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PostEurop's Input to the ERGP Work Programme 2025

PostEurop welcomes the [call for input regarding the ERGP Work Programme 2025](#). This is the opportunity to make a contribution to ERGP's work and to bring out the main issues to tackle in the postal sector. The postal sector still finds itself in volatile times in which volumes are negatively impacted by the worldwide macroeconomic and geopolitical developments, resulting in record-high inflation and decreasing consumer trust. Despite these turbulent times, we believe that the main suggestions and input we delivered to last year's ERGP Work Programme are still very valid given the current challenges.

We therefore want to take this opportunity to briefly reiterate our main points and refer for further background to [last year's input to the ERGP Work Programme 2024](#):

- PostEurop believes ERGP should refocus its priorities for this new term and bring the issue of the sustainability of the provision of the universal service to the core of its agenda, in line with its mission according to the applicable regulatory framework.
- ERGP should look at the emerging business models and assess how to ensure a level playing field vis-à-vis new market players.
- PostEurop Members are committed to environmental sustainability – and fully aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals on resource efficiency, procurement and waste management and air quality among others. As operators are continuously adapting their business models in order to further reduce their environmental footprint, we do believe **it could be mutually beneficial to organise a meeting in 2024 where the sector can present its expertise and their developments and challenges in making our businesses more sustainable**. We regret that we were not invited to actively contribute to the ERGP sustainability meeting that took place in November last year, and that there was no possibility to attend remotely. We believe that a dialogue between business experts and the ERGP on this topic could be mutually beneficial and we are at your disposal if you may wish to organise such an event.

In addition to the points above:

- We want to raise awareness of the ever-growing administrative and financial burden stemming from an ever-growing regulatory burden. We ask the ERGP to look into the impact of the administrative burden on the sector from sectoral legislation and horizontal legislation in the areas of transport and sustainability on the efficient functioning of postal operators (required additional human and increasing costs of compliance cannot subsequently be used in other areas e.g. for innovation, decreasing environmental impacts, etc.).
- In this respect, we also want to call on the ERGP to be very selective and prudent in the number of written questionnaires and input that is requested annually to the NRAs but where input from USPs is needed in order to contribute to ERGP reports.

Besides the points mentioned above, PostEurop would like to ask ERGP for a more frequent and systematic communication towards the association in order to allow us to efficiently coordinate among our members and provide in a timely way the requested contributions to ERGP (e.g. sending invitations to relevant events, questionnaires to be answered by our members and/or by the association, etc.).