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☐ CONFERENCE ON "REGULATING CONVERGENCE – CONVERGING REGULATION"

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has scheduled for next 28 September in Lisbon a conference on the theme topic of "Regulating Convergence – Converging Regulation". Held under the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union Council, the event will focus on the challenges resulting from the regulation of various current issues, such as development and access to next generation networks, competition in emerging markets, the development of new business models, the application of new institutional regulatory models, radio spectrum management policies and the implications of these new situations for citizens in general, specifically regarding the provision of universal electronic communications service. This ANACOM Conference aims to gather key national and international participants, among others, representatives of national regulatory authorities (NRAs) from different countries and regions around the world, company directors and academics, as well as members of relevant international organisations. Participation in this event is free, though subject to prior registration. **(+info)**

Also in the context of the Portuguese EU presidency, a workshop on "Mobile Television: technology and information of the future" is scheduled for 9 July in Aveiro, organised by ANACOM in collaboration with DigiTag. The networks and systems that will serve as the basis for mobile TV, content and services that can be lent, and the business model for this new reality are the main subjects of discussion. **(+info)**

The Assistant State Secretary for European Affairs presented last 28 June in Brussels the priorities of the Portuguese presidency of the European Union (EU) Council. With the motto of "a stronger Union for a better world" and bearing in mind the EU presidency's tripartite programme, approved in January 2007, Portugal has set out, among others, the following priorities: "Future of the Union", "Lisbon Strategy", "Strengthening the Area of Freedom, Justice and Security" and "Europe and the World", with the planned Europe-Africa summit standing out in the latter. **(+info)**

☐ BWA CONSULTATION REPORT APPROVED

The report from the public consultation on the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA) in Portugal, launched in November 2006, was approved last 14 June, along with the respective action plan. This Authority plans to launch in the third quarter of 2007 a public consultation on the limitation of rights and selection procedure, to be followed in the last quarter by approval of the selection procedure regulation. The allocation of frequencies in the 3400-3600 MHz and 3600-3800 MHz band should take place in the first quarter of 2008, with the option of a selection process auction, in two phases. Use of the 5725-5875 MHz

band should in turn be implemented on a full access basis. Bearing in mind the international context and the content of the replies received in the consultation now closed, ANACOM intends to make the 3400-3600 MHz and 3600-3800 MHz bands available for fixed, nomad and mobile applications, while limiting the 5725-5875 MHz band to the fixed and nomad modes. The consultation results also indicated that in the 27.5-29.5 GHz band conditions are not being created to make additional spectrum available in a co-ordinated manner for BWA applications; ANACOM will nevertheless have to closely monitor this subject. **(+info)**

■ ANACOM APPROVES DRAFT DECISION ON MARKET 18

By determination dated 27 June, and in the wake of the draft decision adopted on 22 February, ANACOM approved the draft decision on the definition of product markets and geographic markets, significant market power (SMP) assessments and the imposition, maintenance, amendment or withdrawal of regulatory obligations in the wholesale market for broadcasting services to deliver content transmitted to end users (market 18). The market for the wholesale supply of television broadcasting services over terrestrial analogue networks, which covers the whole national territory, was considered relevant for the effects of ex ante regulation. It was also concluded, given its market shares, the size of the market's leading company and the degree of concentration of same, the existence of barriers to expansion, the absence of signs proving the existence of effective competition between companies (prices and other variables) and the lack of potential competition, that PT *Comunicações* (PTC) holds SMP in that market and should be subject to imposed obligations. The measures now adopted, which are included in a grounded draft decision, were communicated per the applicable legal terms to the European Commission and to the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) of the various member States. **(+info)**

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■ CURRENT EVENTS

POSTAL SERVICES – STATISTICS

The first quarter 2007 (1Q07) statistical data on postal services operated on a competitive basis have been posted on the website of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM). Given that no new licences were granted, there were 38 enterprises with title authorising them to provide express mail services at the end of 1Q07 and eight providing services not covered by the previous category, one of them being the universal postal service concession company (CTT-*Correios de Portugal*). Standing out among the various available indicators is the fact that the traffic of postal services operated on a competitive basis involved more than 77 million objects, corresponding to 24 percent of total postal traffic (reserved services and liberalised services). **(+info)**

NEW BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURES TRAINING ENTITY

ANACOM designated by order dated 24 May TELECERT – *Certificações Técnicas* as a training entity for telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (the Portuguese acronym is ITED), a designation allowing the company to offer authorised ITED courses to electricians, for the installation and conservation of telecommunications infrastructures in buildings and ITED planning. This designation is valid for three years after the date of its respective approval; the training entity is hence obliged to maintain the conditions verified on the date of designation. **(+info,** *Portuguese only***)**

