

# **EU Roaming Regulation**

## **Lesson learned and current stance**

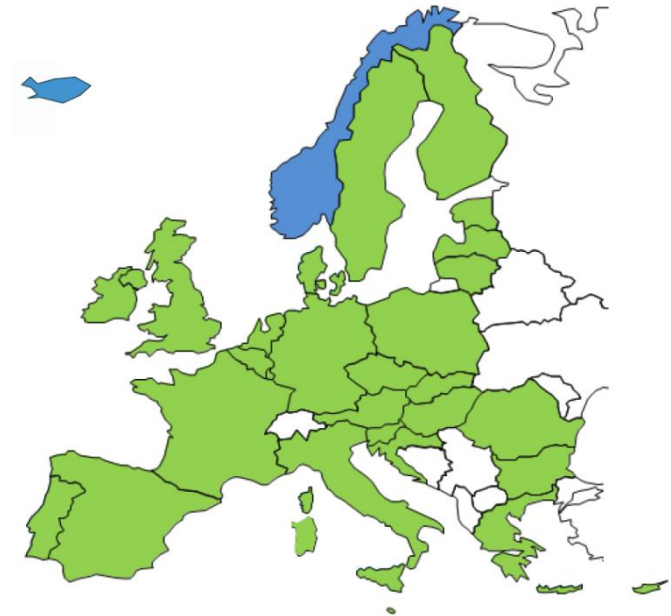
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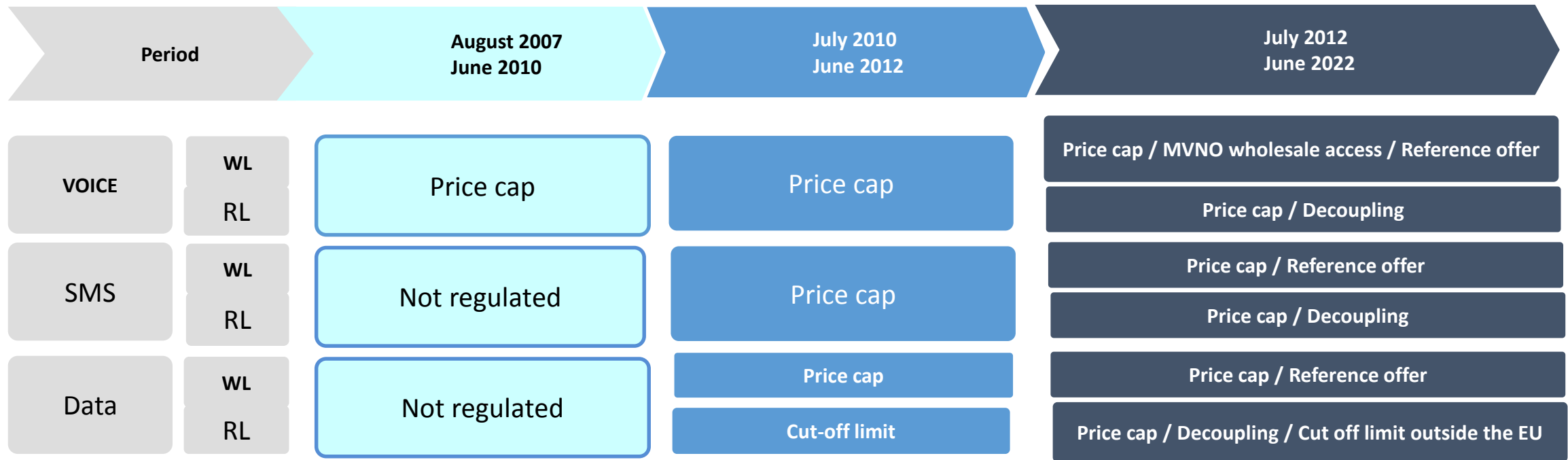
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## About BEREC

- BEREC assists the European Commission and the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) in implementing the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications.
- Mission: *“Committed to independent, consistent, high-quality regulation of electronic communications markets for the benefit of Europe and its citizens.”*

