Community and International Institutions

Relations with EU and supranational institutions are both institutional (e.g., participation in discussion platforms, public consultations, workshops) and collaborative (meetings with the EU Commission, with the Permanent Representatives of the Member States to the EU, with representatives of the European Parliament, with agencies or working groups and specialist studies under the aegis of EU institutions such as the Center for the European Policy study, etc.). The stance vis-à-vis Community institutions and bodies takes place through individual actions and/or with the participation of other operators mainly through ETNO, the European telecommunications network operators’ association (where TIM is a member of the Board).

Among the issues addressed at European level, which are the subject of the main regulatory documents/regulations of interest to the Group, suffice it to the Electronic Communications Code, which introduces new regulations on network access obligations (in the case of co-investments or wholesale-only operators, for example) and consumer sector rules, new regulations on spectrum, the reform of the universal service, and the review of the institutional structure of the powers of the Commission and BEREC in the implementation of the new framework. TIM has actively participated in the activities of analysis and advocacy of various proposals made by EU institutions, with the preparation of both individual and associative stances (in particular through ETNO, it has met the European institutions of reference in particular representatives of the EU Commission, the European Parliament and the Council (Italian representation at the EU and rotating presidencies). Following the final adoption of the Code in December, the focus will be on the implementation of the Code, through meetings with the relevant institutions and participation in public consultations on implementation aspects (e.g., the Guidelines to be issued by the Commission and BEREC in the future). TIM also closely follows the discussions at European level on the revision of the ePrivacy Directive, which is still under discussion in the EU Council, on the cybersecurity package, on the EU Multi-year Financial Framework for the period 2021-2027, in particular for the part relating to Horizon Europe and the development of digital technology. In addition, TIM participates in discussion groups on Artificial Intelligence and contributes to the drafting of the Ethical Guidelines drawn up by the group of European experts.
As regards 5G, TIM, after having actively participated in drawing up the 5G Action Plan, actively participates in the 5GPPP (public-private partnership for the development of 5G).

TIM is also particularly active in European workgroups on the distribution of digital content and the protection of rights, in particular on the proposal to revise the copyright directive in the digital sector, and the proposal for a regulation to combat the dissemination of terrorist content online; The Commission’s proposal for a Directive on the liability of operators/ISPs, in particular those relating to the actions of hosting providers to combat illegal online activities (discussions on the e-commerce directive), the reform of the European Audiovisual Media Services Directive, recently adopted by the European institutions, contributed to the discussion on the revision of the recently adopted European Directive on satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission.

With regard to the protection of minors, Telecom Italia actively participates in a particularly important initiative at EU level aimed at increasing the safety of minors when they surf the Internet: the Alliance to better protect children online, a platform originally launched by Commissioner Kroes in 2011, subsequently proposed again by Commissioner Oettinger and currently managed by Commissioner Gabriel on the basis of the strategy "Better Internet for Kids." As part of this participation, TIM has submitted a series of commitments which the EU Commission, through an external consultant, is evaluating positively. In addition, TIM is participating in the working group "GSMA - Mobile Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Content," within the GSM Association, for technological, policy and communication initiatives aimed at protecting minors in the mobile phone sector.