decisions made by the regulatory bodies of the member countries at the instruction of the European Commission, the member unions of CESI demand the creation of a Committee to assess economic regulation in the telecommunications sector (CEREST).

This Committee should be directly incorporated in the European Commission or the Economic and Social Council, which at the same time guarantee its financing and functioning.

#### **CEREST should be mandated:**

- to monitor the overall development of employment in the telecommunications sector in the separate member states and in Europe
- to monitor the investments made on the territory of the European Union as compared to those made outside the European Economic Area

- to monitor the working conditions, particularly mobbing at work as a consequence of the regulation
- to monitor the changes in remuneration in the European Economic Area.

**CEREST should be composed of:**

Five experts appointed by the European trade unions in the sector, i.e. CESI and UNI Europa, five representatives of the European employers' organisations and five scientists selected by CESI and UNI.

**CEREST receives all the statistics the member countries publish with regard to economic developments in the telecommunications sector.**

**CEREST will be able to provide** the European Commission and the European Parliament with **recommendations** aimed to reroute the competition policy of the regulatory bodies on the basis of economic (employment, investments) and social (salaries, working conditions) requirements.