

Annual Midsummer Conference 20 June 2017 in Copenhagen

The role of policy decisions in the postal & delivery industry

Future developments in the Universal Service Obligation, e-government and e-substitution: are regulatory and competition constraints sustainable?

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The event follows a half day seminar on price differentiation in digital competition, co-hosted by Copenhagen Economics and the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority. Learn more at copenhageneconomics.com.

When

20 June 10am – 4.30pm

Where

Copenhagen Economics
Langebrogade 1 (entrance B3)
DK-1411 Copenhagen
Denmark

Registration

Seats are limited. Please register no later than 12 June at copenhageneconomics.com/midsummer-conference-2017

Cost & payment

€ 100 (includes VAT).
Registration is binding, but transferable.

Programme

10.00 – 10.30	Arrival and coffee	
10.30 – 10.40	Setting the scene	Henrik Okholm, <i>Copenhagen Economics</i>
10.40 – 12.00	<p>Session 1 The long term view on the USO: what would an ideal future USO look like?</p> <p>What is the future outlook for universal postal services? What are the key characteristics of the universal service likely to be future-proof in terms of (i) user preferences and needs; and (ii) delivery costs and efficiency? How do these vary across countries? What remain as core policy aims for the sector?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Pochmarski, Senior expert, <i>DG GROW, Unit Public Interest Services</i> • Dirk Tirez, Group Counsel and Secretary-General, <i>bpost</i> • István Dénes, Managing Director, <i>Janton Holdings</i> • Denis Joram, Chief Economist, Regulation Department, <i>La Poste</i> • Tim Walsh, Chairman of the Supply Chain Committee, <i>EMOTA</i> <p>Chaired by Anna Möller Boivie, <i>Copenhagen Economics</i></p>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.20	<p>Session 2 E-government and e-substitution of postal services: strategic and policy implications</p> <p>What regulatory implications from competition between physical and digital communications? E-government: experiences and next steps? What proof and size of socio-economic benefits of digitising postal communication?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Servida, Head of Unit, <i>DG CONNECT, Unit e-Government & Trust</i> • Lars Frelle-Petersen, Director-General, <i>Danish Agency for Digitisation</i> • Morten O. Nielsen, Head of Communication, <i>PostNord Denmark</i> • Damian Quinn, Head of Regulatory Affairs, <i>An Post</i> <p>Chaired by Martin Thelle, <i>Copenhagen Economics</i></p>
14.20 – 14.50	Coffee break	
14.50 – 16.10	<p>Session 3 Access regulation and competition in postal and delivery markets: key cases across Europe, lessons learned and unlearned</p> <p>What are the key features of the latest national competition cases in the postal sector? What case and rationale for access regulation has been put forward by national regulators? What expected benefits and pitfalls?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corina Wahlin, Senior expert, <i>Swedish Competition Authority</i> • Alison Jessopp, Principal – Financial economics, <i>Ofcom</i> • Damien Geradin, Partner, <i>Euclid Law</i> and Professor, <i>Tilburg University</i> • Jessica Karlberg Lagrelius, General Counsel, <i>PostNord Sweden</i> <p>Chaired by Henrik Okholm, <i>Copenhagen Economics</i></p>
16.10 – 16.30	Concluding remarks	Bruno Basalisco, <i>Copenhagen Economics</i>
16.30 –	Reception	