

Main end-user protection rules of the European Electronic Communications Code

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The European Electronic Communications Code

The Code modernises the EU telecoms rules by:

- ✓ stimulating sustainable competition
- ✓ driving investments
- ✓ reinforcing the internal market
- √ strengthening consumer rights



Transposition deadline: 21 December 2020



ADR Clause: Article 25 (1/2)

(1) Member States shall ensure that the national regulatory authority or another competent authority responsible for, or at least one independent body with proven expertise in, the application of **Articles 102 to 107 and Article 115** of this Directive is listed as an **alternative dispute resolution entity** in accordance with Article 20(2) of Directive 2013/11/EU with a view to **resolving disputes between providers and consumers arising under this Directive and relating to the performance of contracts**. Member States may extend access to alternative dispute resolution procedures provided by that authority or body to end-users other than consumers, in particular microenterprises and small enterprises.



ADR Clause: Article 25 (2/2)

(2) Without prejudice to Directive 2013/11/EU, where such disputes involve parties in different Member States, **Member States shall** coordinate their efforts with a view to bringing about a resolution of the dispute.



Selection of end-user rights in the EECC (1/3)

- Contract information (Article 102): Information requirements for providers, contract summary template.
- Transparency (Article 103): Obligation for providers to publish information; independent comparison tool.
- Information regarding quality of service (Art. 104):
 Providers required to publish comprehensive and user-friendly information on the quality of the services.



Selection of end-user rights in the EECC (2/3)

- Contract duration (Article 105): Maximum commitment period of 24 months; right to terminate the contract.
- Provider switching and porting (Article 106): Led by the gaining provider, efficient and simple for end-user; ensure loss of service no greater than one working day; carried out only with explicit consent.
- Bundled offers (Article 107): Consumer protection guarantees to apply to all elements of the bundle.



Selection of end-user rights in the EECC (3/3)

Provision of additional facilities (Article 115):

Providers may be required to make available free of charge all or part of the **additional facilities** listed in Part B of Annex VI, subject to technical feasibility, as well as all or part of the additional facilities listed in Part A of Annex VI.

<u>Examples of such facilities</u>: itemised billing; tariff advice; cost control; facility to deactivate third party billing; e-mail forwarding.



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