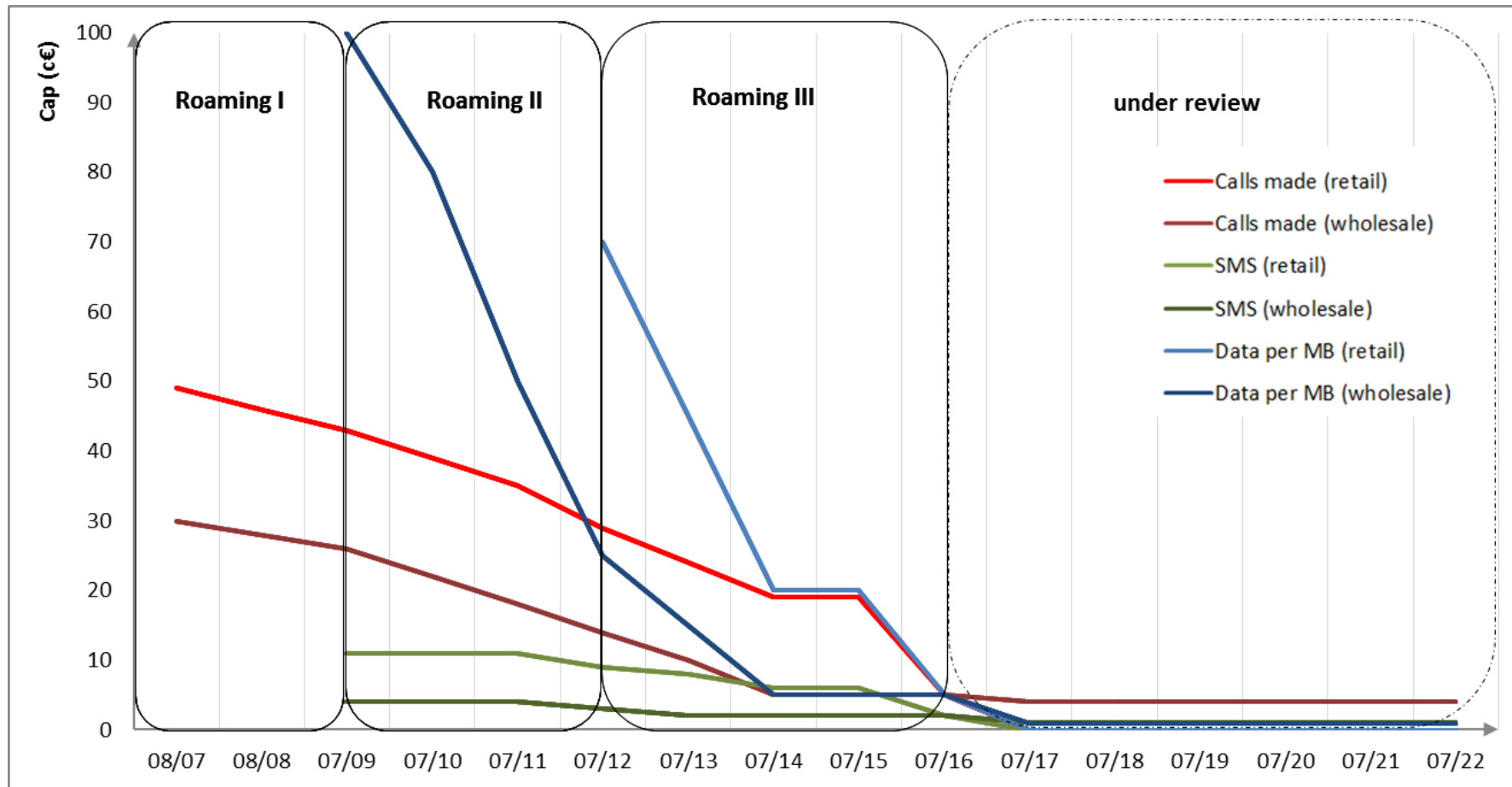


# EU Roaming Regulation: Overview



WL: Wholesale  
RL: Retail

# Regulated roaming prices (2007- now)



# Effect of price regulation

- Roaming prices have decreased about 80-90% between 2007-2015.
- However, alternative (non-regulated) roaming packages stay – on average - above the EU-regulated cap price.
- There's no clear indication that operators in general have raised the unregulated prices for roaming outside the EU to compensate losses for lower roaming revenues.

# EU proposal makes an end to roaming charges from 2017 onwards: RLAH



“I want to say loud and clear: you should not have different rights, different rules, different prices everywhere you go in Europe.”

“The difference between roaming and national tariffs should approach zero by 2015”



# Provisions and deadlines of the new Roaming Regulation

31 Dec 2015

- Implementing act on weighted average of maximum mobile termination rates

30 April 2016

- Transitional period enters into force

15 June 2016

- EC Report and appropriate legislative proposal on wholesale market review

15 Dec 2016

- Implementing acts on the application of the fair use policy and the methodology for assessing the sustainability of the abolition of retail roaming surcharges

15 June 2017

- RLAH with fair use and sustainability clause (provided that legislative act is applicable)



