



Kip Meek to join Broadband Stakeholder Group as Non-Executive Chair

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The Broadband Stakeholder Group (BSG) – the government's advisory group on broadband and digital convergence – today announced the appointment of former Ofcom Board Member and Chief Policy Partner, Kip Meek as Non-Executive Chair.

Kip will lead the BSG as it launches its work programme for 2007-08, and chair both the Executive Committee and Advisory Council.

Kip joins the BSG after four years at Ofcom where he took a leading role in developing Ofcom's international strategy, including its participation in the review of the EU Television Without Frontiers Directive, the EU Telecommunications Framework, and the international Regional Radio Conference in 2006. He was also responsible for the Ofcom Content and Standards Group and for Ofcom's Legal Group.

In addition, for the past year Kip was Chair of the European Regulators' Group (ERG), overseeing Ofcom's engagement with key European and international decision-making bodies.

Kip Meek, BSG Chairman said: "The UK has seen dramatic progress in broadband over the last few years, but there are substantial challenges ahead. We need our broadband services to keep pace with our global competitors while ensuring healthy competition and the widest possible availability. The BSG has a unique role in addressing these challenges and I'm looking forward to taking on this exciting opportunity."

Antony Walker, BSG CEO, said: "Kip's immense experience, expertise and reputation across the industry will be invaluable as the BSG tackles some of the big

issues ahead including next generation broadband and the regulation of new media services. We look forward to working with him."

Prior to joining Ofcom, Kip was Managing Director of Spectrum Strategy Consulting, and worked regularly in Europe, Asia, North America and South America. He had previously worked at Coopers & Lybrand in London, the Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey & Co and British Telecom. In May, Kip will also be joining the Board of Ingenious Media. He will take up his post with the BSG with immediate effect.

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About the Broadband Stakeholder Group

The BSG was established as a cross-sector government advisory group in 2001 to help the UK lead the G7 in broadband penetration and connectivity. It provides a neutral forum for collaboration between organisations across the converging broadband value-chain with the ultimate aim of helping to create a strong and competitive UK knowledge economy

It aims to be a 'critical friend' of government and the regulator, and comprises companies from the telecoms and technology sectors through to content providers and rights holders. It also has direct representation from government departments and Ofcom. It is funded through a combination of government funding and industry sponsorship.

The BSG focuses on strategic, medium- to long-term challenges, which have latterly included next generation access networks, predicting future bandwidth requirements, the EU Television without Frontiers Directive, digital inclusion and self- and co-regulation in the audiovisual media market.

About the BSG Non-Executive Chair

The BSG role is on a part-time basis, which Mr Meek will undertake in addition to his role at Ingenious Media.

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