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2014 ANACOM CONFERENCE - 22 SEPTEMBER

The seventh international conference organised by the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) will be held on 22 September at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. The theme is "Consolidation in the

Telecommunications Business - trends and new challenges". Participation is free and open to all interested parties, subject to prior online registration. (+)

PORTUGUESE COMMITTEE OF URSI: CALL FOR PAPERS AND AWARDS

The Portuguese URSI Committee has put out a call for papers ahead of its eighth congress, scheduled for 28 November. The theme is "Drones and Autonomous Vehicles: present and future challenges". Interested parties can submit scientific papers until 12 October. The Committee, with ANACOM's sponsorship, will award the ANACOM-URSI

Portugal Prize distinguishing the best research work in the radio area. To encourage young Portuguese authors ANACOM is also sponsoring the Best Student Paper Award for the best article submitted by a student. Applications to be considered as prize candidates can likewise be submitted until 12 October. (+)

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON DTT'S FUTURE

By determination dated 1 August, ANACOM approved the report from the public consultation on the future of digital terrestrial television (DTT), with respect to matters in its respective area.

Also, the Regulatory Board of the Media Regulatory Authority (ERC) approved last 6 August the report vis-à-vis matters in its respective area. (+)

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

SETTING OF UNIVERSAL POSTAL SERVICE PRICES

By determination dated 1 August, ANACOM approved holding a public consultation on price-setting criteria for the universal postal service provided by the Portuguese postal service (CTT) under the Postal Law. The deadline for receiving comments is 5 September. They should preferably be sent by email to regime.precos.CTT@anacom.pt. On the same date the procedure on the same matter approved by determination dated 29 July 2013 was withdrawn as there was no longer any respective need. (+)

QUALITY PARAMETERS OF UNIVERSAL POSTAL SERVICE

By determination dated 1 August, ANACOM approved holding a public consultation on the setting of quality of service parameters and performance goals associated to the provision of universal postal service, to be in effect during the 2015-2017 three-year period. The deadline for receiving comments is 5 September. They should preferably be sent by email to regime.qos.CTT@anacom.pt. (+)

COMMUNICATIONS IN PORTUGAL

NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

Upon verification of the practice of administrative infractions due to violation of the obligation of postal service providers, the following sanctions were imposed by decision of the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM): (+)

- Byalyk Service, Unipessoal - in accelerated administrative infraction proceeding a single fine for the amount of 150 euros, which has been paid;
- Etapaexpress - in accelerated administrative infraction proceeding a single fine for the amount of 150 euros, which has been paid;
- the company TCI-Transportes Courier Internacional - in accelerated administrative infraction proceeding a single fine for the amount of 150 euros, which has been paid.

The practice of an administrative infraction by ZON TV Cabo Portugal was also noted, for failing to ensure immediate provision of a complaints book in one of its establishments. A fine of 15,000 euros was thus imposed. The company was notified of the decision; it did not agree and has filed an appeal with the Court of Competition, Regulation and Supervision. (+)

Lastly, the practice of administrative infractions by PT Comunicações was noted, for failing to comply with the obligation to submit statistical information regarding the activity of internet access data transmission services provider and regarding performance goals applicable to various universal service obligations. Fines amounting to 3,200 and 80,000 euros were respectively imposed. The company filed an appeal contesting the sentences with the Court of Competition, Regulation and Supervision. (+)

TRANSFER OF USAGE RIGHTS

ANACOM has made public that the Media Regulatory Authority (ERC) submitted a request for decision on the manifest intention of Voz do Marão Cultural Cooperative to transfer to Basminho-Publicidade its frequency usage rights granted to carry out audio broadcasting activity. (+)

COM.ESCOLHA RECEIVES MORE THAN 25,000 VISITS

The COM.escolha price comparison tool received 25,047 visits from 21,867 users in the second quarter of 2014, down 7.54 percent in visits and 6.50 percent in users over the previous quarter. (+)

MUNICIPAL FEE FOR RIGHTS OF WAY

ANACOM accepted by determination dated 4 July the auditing firm PALM - Pereira, Almeida, Linhares, Monteiro & Associados, selected by GoWireless - Comércio de Equipamentos de Telecomunicações, Unipessoal, for purposes of the regulation on procedures for collecting and delivering to municipalities the municipal fee for rights of way. (+)

This Authority also accepted, by determination dated 24 July, the auditing company Baker Tilly, PG & Associados, selected by ARTELECOM - Acessos e Redes de Telecomunicações, for purposes of that same system. (+)

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATIONS

By authorisations respectively dated 16 and 17 July, ANACOM cancelled the registrations of the companies CJSUPER - Telecomunicações, Representações e Serviços and ALCARIA - Sistemas de Comunicações for the provision of electronic communication services. (+)

NETWORK SHARING AGREEMENT

PT Portugal, SGPS and Vodafone Portugal signed last 24 July an agreement on development, capacity interchange and sharing of fibre optic network.

