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Implementation of the Regulation on crossborder parcel delivery services in 2019

- 20/09/2018: Adoption of Implementing Regulation (Article 4)
- mid-December 2018: Adoption of Guidance (on Articles 4, 5 & 6)
- by 31 January: tariff information provided to NRAs
- by 28 February: NRAs submit tariff information to Commission
- by 31 March: publication of tariffs on Commission's website
- by 30 June: tariff assessments by NRAs provided to Commission
- by 30 June: provision of statistical information to NRAs
- by 30 July: Commission publishes tariff assessments
- by 22 November: Commission notified of penalties



Communication from the Commission on guidelines to national regulatory authorities on the transparency and assessment of crossborder tariffs pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1263

- legal requirement (Article 6(4) Regulation EU 2018/644)
- inputs from ERGP
- expected adoption by Commission in mid-December 2018



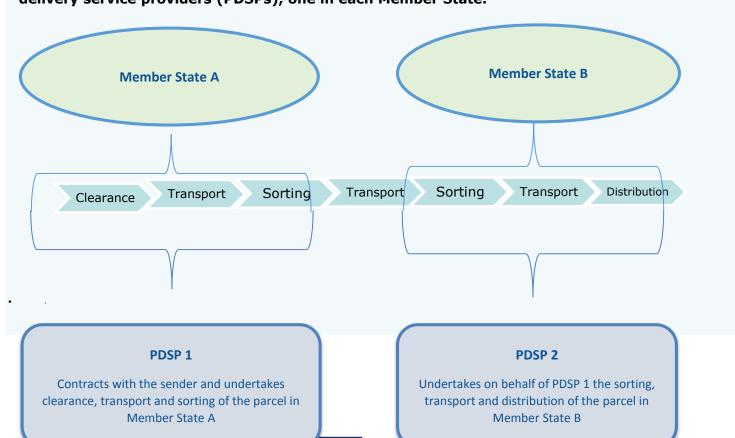
Scope of the Guidance on Regulation EU 2018/644

- Contains elements on Articles 4, 5 and 6
- Article 4 Provision of information:
 - explanation on data (contracted with sender/handled on behalf of other provider, intra/extra EU)
 - > annex with examples of which provider has to report
- Article 5 Transparency of cross-border tariffs:
 - clarification on data to provide (cheapest, comment,...)
 - procedure through web-based application
- Article 6 Assessment of cross-border tariffs:
 - recommendation to use a specific pre-assessment filter mechanism
 - > explanation on the 6 elements mentioned in Article 6(2) & 6(3)



Article 4: examples for Annex II of Implementing Regulation on the forms

Example 1: Parcel with origin and destination in different Member States. There are two parcel delivery service providers (PDSPs), one in each Member State.





Proposed procedure for Article 5: two options

Scenario A

Scenario B

 NRA uses its own means to collect the price data from the operators

Article 5.1

(by 31 Jan)

Article 5.2 (By 28 Feb)

 NRA encodes the received price data in a dedicated webpage in the tool and transmit the prices to the EC

- NRA makes use of the possibility in the tool to collect the price data from the operators
- The operator encodes its prices in a dedicated webpage

Article 5.1

(by 31 Jan)

Article 5.2

(By 28 Feb)

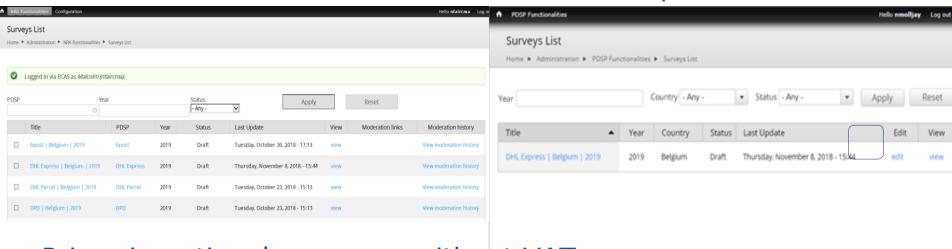
- NRA sends the data from the parcel delivery operators to the EC using the tool
- No encoding from the NRA required



Dedicated webform to encode prices for 15 products

An NRA's list:

An Operator's list:



- Prices in national currency, without VAT
- One price for each destination country
- Lowest price in case of different prices to the same destination country
- Possibility to indicate the products in scope of the universal service
- Possibility to provide a comment



Article 6: Methodology for the assessment

Compulsory elements:

- domestic and any other relevant tariffs of the comparable parcel delivery services in originating MS and in destination MS
- any application of a uniform tariff to two or more MS
- bilateral volumes, specific transportation or handling costs, other relevant costs and service-quality standards
- **likely impact** of applicable cross-border tariffs on individual/SME users, including those situated in remote or sparsely populated areas, and on individual users with disabilities/reduced mobility, where possible without imposing disproportionate burden