Also with respect to its ITED certification duties, ANACOM approved last 11 June withdrawal of the registrations that had been granted to LEIRINSTAL – *Manutenção Industrial*, to Certizende – *Certificação de Infra-estruturas de Telecomunicações* and to *Laboratório Industrial da Qualidade*, under the terms of paragraph b) of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 59/2000 of 19 April. On 27 June, this Authority also revoked the registration of *Electrificadora Santos Pereira* as an ITED certifying entity. **(+info,** *Portuguese only***)**

ANACOM PUBLIC SPEECHES

The interview granted by ANACOM Chairman José Amado da Silva to the *Diário Económico* newspaper, published in its 28 June edition, is now available. The interview specifically covers the balance of José Amado da Silva's first year at the head of this Authority, and covers the challenges and major issues affecting the communications sector in the future, such as universal electronic communications service, radio spectrum rates, convergence and new technologies, and the accessibility and efficiency of ANACOM itself, besides such current topics as digital terrestrial television and the separation of PT *Multimédia* and PT *Comunicações*. **(+info)**

Also posted online is the presentation given by ANACOM board member José Ferrari Careto at the 15th session of the Ericsson/Semanário Económico newspaper Meetings, focusing this year on the theme topic of "Mobility 2008-2020 – spectrum growth and availability", held last 19 June in Lisbon. The presentation in question contains four main points: "More spectrum for mobile phones?", "The new spectrum management cycle", "The new spectrum tariff scheme" and "The near future". **(+info)**

ANACOM SEMINARS – PRESENTATION

The presentation on "Next Generation Access Roll-out in Germany – regulatory implications", by Annegret Groebel of the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA – the German regulatory authority), at the 8th ANACOM Seminar held last 29 June in Lisbon, is now available. **(+info,** *Portuguese only***)**

OPERATIONAL OPERATORS AND PROVIDERS

Updated first quarter 2007 information on the operational operators and providers in the area of telecommunications services/electronic communications and postal services has been published. **(+info)**

TELEVISION LAW APPROVED

The government has approved the Television Law, which regulates the access to and practice of television activity; the legislation in question was forwarded for promulgation on 25 June. **(+info,** *Portuguese only***)**

"A SMILE WITH ICTS" PROJECT

The Foundation for the Divulgation of Information Technologies (FDTI) launched last 13 June the second phase of the "A Smile with ICTs" project at the Funchal Central Hospital in Madeira. The project aims to endow the paediatric units of public hospitals with technological infrastructures enabling enhanced leisure time for interned children and their accompaniment by family and friends, besides contact with school. It also covers hospital staff and volunteers and the families of those children. The project duration is four years; it is supported by the Health Ministry and by the State Secretary for Youth and Sports, and counts the collaboration of the public hospitals. ANACOM also supports this FDTI initiative. **(+info)**

SAFE INTERNET GATEWAY LAUNCHED

The *Internet Segura* (Safe Internet) project was launched last 5 July in Lisbon, an initiative from a consortium co-ordinated by the UMIC-Knowledge Society Agency which also involves the Directorate General of Curricular Innovation and Development (CRIE) of the Education Ministry, the Foundation for National Scientific Computation (FCCN) and Microsoft Portugal. The Internetsegura.pt portal will provide information on safe internet use, while at the same time offering an attendance line (linhalerta.internetsegura.pt) to receive warnings from any individual or entity concerning content likely to be deemed illegal (child porn, xenophobic or extremely violent sites or other criminal content), for subsequent investigation and eventual judicial action. **(+info)**
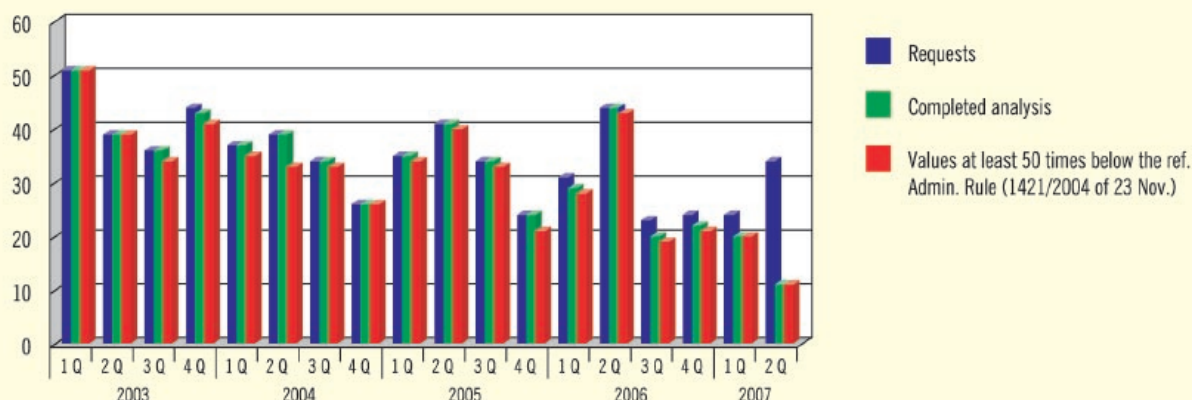
RESULTS OF ECSI PORTUGAL 2006

