

### 1.3 NRENs and European legislation

NRENs in Europe, the European Economic Area countries and in the Accession States are possibly affected by recent EU legislation. Especially relevant in this context is the EU Authorisation Directive (2002/20/EC), which is effective from July, 2003 and was published in the Official Journal of the EC, L 108/21 of 24-4-2002.

This Directive aims to simplify and harmonise existing national systems for the authorisation of electronic communications services and networks.

For the application of the Directive, it is relevant to know if an electronic communications network delivers its services to the general public or not. Therefore, NRENs were asked if they would consider their organisations to be a public electronic communications network or service in the sense of the Directive.

As can be seen from the following table, NRENs have either not made up their minds yet or consider themselves not to be public networks in the sense of the Directive.

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Country	Acronym	Status
<b>EU</b>		
Austria	ACOnet	
Belgium	BELNET	no
Denmark	UNI•C	no
Finland	FUNET	don't know
France	RENATER	no
Germany	DFN	don't know
Greece	GRNET	no
Ireland	HEAnet	no
Italy	GARR	no
Luxembourg	RESTENA	don't know
Netherlands	SURFnet	no
Portugal	FCCN	don't know
Spain	RedIRIS	don't know
Sweden	SUNET	don't know
United Kingdom	UKERNA	don't know
<b>ACCESSION STATES</b>		
Cyprus	CYNET	don't know
Czech Republic	CESNET	no
Estonia	EENet	don't know
Hungary	HUNGARNET	don't know
Latvia	LANET	
Latvia	LATNET	don't know
Lithuania	LITNET	no
Poland	PSNC (POL34)	don't know
Slovakia	SANET	don't know
Slovenia	ARNES	don't know
<b>EEA</b>		
Iceland	RHnet	don't know
Norway	UNINETT	no