Press Release

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Providers receive support from the German Federal Network Agency in implementing router freedom

17 September 2020 ▪ The practical guide published by the project group of the Committee for Technical Regulation in Telecommunications (ATRT) of the Federal Network Agency gives router freedom another significant boost. The guide supports providers in publishing interface specifications, which is mandatory for them. These are important for the smooth interaction between network and end device such as smartphones, phones or routers.

The VTKE welcomes the recently published results of the project group. They enable providers to implement the interface specification in an even more transparent, practical and efficient manner. Innovations in the field of telecommunications terminal devices can also be realized even faster in the future. Terminal equipment manufacturers can reliably develop products that are compatible with networks. As more and more fiber connections are created by smaller, regional providers, adequate publication of interface specifications is particularly important. Only in this way can high-performance broadband infrastructure be expanded and used more quickly.

The "Interface descriptions according to §41c of the German Telecommunications Act" project group

With the right to connect for telecommunications terminal equipment, network operators are required to publish a technical description of their interfaces for access to the network and its services (such as internet access or telephony).

For this reason, the Committee for Technical Regulation in Telecommunications (ATRT), which advises the Federal Network Agency, set up a working group to deal with the practical implementation of publication requirements. This project group, consisting of network operators, terminal equipment manufacturers, users and experts from the Federal Network Agency, has now completed its work and published a practical guide for publishing interface specifications. Special consideration was given to network termination points in the next-generation network (NGN, e.g. xDSL, DOCSIS, FTTx, mobile networks) as well as the requirements for the development of IP / SIP-based telecommunication terminal devices.

Link to the project group's mandate, final report and practical guidelines as well as the Federal Network Agency's statement: www.bundesnetzagentur.de/atrt-pg-ssb

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