The ECSI (National Consumer Satisfaction Index) Portugal 2006 results are now available, following the 1 June presentation in a seminar organised by the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ). Standing out among the main conclusions regarding the studied sectors are those concerning communications (fixed and mobile communications, internet, cable television and postal communications). ANACOM has sponsored this study since 2000. **(+info)**

SONAECOM ACQUIRES TELE2

Sonaecom has reached agreement with the Swedish firm Tele2 to acquire the brand's operations in Portugal for the amount of 16 million euros, the Portuguese company announced on 28 June in a note sent to the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM). The document indicates that Sonaecom "successfully completed the negotiations it had undertaken with Tele2 Europe, SA, and signed a contract to acquire the totality of the share capital of Telemilénio – Telecomunicações, Sociedade Unipessoal, a company operating in the Portuguese fixed electronic communications market with the brand Tele2, for the price of 16,000,000.00 euros". **(+info,** *Portuguese only***)**

■ NON-IONISING RADIATION EVALUATION TABLE

	2003				2004				2005				2006				2007	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
Requests	51	39	36	44	37	39	34	26	35	41	34	24	31	44	23	24	24	34
Completed analyses	51	39	36	43	37	39	34	26	35	41	34	24	29	44	20	22	20	11
Amounts at least 50 times less than the ref. Adm. Rule (1421/2004 of 23 Nov.)	51	39	34	41	35	33	33	26	34	40	33	21	28	43	19	21	20	11

□ PRE-SELECTION – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE BETWEEN TELE2 AND PTC

By determination dated 20 June, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the final decision concerning the settlement of a dispute between Tele2 and PT *Comunicações* (PTC), involving undue pre-selection ter- minations by PTC, following a request submitted by Tele2 under article 10 of the Electronic Communications Law. The origin of this decision was in the corres- ponding draft approved on 26 April. **(+info)**

□ CHANGES TO THE 2007 RIO AND TO LLRO

ANACOM has determined in a draft decision the changes PT *Comunicações* (PTC) must adopt with respect to the reference interconnection offer to be in effect in 2007 (2007 RIO) and the leased lines reference offer (LLRO). This deter- mination, dated 14 June, envisages that PTC should modify the 2007 RIO within 10 working days counting from notification of the final decision, so as to intro- duce a set of changes, most of them involving prices. Among others, the follo- wing maximum prices (without VAT) are set: at local level 0.49 euro cents for call activation, 0.39 euro cents per minute during normal periods and 0.19 euro cents during economy periods (all in effect since 23 March). The LLRO should also be modified within the same time frame, with respect to the interconnection conditions inside PTC exchanges. Interested parties were given ten working days to comment in writing on this draft decision. **(+info)**

□ BROADBAND INTERNET – EVALUATION OF PT GROUP MARGIN SQUEEZE

ANACOM approved last 6 June the draft decision on the methodology to evaluate margin squeezing in the PT Group's broadband offers – offers with a 1:50 con- tention rate. According to the determination, the prices of those internet access offers, whether supported in the public switched telephone network or in the cable distribution network, are subject to the price control obligation, backed by a "retail-minus" rule for which an operational methodology has been defined.

Adoption of the definitive decision will imply revocation of the "retail-minus" rule included in this Authority's determination dated 25 June 2003, concerning the "PT ADSL Network" wholesale offer by PT *Comunicações*. It is additionally envisaged that the PT Group companies should inform ANACOM about the con- ditions to practice in retail, including eventual promotions, before the date they want those conditions to take effect. **(+info)**
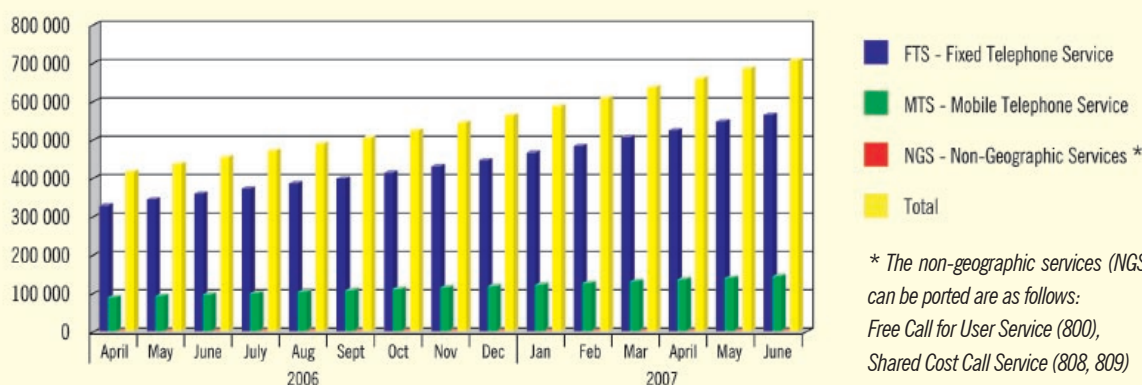
■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Administrative Rule no. 456/2007** (II Series – *Diário da República* of 31 May) – Sets the percentage of the rate fees charged by the sector regulatory bodies to transfer to the Competition Authority per the terms of Decree-Law no. 30/2004 of 6 February.

