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Press release of the Alliance of Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Manufacturers

## **ISP lock to be a thing of the past in Italy**

The Italian regulatory authority "AGCOM" has published the "Delibera 348-18-CONS" regulation on the free choice of terminal equipment in Italy. This means that, as of November, private and commercial users will be free to choose their terminal device and will thus be able to take advantage of all the benefits that come with this freedom. The Alliance of Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Manufacturers (VTKE) welcomes this step with open arms and hopes it will send a message to other European countries.

### **Free choice of terminal equipment leads to more diversity on the market**

The competition for the best terminal device for all access technologies (DSL, cable, fibre optic and LTE) will continue to boost the strength of innovation in the industry in Italy. This benefits customers who can choose from a range of high-performance terminal equipment. This new freedom also applies to existing contracts. An alliance of consumer and trade associations, independent providers and VTKE had played a particularly active role in supporting the freedom of terminal equipment before the move.

### **Success in Germany**

In Germany, users have already been free to choose their terminal device since 1 August 2016. The competition for the best terminal device – such as routers, telephones, telephone systems and alerting systems, etc. – has meant that there has been a more diverse range of innovative, high-performance products on the market over the last two years. Those who benefit most from this are the users. They can use the products that best suit their needs in terms of performance, functionality and security.

The Alliance of Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Manufacturers (VTKE) is keen to secure the success of the liberalisation of the telecommunications market in general and, more specifically, to restore freedom of terminal equipment.

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