This agreement marks a major innovation and should be duly evaluated by ANACOM, namely in the scope of markets analysis.

ANACOM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Highlights include the participation of the chair of ANACOM's management board, Fátima Barros, in the 13th Summit of the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities (Regulatel) and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC), whose theme was 'internet stakes and regulatory challenges'. The gathering was held on 21-22 June in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

COMPETITION AUTHORITY FORBIDS CONCENTRATION

The Competition Authority (AdC) adopted last 31 July a decision forbidding the concentration operation comprising the acquisition of joint control of the companies Sport TV Portugal, Sportinveste Multimédia, and P.P.TV - Publicidade de Portugal e Televisão by Controlinveste Media, SGPS, pertaining to ZON Optimus (since 22 June known as NOS) and Portugal Telecom. (+)

HOME CUSTOMERS OF HIGH SPEED NETWORKS AND SERVICES (HSN)

NUTSII	1Q2014		2Q2014		Variation 2Q14/1Q14	Variation 2Q14/2Q13
	Home HSN Customers	Home HSN Customers per 100 inhabitants	Home HSN Customers	Home HSN Customers per 100 inhabitants		
NORTH	365	10,0	385	10,6	5,6%	14,4%
CENTRE	136	6,0	145	6,3	6,4%	29,4%
LISBON	652	23,2	677	24,1	3,9%	8,5%
ALENTEJO	22	3,0	24	3,3	9,5%	25,4%
ALGARVE	40	9,1	43	9,6	5,4%	9,4%
AZORES	21	8,4	24	9,7	14,6%	25,4%
MADEIRA	37	14,2	39	15,1	5,7%	31,2%
TOTAL	1.273	12,2	1.337	12,8	5,0%	13,3%

Note 1: The National Statistics Institute published a population update for the end of 2013. The penetration figures presented here reflect that update.
Unit: thousands of customers, %
Source: ICP-ANACOM

FIXED TERMINATION COSTING MODEL

ANACOM approved last 17 July the correction of a material mistake in the draft decision document on the fixed termination costing model, approved by determination of 10 July. It concerns

the hearing period indicated on page 52 of that document. The phrase "a period of 20 working days" has been replaced by the phrase "a period of 30 working days". (+)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

Resolution of Parliament no. 71/2014 (Series I - Diário da República of 30 July) - recommends that the government ensure connection to the underwater fibre optic cable that will link Brazil and Europe, and promote necessary conditions to take advantage of that potential. (+)

Law no. 47/2014 (Series I - D.R. of 28 July) - imposes the fourth amendment of Law no. 24/1996 of 31 July, which establishes the legal system applicable to consumer protection, and the first amendment of Decree-Law no. 24/2014 of 14 February, partially transposing Directive no. 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011. (+)

Law no. 38/2014 (Series I - D.R. of 9 July) - imposes the first amendment of Law no. 54/2010 of 24 December, which approves the Radio Law, modifying the period for the concession of public radio service. (+)

Law no. 39/2014 (Series I - D.R. of 9 July) - approves the second amendment of Law no. 8/2007 of 14 February, which restructures the public service concessionaire for radio and television, as well as the new bylaws of Rádio e Televisão de Portugal, S.A. (+)

Law no. 40/2014 (Series I - D.R. of 9 July) - imposes the second amendment of Law no. 27/2007 of 30 July (Television and On-Request Audiovisual Services Law), modifying the content of programmes included in the public television service concession. (+)