(+info, *Portuguese only*)

■ PORTED NUMBERS

	2006									2007					
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
FTS	327 983	344 547	359 003	372 508	386 848	398 609	414 078	430 484	446 371	466 357	483 978	506 734	524 953	547 550	565 420
MTS	88 251	92 197	95 416	99 018	102 809	106 625	110 302	114 260	117 597	121 043	125 134	130 442	134 882	139 132	143 432
NGS*	438	461	474	503	520	532	544	549	571	585	596	610	624	644	653
TOTAL	416 672	437 205	454893	472 029	490 177	505 766	524 924	545 293	564 539	587 985	609 708	637 786	660 459	687 326	709 505

Legend:
- FTS - Fixed Telephone Service
- MTS - Mobile Telephone Service
- NGS - Non-Geographic Services *
- Total

The non-geographic services (NGS) whose numbers can be ported are as follows: Free Call for User Service (800), Shared Cost Call Service (808, 809) and Universal Access Service (707).

□ UMTS900 TECHNOLOGY TRIALS AUTHORISED

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has authorised Vodafone Portugal to conduct technical trials with UMTS900 technology in the GSM (2nd generation mobile telephony) extension band during a three-month test period running from July through September 2007; the frequencies may not be used for the commercial exploitation of any services. The trials must immediately cease if they cause interference with other operational radiocommunication services. This authorisation does not imply any commitment, obligation or condition affecting the future use of UMTS900-type systems in Portugal, nor does it result in any obligation for ANACOM or any legally protected right, expectation or interest for Vodafone Portugal. **(+info)**

□ ANACOM SIGNS CO-OPERATION PROTOCOL WITH ERC

A co-operation protocol was signed last 27 June by ANACOM and the Media Regulatory Body (ERC), with the aim of furthering co-operation between both entities when carrying out their respective duties, preventing duplication of activities and ensuring the co-ordination and coherence of the respective decisions. This protocol, valid for three years and automatically renewable for equal and successive periods, covers such areas as spectrum planning, audio and television broadcasting monitoring and oversight, control of the legality of the latter broadcasting activities and preparing studies and opinions. **(+info)**

□ ADVERTISING AND INFORMATION IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES – FINAL DECISION

By determination dated 14 June, ANACOM approved the final decision that changes the text of the 8 November 2005 determination concerning the inclusion of advertising and useful information in the telephone directories to be provided under universal electronic communications service. This decision means that the providers of publicly accessible electronic communications services should inform PT *Comunicações* (PTC) of the data they want to include in the directories' opening pages; the publication of same will be assured as long as the respective communication is sent at least 25 days before the date the directory edition is closed. Whenever so requested, PTC must also inform providers of the closing dates for each of the directories, when that date falls within the following 60 days. **(+info)**

□ PORTUGUESE EU PRESIDENCY – TEMPORARY SPECTRUM ALLOCATION

ANACOM has granted Vodafone Portugal temporary authorisation to use 16 channels in the 1800 MHz frequency band – 1851.8-1854.8 MHz base station emission frequencies and 1756.8-1759.8 MHz mobile station emission frequencies – during the period from 15 June 2007 to 15 January 2008, in the scope of the Portuguese presidency of the European Union Council. **(+info)**