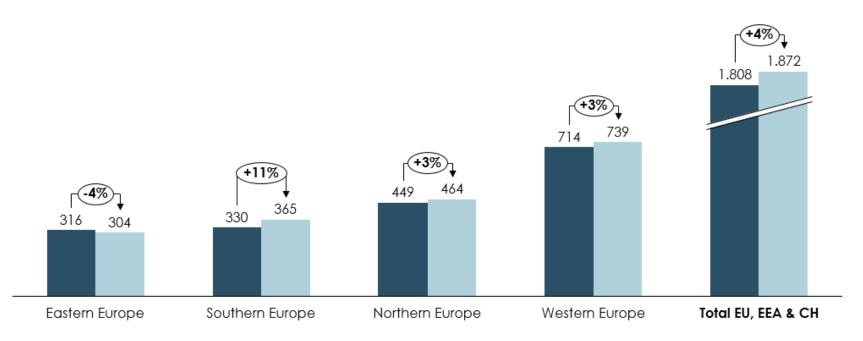
Optional elements:

- whether tariffs are subject to a specific price regulation under national legislation
- abuse of a dominant market position established under relevant applicable law



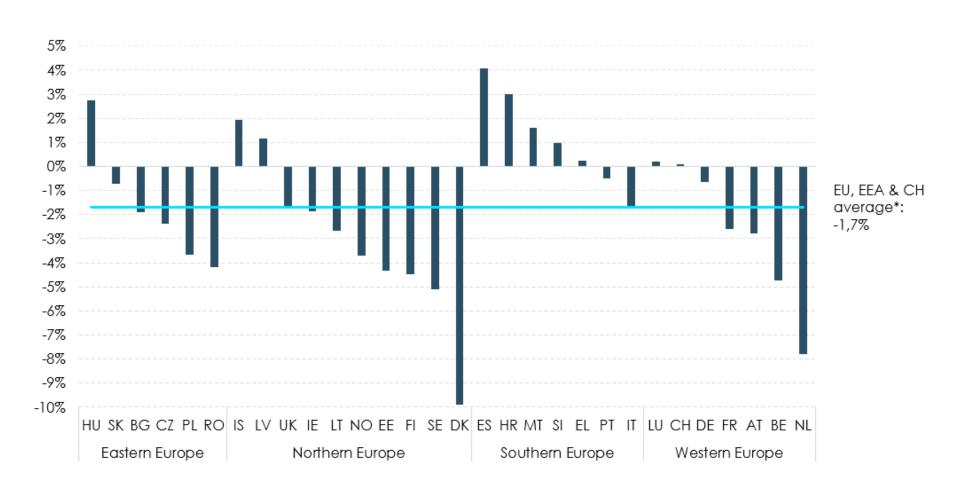
Evolution of postal/courier sector employment 2013-2016

(headcounts, in thousands)



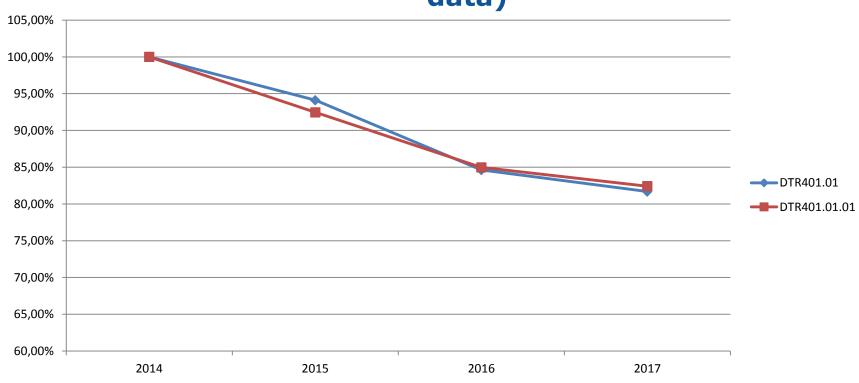


Evolution of employment at USPs (annual change 2013-2016)





Letter mail volume decline 2014-2017 (aggregated volume 26 MS, non-validated data)





Towards the review of the Postal Services Directive (PSD)

- September 2018: Study on main postal developments, final report
- 19 September 2018: Public workshop
- 20 September 2018: ERGP Stakeholder Forum
- February 2019: Study on cross-border parcel delivery, final report
- 29 January 2019: Public workshop
- Summer 2019: Opinion of ERGP on the review of the PSD
- September 2019: Study on users' needs, final report
- September 2019: Public workshop
- 19 September 2019: ERGP Stakeholder Forum
- mid-2020: EC Report on the application of the PSD
- mid-2020: EC Report on the implementation of the Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services



Study on users' needs in the postal sector

- 3 purposes:
 - to assess and discuss future users' needs (e.g. given technological/social development)
 - to address fundamental questions about the future need for a USO (e.g. market failures and social cohesion)
 - to provide input to PSD Application Report and evaluation
- Method: stakeholder interviews, surveys, workshops
- Timeline:
 - launch in December 2018
 - final report by September 2019