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# Progressive consolidation of the regulatory powers in the Mediterranean

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# 1. Introduction

- The role of a regulator is to ensure market opening and then to ensure the balance of this market.
- To achieve this role he needs to be endowed by enough powers and to be independent from the gouvernement and from the operators.
- A strong and effective regulation can only be driven by :
  - A sufficiently independent regulator;
  - Able to take decisions on all relevant regulatory issues.



- The benchmarking study carried out by the MEDREG INS WG in 2008 and its update in 2013 outlined changes in the situation of some regulators(05) in the region within the period from 2008 to 2012.
- Despite some “drawbacks” concerning certain aspects of the regulation,
- There was a strengthening of the regulatory powers for the most part of regulators that have encountered changes.



## 2. More Independence

- Autonomous budget without any formal governmental approval.
- No constraints from the central budget.



## 3. Larger Powers

### a-/Setting tariffs :

- Fixing or approving tariff setting methodologies
- Impose proportionate and non discriminatory conditions of access to the networks.
- Ensure that charges applied by network operators are transparent and cost reflective.



## **b/ Elaboration and enforcement of network rules and standards:**

- management and allocation of the interconnection capacity.
- Correction of congestion difficulties .
- Management of quality of services standards.
- Rules and guidelines as regards the unbundling process.
- Approving operational and planning standards.



### **3-/ Other competencies:**

- Power to sanction sector participants.
- Dispute settlement powers dealing with access Issues.
- Specific mechanism used to seek and receive continuous input from sector participants.
- compiling information on market dominance predatory and anti-competitive behavior.
- Address the needs of vulnerable populations.



## Some questions

- What are the reasons for the consolidation of the competencies of some regulators and decline observed for some others?
- What are the criterias for assessing the degree of independence of a regulator?
- What are the powers that defined the real meaning of a regulaor? « key powers »?





# Thank you for your attention!