□ EUROPEAN UNION

ROAMING IN THE EU – NEW REGULATION IN EFFECT

The Council of Competitiveness Ministers (Internal Market, Industry and Research) approved last 25 June a new roaming regulation for mobile calls made in the European Union, which was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 29 June and took force the next day. The regulation will allow European consumers to benefit after 30 August from a 'eurotariff' with a ceiling (per minute and without VAT) of 0.49 euros for calls made abroad and 0.24 euros for those received. The prices (per minute and without VAT) of calls made abroad will drop to 0.46 euros in the summer of 2008 and to 0.43 euros in 2009. The prices of received calls will fall to 0.22 euros in 2008 and to 0.19 euros in 2009. The new regulation is valid for three years, during which period the Commission and the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) will closely monitor its application. Within 18 months the EC will evaluate the regulation to decide whether or not to extend its duration and whether the Commission will need to intervene again, to extend its field of application to SMS and roaming data transmission. **(+info)**

The EC has meanwhile posted on the respective website a text explaining the new regulation, among other aspects indicating what consumers should keep in mind regarding roaming costs, the eurotariff and operator obligations. **(+info)**

EC LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON E-INCLUSION

The European Commission has launched under the i2010 initiative a public consultation on e-inclusion in the European Union, with the aim of preparing a European initiative on this subject in 2008 and to accomplish the goals set in the June 2006 Riga Ministerial Declaration. The consultation will run until this coming 15 August; contributions are expected not only from European citizens, but also from civil organisations, companies and public authorities involved in key areas of digital inclusion. Besides the answers to the questions raised by the consultation, other documents may also be submitted to the email address einclusion@ec.europa.eu. **(+info)**

ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

The European Commission recently published the responses received during the public consultation it launched on 12 April (the reply deadline was 7 June) concerning the most effective ways to make online services and electronic communications safer for users, specifically children. Titled "Safer Internet and Online Technologies for Children", the consultation document was built around three topics: combating illegal content, the fight against dangerous content, and online communication and content generated by internet users themselves. A questionnaire corresponded to each of these items. More than 80 individuals and organisations responded to the public consultation. The replies published individually online will be used to prepare a document combining the results obtained; publication is set for August 2007. **(+info)**

ERG – CLARIFICATION SESSION

In wake of the clarification session on the 21st meeting of the European Regulators Group (ERG), held last 15 June in Brussels, the presentation given by the group's chairman, Roberto Viola, and other documents on sector-relevant issues (roaming, mobile call termination, regulatory accounting, etc.), have been posted on the ERG website. **(+info)**

GALILEO – EP DEFENDS ONLY EU FUNDING

The European Parliament (EP) approved last 20 June a resolution on financing the European satellite radionavigation system (Galileo), which opposes any solution that combines the use of European funds with additional intergovernmental financing. In the approved document, the MEPs express "concern at the possibility that the additional financing necessary to fill the gap following the failure of the public-private partnership could be agreed on an intergovernmental basis". They recall that the Commission should submit a revised regulation proposal on funding the Galileo programme and urge it to take the initiative and propose a revision of the financial framework, on the assumption that Galileo has "an enormous European added value" and "should be financed in full from the Union budget". **(+info)**

SECURITY – ENISA AND ITU LAUNCH PORTAL

The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have launched a portal dedicated to security standards for information and communication technologies (ICTs), thus creating for the first time a single access point for information on the subject. Called the "ICT Security Standards Roadmap", the portal serves in this first phase as a central deposit for data on the work carried out by various standardisation organisations, though in the future it will also be a meeting point to monitor ongoing work. **(+info)**

NANOELECTRONICS – 3 BILLION FOR RESEARCH

The European Commission adopted last 22 June a proposal to launch a public-private partnership for Europe-wide research in the field of nanoelectronics, called ENIAC. With a planned budget of 3 billion euros, coming from industry, the Member States and the EC, this initiative aims to create in Europe a strong nanoelectronics research and manufacturing sector, resulting in innovative products with built-in intelligence in numerous areas: consumer electronics, the automotive sector, health care and environmental management. **(+info)**

■ OJEU

- **Opinion (2007/C 146/09)** – Of the Committee of the Regions, of 13 February, concerning the topics of "Ending Differences on Broadband Matters" and "i2010: an information society for all". Published on 30 June.
- **Regulation (EC) no. 717/2007** – Of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June, concerning roaming in the Community's public mobile telephone networks and which amends Directive 2002/21/EC. Published on 29 June.