ANACOM DETERMINATIONS - SUMMARY OF 2ND QUARTER 2014

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DATE	DETERMINATION
26.06.14	Acceptance of auditor in the scope of the MFRW (decision) (+)
26.06.14	Postal network density rules and objectives and minimum service offerings presented by the CTT (draft decision) (+)
26.06.14	Frequency usage by radiocommunication stations in free-flying aircraft (decision) (+)
23.06.14	Cancellation of the company Joana Isabel Rocha Barroso (order) (+)
19.06.14	Designation as 'unlimited' electronic communication service offerings (final decision) (+)
12.06.14	Report on administrative costs and amount of fees collected with respect to financial year 2013 (decision) (+)
12.06.14	Results of audit of net cost of universal service provided by PTC (2010-2011) (final decision) (+)
05.06.14	Public tender to acquire two monitoring receivers (decision) (+)
05.06.14	Extension of consultation period for evaluation of the mobile electronic communications market (decision) (+)
29.05.14	Transfer of number resource usage rights to PTC (final decision) (+)
26.05.14	Declaration for INOV INESC Inovação - Instituto de Novas Tecnologias for the supply of electronic communication services accessible to the public via satellite (order) (+)
23.05.14	Calculation of PTC's capital cost rate applicable to 2014 (order) (+)
22.05.14	Public tender to conduct an audit of results of the cost accounting system and estimates of net costs of providing universal service of PTC (decision) (+)
22.05.14	Approval of the draft ITUR telecommunications infrastructure manual - 2nd edition (draft decision) (+)
21.05.14	Designation of NOS Comunicações (+)
21.05.14	Cancellation of registration of the company IDT Retail Europe Limited (authorisation) (+)
15.05.14	Evaluation of the mobile electronic communications market (draft decision) (+)
15.05.14	Acceptance of auditor in the scope of the MFRW (decision) (+)
15.05.14	Revocation of Onitelem's frequency usage right to operate BWA systems (decision) (+)
15.05.14	Modification of prices for published mail service (decision) (+)
15.05.14	End users' access to NNP numbers - approval of conclusion of filed non-compliance case and holding of public consultation (draft decision) (+)
14.05.14	Transfer to Optimus of usage rights for numbers held by ZON (order) (+)
13.05.14	Declaration for G9SA for the supply of electronic communications (+)
09.05.14	Registration of the company Joana Isabel Rocha Barroso (+)
09.05.14	Declaration for PTC for the supply of network and services (+)
08.05.14	Approval of draft 3rd edition of the ITED telecommunications infrastructure manual - version revised by the IPQ (decision) (+)
08.05.14	ANACOM activities plan for the 2015-2017 three-year period (draft decision) (+)
02.05.14	Price charged by PTC for codification, multiplexing, transport and dissemination via DTT network of unconditioned free access TV channels (MUX A) (+)
24.04.14	Transfer of number usage rights held by ZON (draft decision) (+)
24.04.14	Transfer of frequency usage right of Rádio Canal Aberto to Costa e Osório Unipessoal (decision) (+)
16.04.14	Provision of the universal service of providing a complete telephone directory and a complete directory information service (draft decision) (+)
16.04.14	Registration of the company José Nuno Cruz Marques (+)
16.04.14	Declaration for Sobrexpress for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
10.04.14	Revision of postal network density rules and objectives and minimum service offerings presented by the CTT (decision) (+)
10.04.14	Declaration for Bónus Coordenadas for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
10.04.14	Results of audit of net costs of universal service 2010-2011 - extension of response deadline (decision) (+)
07.04.14	Declaration and licence for the company Gonçalo Francisco for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
04.04.14	Future of DTT (draft decision) (+)
02.04.14	Cancellation of the company Tempos Garantidos (order) (+)
02.04.14	Cancellation of the company Mailglobe (order) (+)
02.04.14	Cancellation of the company Spring Fisiocol (order) (+)

COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

EUROPEAN UNION

POLITICAL AGENDA OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Jean-Claude Juncker presented to the European Parliament (EP) his political guidelines for the upcoming EC presidency term, before the vote for European Commission (EC) president at the EP plenary session that elected him on 15 July. The creation of a single connected digital market is among highlights set out in 'A new beginning for Europe: my programme for jobs, growth, fairness and democratic change'. (+)

REVISION OF AUTHOR'S RIGHTS RULES

The EC published last July results from the public consultation on revision of the European Union's author's rights rules. The consultation covered a broad range of issues identified in the EC communication on content in the single digital market. (+)

EC IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The EC released last 22 July its 18th implementation report, presenting an overview of the European electronic

communications market and of regulation in the EU in 2012 and 2013. Regarding Portugal, it indicates that despite the economic situation progress continues to be made toward meeting the Digital Agenda targets. (+)

STATE AID TO BUSINESSES WITH PROBLEMS

The EC adopted last 9 July revised guidelines setting criteria for granting financing to companies in difficult financial straits, in accordance with state aid rules. (+)

