

Amendments to the Electronic Communications Act to Build High-Speed Electronic Communication Networks

The primary objective of the amendments was to finish the implementation of the relevant EU Directive, as it is an EU objective to ensure that by 2020 every EU citizen can have access to a high-speed internet connection of at least 30 Mbps bandwidth.

The amendments come into force on 1 July 2016, and – in order to coordinate construction works – they will make it possible for service providers and network operators to initiate substantive consultations to make sure that the construction of high-speed electronic communications networks will be carried out in close coordination with the planned network developments. Moreover, network operators will be obligated to provide information on the affected physical infrastructure to the service providers making such request, at least about the geographical location, the locus, and the type and actual usage of the physical infrastructure.

The amendments also establish the legal base of building network infrastructure inside buildings, making sure that more than one service providers can be present in a building with their services, which provide competitive, high quality services to the residents.