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□ CEPT (EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS) MEETINGS

ASSEMBLY

The CEPT Assembly met last 20-21 June in Amsterdam, chaired by the Netherlands. **(+info)**

ECC WG SE

The Dutch city of Amstelveen hosted last 4-8 June the 47th meeting of the working group on Spectrum Engineering (WG SE) of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC). **(+info)**

CPG PT4

Project team PT4 of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG) met for the 13th time from 30 May to 1 June in the French city of Brest. **(+info)**

ECC TG3

The 19th meeting of working group ECC TG3 UWB (ultra wide band) met in Lisbon from 30 May to 1 June. **(+info)**

ECC WG FM PT45

The 4th meeting of project team FM PT45 of the ECC's Frequency Management working group (WG FM) met last 18-19 June in Copenhagen. **(+info)**

ECC TG4

The Turkish city of Antalya hosted last 11-14 June the 4th meeting of ECC TG4. **(+info)**

ECC SE PT 42

The 6th meeting of project team 42 (PT 42) of WG SE met last 11-12 June in the French city of Maisons Alfort. **(+info)**

AD HOC AUDIT GROUP

The ad hoc Audit group — a temporary group set up by the ERO/ETO councils of administrations — met last 22 June in Copenhagen. **(+info)**

□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

CONVERGENCE PT

The Swiss city of Biel hosted last 28-29 June a meeting of the project team (PT) on Convergence. **(+info)**

WG RA

The Regulatory Accounting working group (WG RA) met last 7-8 June in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius. **(+info)**

□ EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

COUNCIL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS

Luxembourg hosted last 6-8 June the Council of Ministers of Transports, Telecommunications and Energy of the European Union (EU). **(+info)**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (COCOM)

The 26th meeting of the Communications Committee (COCOM) was held last 20 June in Brussels. **(+info)**

□ EUROPEAN REGULATORS GROUP (ERG)

PT-NGN

The project team on Next Generation Networks (PT NGN) met last 27-28 June in Lisbon. **(+info)**

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GROUP (MBG)

The first official meeting of the ITU Council's Management and Budget Group (MBG) took place last 18 June in Geneva. **(+info)**

WG ON REVISION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION

Geneva hosted last 11 June the 12th meeting of the ITU Council working group (WG) on revision of the financial regulation (FINREGS). **(+info)**

WG WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The 11th meeting of the ITU Council working group on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held on 13-14 June at the Union's head offices in Geneva. **(+info)**

ITU-R/STUDY GROUP 1 – WP1A

The working group on Spectrum Engineering Techniques (WP1A) of Study Group 1 of the ITU Radiocommunications Sector (ITU-R) met last 11-15 June in Geneva. **(+info)**

ITU-T/TSAG – AD HOC GROUP ON FINANCES

Geneva hosted last 27-28 June a meeting of the ad hoc group on finances of the Telecommunications Standardisation Advisory Group (TSAG) of the ITU Standardisation Sector (ITU-T). **(+info)**

□ POSTAL UNION OF THE AMERICAS, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL (UPAEP)

20TH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

The 20th UPAEP Congress, on an extraordinary basis, was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on the occasion of the annual session of the Advisory and Executive Council. **(+info)**

ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The UPAEP Advisory and Executive Council (AEC) meeting held in Montevideo on 12, 13 and 15 June was preceded on the 11th by the 1st Postal Regulation Forum. **(+info)**

□ CO-OPERATION

WITH HUNGARY

In the scope of co-operation between the National Communications Authority of Hungary (NHH) and ANACOM, a meeting was held from 29 May to 1 June at the NHH offices in Budapest. **(+info)**

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION – RECRUITMENT

Applications to fill the vacant position of Staff Counsellor/Social Service Officer in the General Secretariat's Personnel and Social Protection Department may be submitted until 13 August to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a United Nations specialised agency based in Geneva. The applications should be accompanied by the candidate's personal history form, whose details are indicated indicated on the ITU website. **(+info)**

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

· The regulator has informed Deutsche Telekom (DT) that it must continue guaranteeing its competitors' access to the local loop (the so-called last mile) for two more years, given that the operator has significant market power in the evaluated sector. **(+info)**

· BNetzA has defined the new charges to be paid for three broadband market services: renting or returning a local loop to DT, line sharing and surrender of leased lines. **(+info)**

BELGIUM – Institut Belge des Services Postaux et des Télécommunications (IBPT)

· The regulator has published a summary of the responses received during the public consultation on use of the 2.6 GHz band. **(+info, *French only*)**

BRAZIL – Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

· Ronaldo Sardenberg is the new ANATEL chairman, for one year, replacing Plínio de Aguiar Júnior. He also took office as a member of the Agency's Executive Council for a five-year term. **(+info, *Portuguese only*)**

· At the end of May, mobile telephony reached 105.1 million subscribers, accounting for growth of 2.15 percent over the month of April. Of that total, 84.5 million are prepaid plans, while 20.6 million are subscriptions. The first five months of the year saw the adhesion of 5.17 million new subscribers. **(+info, *Portuguese only*)**

· The Brazilian regulator has set as action priorities the auction of frequency surpluses and the tender to grant third generation (3G) mobile telephony licences. **(+info, *Portuguese only*)**

