2020 ARCEP HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING 2020
Monitoring networks during the public health crisis
The outstanding mobilisation of all of the ecosystem’s players (public institutions, operators, content and application providers and end users) made it possible to deal with the unprecedented intensity of digital needs, to reduce congestion risks and to ensure compliance with net neutrality.

16 JANUARY 2020
Internet quality of service
The Government approves in an Order published in the Journal Officiel the Arcep decision No. 2019-1410, which aims at implementing an “access ID card” API by operators, marking the start of the deployment calendar.

6 APRIL 2020
Environment
The Body of European telecommunications regulators, BEREC, publishes the revised guidelines which aims at guiding national regulators on the Open Internet Regulation, adopted in November 2015. In France, Arcep is in charge of implementing net neutrality and ensuring that Internet service providers (ISPs) comply with it.

11 JUNE 2020
Environment
"Achieving digital sustainability": Arcep is launching a collaboration platform and calling all the digital and environment ecosystem players to debate together and contribute to the first progress report. The inaugural meeting on 9 July 2020, attended by 65 participants, allows to identify points that warrant closer attention and potential courses of actions.

14 SEPTEMBER 2020
Internet quality of service
Arcep published the 2020 version of the Code of conduct on internet quality of service. It is to encourage QoS measurement tools to increase the transparency and robustness requirements for measurement protocols and for results publications.

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End of 2020

Autumn 2020

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