



# News Release

## Cable Europe responds to ITRE Committee vote on the proposed Electronic Communications Code

### Industry body reiterates call for fair competition framework to stimulate investment

Brussels, 3 October 2017: Cable Europe has once again called upon the European Institutions to stand by the original goals of the proposed Electronic Communications Code, as the European Parliament's ITRE Committee adopted a number of amendments last night.

The association commended the Committee for its work to date, but warned against the consequences of introducing legal uncertainties that will impact those who are investing in the gigaspeed networks.

Matthias Kurth, Executive Chairman of Cable Europe, said: "The ITRE Committee has made a remarkable effort on this complex piece of legislation. However, competition rules applying to joint dominance need to be strictly aligned with European Union case law.

"The introduction of additional competition rules which are specific to the telecommunications sector simply isn't justified and is not proportionate, specifically when you consider the wider competitive landscape and the presence of over-the-top players.

"Investment in infrastructure is the key to unlocking the innovative service offerings that will drive Europe's transformation into a gigabit society."

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### About Cable Europe

Cable Europe is the trade association that connects leading broadband cable TV operators and their national trade associations throughout the European Union. The regulatory and public policy activities of Cable Europe aim to promote and defend the industry's policies and business interests at European and international level. The European cable industry provides



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