PUBLIC SPEECHES BY NEELIE KROES

The latest public speeches given by EC Vice-President Neelie Kroes on sector-related matters are now available, of which the following stand out: "Embracing the Open Opportunity", at the Open Knowledge Foundation (Berlin, 17 July); "Chips with Everything", at the launch of a new partnership for European leadership in electronics (Brussels, 9 July); and "Italian Leadership for a Connected Continent", at Digital Venice 2014 (Venice, 8 July). (+)

BEREC

SESSION ON MACHINE-TO-MACHINE (M2M)

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) will hold this coming 29-30 September in Brussels a hearing addressed to operators. The aim is to identify possible intersection of machine-to-machine (M2M) services with the EU's regulatory framework for electronic communications. (+)

OPINION ON PHASE II INVESTIGATION

BEREC adopted last 29 July an opinion on phase II of the investigation in the scope of article 7 of Directive 2002/21/EC, as amended by Directive 2009/140/EC of 10 January, on impositions in the wholesale market for voice call termination in mobile networks (market 7) with respect to Germany's Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA) regulatory authority. (+)

JOUE

Recommendation 2014/L478/EU of the Commission of 14 July 2014, on principles meant to protect consumers and users from online gaming services and the prevention of access by minors to online games of chance. (+)

Summary of opinion by the European Data Protection Supervisor of 29 July 2014, concerning the Commission Communication on "Internet Governance and Policy - Europe's role in shaping the future of internet governance" (2014/C246/04). (+)

ANACOM INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) represents the Portuguese communications sector before international sector-related organisations and took part in recent meetings in the scope of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the European Union (EU), the Latin-American Forum of Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities (Regulatel) and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC).

CEPT

In the scope of work carried out by the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), the following meetings were held:

- meeting of WG FM PT44 - 17-18 June in Mainz, Germany; (+)
- 12th meeting of the Maritime Forum Group - 17-19 June in Copenhagen. (+)

NATO

NATO's C3B CaP 3 working group met last 18-19 June in Brussels. (+)

ITU

Geneva hosted last 3-11 June meetings of WP1A, WP1B and WP1C of SG1. (+)

EU

The following meetings were held in the scope of the EU:

- meeting of the COCOM working group on MSS Implementation - 9 July in Brussels; (+)
- 39th TCAM meeting, 20th EMCWP meeting and 5th TCAM Experts Group meeting - 10-11 July in Brussels. (+)

REGULATEL

Regulatel/BEREC Summit and extraordinary Regulatel plenary meeting - 21-23 July in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (+)

ARCTEL-CPLP ADVISORY OBSERVER OF THE CPLP

The Dili Declaration signed during the 10th Conference of Heads of State and Government from the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) officialised on 23 July the granting of advisory observer status to the Association of Communications

and Telecommunications Regulators from the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (ARCTEL-CPLP). This decision first saw approval of the request from the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the CPLP Council of Ministers held in Dili on 22 July. (+)

HIRING IN THE ITU

Applications for the following positions can be submitted to the ITU, a Geneva-based United Nations specialised agency:

- "Head, Terminology, References and Computer Aids to Translation Service" (applications until 1 October); (+)

- "Head, Conference Management Service" (applications until 29 September); (+)

- "Head, Regulatory and Market Environment Division" (applications until 4 September). (+)

ITU ONLINE PLATFORM

The ITU has created an online electronic platform to gather opinions about the ITU's role in promoting and using information and communication technologies (ICTs) as a tool to build young people's capacities.

Results from the consultation to be held from 1 August thru 15 September will be posted on the ITU website so they can be studied by all delegations taking part in the upcoming Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14). (+)

ITU LAUNCHES ANNUAL GEM-TECH PRIZE

The ITU has launched in partnership with the United Nations (UN) and the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women the first annual Gender Equality Mainstreaming - Technology (GEM-TECH) Prize.

The ITU is accepting up to 5 September nominations of

individuals or organisations with outstanding activity in the promotion of gender equality in the ICTs area. The award is open to men and women and self-candidacies can also be submitted. (+)

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY - Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- BNetzA has published its decision on spectrum regulation aspects associated to the European Commission's competition law, vis-à-vis the merger of two mobile telephony operators, Telefónica Deutschland and E-Plus. To guarantee non-discriminatory spectrum packages it rules that the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands should not be occupied by the company resulting from the merger. (+)

BELGIUM - Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

- The BIPT has published a public consultation on the draft decision concerning the introduction of a price advisory message for calls to value-added numbers with the 070 prefix. (+)

BULGARIA - Communications Regulation Commission (CRC)

- The CRC launched last 21 July a public consultation on prospects for introducing digital terrestrial audio broadcasting. (+)

