

Memorandum of understanding between the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania and the Communications Regulatory Authority in the State of Qatar

The National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania and The Communications Regulatory Authority of the State of Qatar, hereinafter referred to individually as the “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”,

whereas

they realize the importance of cooperation in the field of electronic communications, and their desire to enhance bilateral cooperation regarding communications policy,

they take into account the role played by regulatory bodies in each country in promoting the development of communications, competitive markets, technological innovation and bridging the digital divide in their countries, as the two parties intend to strengthen the relationship between the participants through increased participation in regulatory policy dialogue,

they take into account the relevant laws in force in both countries, the benefits that can be obtained from exchanging information about the policies and practices of participants, and the resources available to them,

they have reached the following understandings:

Clause (1) The Purpose

Through cooperation consistent with this Memorandum of Understanding (this Memorandum), the Participants intend to establish a non-binding framework for the mutually beneficial exchange of ideas and technical cooperation in the field of communications regulatory policies and practices, with the aim of contributing to the development of advanced electronic communications in their respective countries.

The information exchange and technical cooperation carried out under this Memorandum shall be carried out in accordance with the national laws and international obligations of the participants, and within the limits of their respective annual budget appropriations and terms of reference.

Clause (2) Scope

The two participants cooperate in the following areas of common interest:

1. Satellite regulation policy, including monitoring satellite frequencies.
2. Other organizational aspects of communications of common interest.

Cooperation between participants in these areas can take place through forms that include:

1. Meetings, seminars, training courses and workshops, either through digital platforms such as digital video conferences or through the participation of duly qualified personnel.
2. Exchanging experiences, best practices and relevant technical information.
3. Exchanging views, as appropriate, common procedures and opinions within international organizations.
4. Other forms of cooperation that may be appropriate for participants.

Clause (3) Financial Matters

This Memorandum does not impose any financial obligations on any Participant towards the other Participant. Cooperation activities implemented under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and resources for the participants. Each participant shall cover the costs and resources of its own activities undertaken under this MOU.

In cases where the measures adopted to implement this Memorandum may entail financial obligations, a separate agreement shall be concluded, before adopting those measures, subject to the reserve of financial rules and regulations for both participants.

Clause (4) Confidentiality Issues

Participants may disseminate information regarding the conclusion of this Memorandum. Prior consent from the other participant regarding public disclosure is not required, nor should it be requested in this case.

The content of this Memorandum shall be maintained confidential by the Participants, unless public disclosure, including responding to any press inquiries, is permitted or required by national law. Prior consent of the other participant in relation to public disclosure is not required, nor should it be requested in this case.

The information exchanged between participants under this Memorandum is confidential, the foregoing does not apply to any information that - by reason of its content - is already available to the general public or is required to be disclosed to the general public under the provisions of the participant's national law.

Clause (5) Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

With regard to this Memorandum, any intellectual property rights created under the authority of each participant will be protected in accordance with the laws and regulations

of both countries, as well as international agreements on the protection of intellectual property rights to which each of the participant's countries has joined.

Clause (6)
Legal Status of This Memorandum

Nothing in this Memorandum creates legally binding obligations on any participant, nor may it be construed as creating rights and obligations governed by international law.

Clause (7)
Correspondence

Any correspondence or communications relating to this Memorandum shall be in writing and delivered in person, sent by facsimile, email or registered mail to the other participant.

Clause (8)
Identified contact points

In order to facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum and associated activities, the participants listed below are the initial contact points that may change over the time:

Contact points National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania	Contact points The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority The State of Qatar
<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Director of the International Cooperation Department <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> International Relations - Researcher <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Head of European Affairs and International Cooperation Unit <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> International Affairs – Researcher <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

In the event of any change in the specified contact points, the participant concerned shall notify the other participant in writing as soon as possible.

Clause (9)
Consultation

Any differences of opinion regarding the interpretation of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through consultation among the participants.

**Clause (10)
Change**

After obtaining the approval of both participants, changes and additions may be made to this Memorandum and documented as amendments to this Memorandum, provided that the previously mentioned supplementary work is completed in written form and becomes an integral part of this Memorandum. It shall come into effect from the date of its signature by both participants.

**Clause (11)
Entry into force, duration and termination**

This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of its signature by both participants and shall be valid as of the date of its last signature. This Memorandum shall be concluded for a period of (3) three years, to be automatically renewed for similar periods. Any participant may terminate this Memorandum at any time by submitting to the other participant prior written notice, through diplomatic channels, of his intention to terminate this memorandum, at least six (6) months before the date of its termination.

Termination of this Memorandum shall not affect programs or activities under it that have not been completed at the time of termination, unless the Participants decide otherwise in writing.

In witness to the foregoing, the following representatives, authorized by their government, have signed this memorandum.

This memorandum was signed on 20 May 2024, in two original copies in the Arabic, English and Romanian languages. All texts are equal in effect, and in the event of a difference in interpretation, the text in the English language shall prevail.

<p>For/ National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania Valeriu Ștefan Zgonea</p> <p>President of the National Authority for Management and Regulation of Romania</p>	<p>For/ The Communications Regulatory Authority In the State of Qatar Ahmad Abdulla AlMuslemani</p> <p>President of the Communications Regulatory Authority in the State of Qatar</p>
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