SPAIN – Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

· The companies operating in the Spanish telecommunications retail market saw their revenue grow by 5.8 percent in 2006 – more than double the European average in the sector (2.3 percent) – to a total of 35.09 billion euros. **(+info, *Spanish only*)**

· Electronic commerce in Spain moved overall revenues of 2.46 billion euros in 2006, 60 percent more than in the previous year, mainly boosted by the sale of airline tickets, the activity of travel agencies and tourism operators, and by games of chance and betting. **(+info, *Spanish only*)**

· According to the latest CMT report, the mobile operators ported 275,435 numbers in April, accounting for growth of 22.8 percent over the same month in 2006, raising to 1.4 million the total numbers ported in the first four months of 2007. **(+info, *Spanish only*)**

FRANCE – Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP)

· The regulator has disclosed the most recent data on the spread of digital terrestrial television, specifically on the broadcasting market's opening to competition. **(+info, *French only*)**

· The ARCEP draft report on the legal conformity of the agreements local governments and other regional bodies sign with cable communications operators has been placed in public consultation. **(+info)**

· ARCEP has published its conclusions on the offer to lease fibre optics submitted by France Télécom, which consider that in the current market phase it will not be necessary to regulate this separated reference offer. **(+info)**

· The regulator has placed in public consultation a draft decision that modifies the regulation currently applied to the market for communications transit services between mainland France and the overseas territories. **(+info, *French only*)**

IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

· The report on the 1st quarter 2007 service quality of An Post, the Irish universal service provider, has been published. It highlights the fact that 78 percent of standard correspondence is delivered in one working day, a 4 percent improvement over the same period in 2006, though still below the 94 percent target set by ComReg. **(+info)**

· A poll released by the regulator reveals that 34 percent of fixed telephony users and 41 percent of mobile telephony customers compare operators' prices at least once. The results come 18 months after the launch of the cost comparison website www.callcosts.ie, which has been visited by 280,000 consumers. **(+info)**

· The regulator has announced that the wholesale prices for telephone calls charged by the incumbent operator, Eircom, will fall by 10 percent. **(+info)**

UNITED KINGDOM – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

· The regulator has begun evaluating compliance with the binding undertakings assumed by British Telecom, the incumbent British operator, which will result in a report to be published this coming autumn – the last such review was completed in September 2006. **(+info)**

· The code establishing the obligations of television channels vis-à-vis access services in 2008 has been published. **(+info)**

· A study indicates that ethnic minorities are among the most enthusiastic and technologically informed communication service consumers in the United Kingdom. Although they watch less television than the average population, they are ahead in the telecommunications and internet indicators. **(+info)**

· More than 80 percent of British households possess digital television in a total of 20.4 million homes. Digital terrestrial television service, better known as Freeview, has become the market leader, with 8.4 million homes, while the previous leader, Sky digital satellite TV service, has around 8 million subscribers. **(+info)**

SWITZERLAND – Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)

· The Swiss regulator has announced the creation of a service to settle disputes in the telecommunications sector. **(+info)**

· The Federal Communications Commission (ComCom) has designated Swisscom as the universal telecommunications service provider for a period of 10 years beginning in 2008 and ending in 2017. **(+info)**

☐ BLACK AND CASPIAN SEA CONFERENCE ON REGULATION

Istanbul hosted last 22-23 June the second Black and Caspian Sea conference on regulation. ANACOM participated, identifying best practices with respect to broadband market regulation. Standing out among the subjects covered are overall trends in telecommunications regulatory policies, best regulatory practices and their implications, and future regulatory challenges.
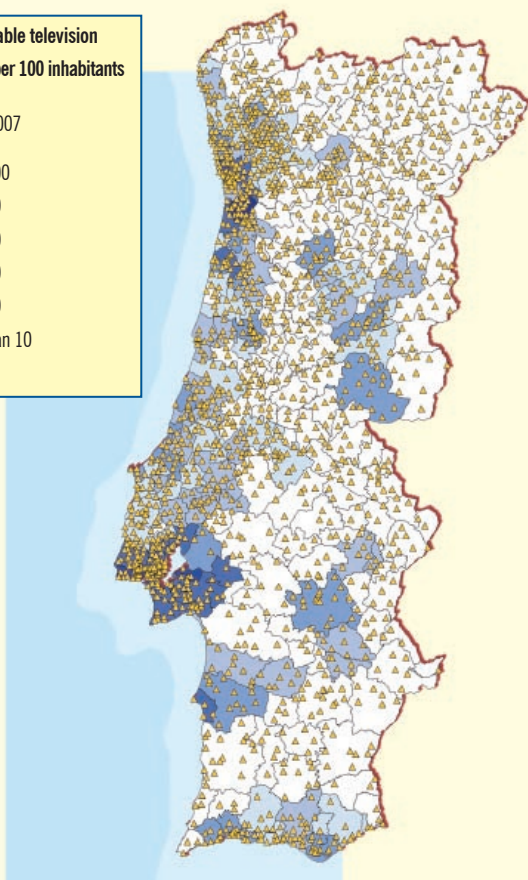
■ BROADBAND GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY

