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VTKE welcomes European guidelines on the identification of the network termination point

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) will draw up new European guidelines for determining the network termination point (NAP). The NTP is the point of connection for telecommunications terminal equipment. Already in five countries (Germany, Italy, Netherlands (planned), Cyprus, Latvia) the NTP is defined as the "socket on the wall", guaranteeing freedom of choice when it comes to terminal equipment. In the mobile communications sector, the free choice of terminal devices, such as mobile phones or LTE routers, has been both the norm and an innovation driver for years.

The Alliance of Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Manufacturers (VTKE) sees the "socket on the wall" as the NTP as the basis for consumer freedom of choice. This definition of network termination point is already standard in some countries, where it leads to innovative products and open competition.

As a comprehensive basis, BEREC published the document BoR (18) 159 "Location of the Network Termination Point", which provides an overview of the current status of the definition of an NTP in European Union member states.

Since 1 August 2016, users in Germany have been able to freely select their terminal device. Competition for the best end device - such as routers, telephones, telephone systems, alarm systems etc. - has led to a greater variety of innovative, high-performance products on the market in recent years. This is of particular benefit to users. They can use the products that best meet their needs when it comes to performance, functionality and security.

The guidelines for determining the NTP will now be developed by a BEREC working group, followed by a public consultation.

[Link to the BEREC Report on the location of the network termination point](#)