# Transitional period: 30 April 2016 – 14 June 2017

- “RLAH + “: roaming providers may apply a surcharge in addition to the domestic retail price for the provision of regulated retail roaming services
  - Any surcharge applied shall not exceed the maximum current wholesale charges
  - The sum of the domestic retail price and any surcharge applied shall not exceed EUR 0.19 per minute, EUR 0.06 per SMS and EUR 0.20 per MB (~ Eurotariff caps of Roaming III Regulation)
  - For calls received it shall not exceed the weighted average of maximum mobile termination rates across the Union as provided in the Implementing Act (€c 1,14)

# Wholesale market review

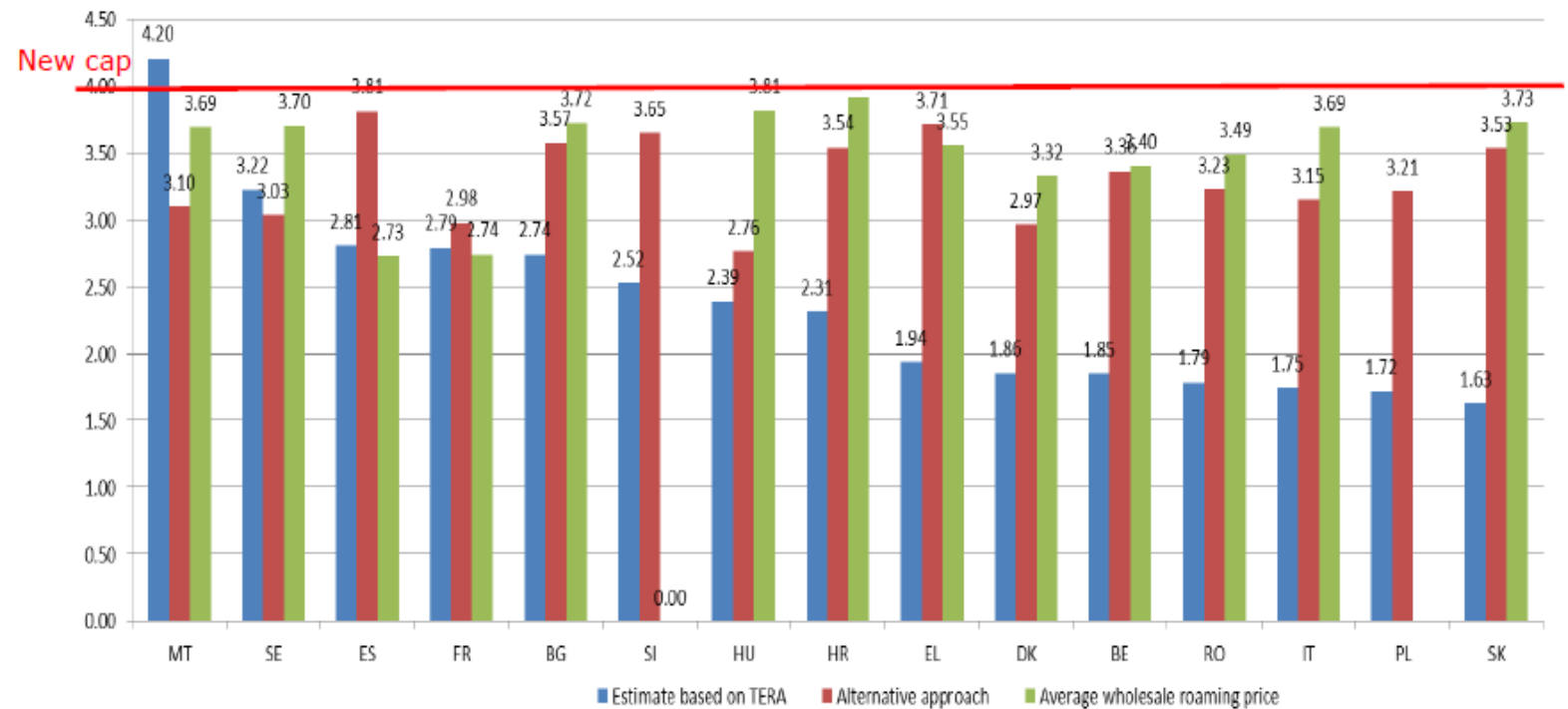
# Main results of the review

- New wholesale caps proposal:

Voice: €c 4 (-20%)

SMS: €c 1 (-50%)

Data: €c 0,85 (-83%)



# BEREC evaluation: Structural differences between Member States

- BEREC considers various risks to and impacts on the objectives of promoting the interests of consumers, and competition and investment (in both home and visited markets), and assess the potential for mitigating any of these negative effects through other measures.
- Significant structural differences between Member States that have a bearing on whether the introduction of RLAH is possible on a sustainable basis.

# Fair Use Policy & Sustainability Mechanism

- The EC has to adopt Implementing Acts by 15 December
- BEREC has to be consulted