At the end of the first quarter of 2007 (1Q07) mainland Portugal counted 1,853 exchanges equipped with DSLAM (digital subscriber line access multiplexer), corresponding to the totality of coverage of possible ADSL provision areas. The availability of such internet offers depends on these infrastructures, along with the cable distribution networks prepared to supply broadband; they are concentrated in the Greater Lisbon and Greater Oporto regions, the northern coast and the Algarve. In the interior of the country, the density of exchanges is less, as is population density, while in the Madeira and Azores autonomous island regions practically all the exchanges are DSLAM equipped. As for the cable TV opera-

tors, the sum of newly cabled households rose to nearly 60,000 in 1Q07, for an increase of 1.5 percent over the previous quarter. The national total was thus more than 4 million cabled homes. The Centre was the region where the number of cabled households grew the most quarterly (2.4 percent), while the variation in the North was practically the same (2.3 percent). Compared to the same quarter in 2006, the most significant year-on-year variation was in the North (15.9 percent). Lastly, note that the percentage of subscribers to this service compared to the Portuguese population stood at 13.6 percent, 0.2 percentage points more than recorded in the previous quarter. **(+info)**

Number of cable television subscribers per 100 inhabitants

1st Quarter 2007

- ■ 80 to 100
- ■ 60 to 80
- ■ 40 to 60
- ■ 20 to 40
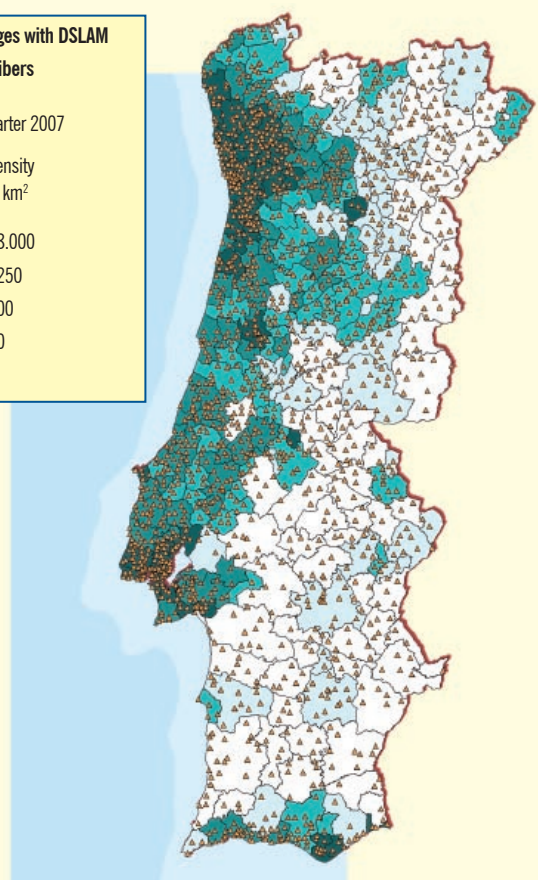- ■ 10 to 20
- ■ Less than 10
- □ None

PTC exchanges with DSLAM with Subscribers

- △ 1st Quarter 2007

Population density
Inhabitants / km²

- ■ 250 – 8.000
- ■ 100 – 250
- ■ 50 – 100
- □ 25 – 50
- □ 0 – 25

■ ON JULY 2007

MEETINGS

CEPT
ECC (2-6)
- CPG07 (10-13)

IMSO
Advisory Committee (4-5)

IRG
PT 2006 Review (4)

IRG/REGULATEL
Seminar and Summit (4-6)

EU
Postal Directive Committee (5)
Telecommunications Group (6)
TRAN Committee (12)
Postal Group (13,20 and 25)
ITRA Committee (16)

EVENTS

- *2007 RFID Forum*, Toronto (Canada), 17-18
- *Conference "The New Generation Media in the Digital Era"*, Lisbon, 17
- *7th Telecom and Media Forum*, Lisbon, 11 (ANACOM sponsorship)
- *"For IT 2007" – Portugal Information Technologies and Electronics*, Lisbon 10-12
- *1st International Euro-Med Postal Service Convention*, Marseilles (France), 9-10
- *Conference "Innovating in Portugal: reflection on policies and their implementation"*, Lisbon, 9
- *ANACOM workshop "Mobile television: technology and information of the future"*, Aveiro, 9
- *Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems (MCCSIS 2007)* Lisbon, 3-8

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