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- ANATEL approved last 17 July the auction for the 700 MHz band, with the aim of extending the country's telecommunications infrastructure. Use of this band should facilitate the spread of mobile telephony and high capacity broadband internet to rural areas at lower operational cost. Fourth generation mobile (4G) in Brazil is currently provided in the 2.5 GHz band. (+)

CANADA - Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

- To further assure sustainable competition, the CRTC published on 31 August a ban on exclusivity clauses in roaming agreements between wireless service providers. (+)

SPAIN - Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC)

- The CNMC published on 6 August a document on the residential sector in 2013, indicating that change with respect to fixed telephony, mobile and internet services operator was 15.4, 17.2 and 17.4 percent respectively. These figures reflect a major increase over the previous year, when they rose between 4.1 and 5.5 percentage points. (+)

FINLAND - Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA)

- The regulator published on 14 July the results of a survey conducted among consumers in March and April. The released figures show that contracting of internet services in the greater Helsinki area is more common and faster compared to the rest of the country. Similar differences were noted between cities and other municipalities, specifically prices paid for internet subscriptions, which are lower in cities. (+)

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

- ARCEP published on 10 July a favourable opinion from the committee of independent experts on copper-wire networks, concerning the extension of very high speed digital subscriber line (VDSL2) to all lines emanating from Orange's local loop. (+)
- The regulator exercised its dispute settlement power in matters involving the wholesale market for value added services and access to fibre optic networks. (+)

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- ComReg announced on 22 July extension of the deadline for sending responses to the consultation framed in the implementation of Decision 2012/688/EU of the EC, concerning the liberalisation of paired terrestrial spectrum in 2 GHz. (+)

The NETHERLANDS - Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM)

A new legal framework governing the ACM's activity took force on 1 August, resulting from the harmonisation and simplification of different powers, execution instruments and procedures from its three predecessors, the Netherlands Competition Authority (NMa), the Netherlands Independent Post and Telecommunication Authority (OPTA) and the Netherlands Consumer Authority (NCA). (+)

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- The regulator began a public consultation on 1 August, concerning the proposed regulation on fees to pay for spectrum usage licences in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz. (+)

OECD STUDIES

- Statistics on mobile broadband penetration in 34 countries were released by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) last 22 July. (+)

- The OECD has also released broadband coverage maps (some interactive). (+)

REGULATION COSTS FOR 2014 RATES

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) approved by determination dated 24 July the calculation of costs of regulating the activity of supplier of publicly accessible electronic communication networks and services, amounting to

25,953,316 euros. (+)

On the same date, this Authority also approved the calculation of costs of regulating the activity of supplier of postal services, amounting to 2,501,197 euros. (+)

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE 2ND ITUR T'COM INFRASTRUCTURE MANUAL

ANACOM has approved the final draft of the second edition of the ITUR Manual on technical requirements and specifications for telecommunications infrastructures in housing estates, urban developments and groups of buildings. Some changes were made to the previous

version (approved by determination dated 10 July 2014 for notification to the European Commission) in the wake of comments received from the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ) concerning editorial and metrology aspects. (+)

INVENTORY OF ASSETS PERTAINING TO CTT CONCESSION

ANACOM approved by determination dated 24 July 2014 the draft decision on rules for drawing up the inventory of assets

pertaining to the Portuguese postal service (CTT) concession, applied from financial year 2014 on, inclusive. (+)

FREQUENCIES TO USE IN FREE-FLIGHT ACTIVITY

By determination dated 26 June, ANACOM approved use of the 143.950 MHz, 143.9375 MHz and 143.925 MHz frequencies to

support radiocommunication in the scope of free-flight activity, on the basis of radio licence exemption. (+)

INTERNATIONAL ROAMING

ANACOM is working on an activity to publicise information on international roaming. The aim is to inform consumers about top prices operators can charge for roaming in the European

Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA), in force since 1 July 2014. (+)

LEGAL SYSTEM GOVERNING THE OPERATION AND PRACTICE OF ONLINE GAMING

ANACOM forwarded to Parliament's Committee on Economy and Public Works last 8 July its opinion on the system governing the

operation and practice of online gaming, specifically regarding the designated internet service suppliers. (+)

AGENDA

MEETINGS

BEREC

BEREC/IRG Contact Network (4-8 September)
BEREC/IRG workshop and plenary meeting (24-26 September)

ITU

Internet Governance Forum - IGF (2-5 September)
TDAG (29 September-1 October)

CEPT

COM-ITU (15-18 September)

IMSO

Advisory Committee (16-18 September)

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