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SELECTION AND PRE-SELECTION REGULATION

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved on 21 July the draft regulation on selection and pre-selection, drafted based on the pre-selection specification, the deliberations adopted on this matter and the experience gained since the introduction of those functions.

The regulation is applied to public telephone networks and is compulsory for all operators who provide direct or indirect access.

The consultation is open until 7 September. Comments should be sent, preferably in electronic format, to regulamento.sps@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=286912>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=287478>

SERVICE OFFER CONDITIONS

The draft decision on the object and form of public disclosure of the conditions for the offer and use of electronic communications services was also approved on 21 July, and is under consultation until 28 September. Contributions should be sent to condicoes.oferta@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287157>

GRUPO PT AGGREGATE OFFERS

On 21 July ANACOM also approved a draft decision on the conditions associated to the provision by *Grupo PT* companies of bundled network and line offerings at a single price.

The email address ofertasagregadas@anacom.pt has been set up to receive

comments, by 7 September.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287045>

COSTING MODELS

A consultation is under way for a period of 60 days - until 26 September - which aims to encourage reflection on the principles, methods and rules to be obeyed by the cost accounting system and costing methods adopted by the operators with cost accounting obligations. The consultation's launch was approved in a determination dated 28 July; contributions should be submitted to custeio@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287771>

RENEWAL OF GSM FREQUENCIES

ANACOM decided on 15 July to launch a consultation on renewal of the usage rights for the GSM 900/1800 frequencies allocated to Vodafone and TMN to provide land mobile service. The current licences, valid for 15 years, expire in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

The deadline to submit contributions to this consultation has been postponed, by determination of 28 July, to 15 September. Same should be sent to direitos.utilizacao@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=285293>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=285290>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=286011>

MOBILE TARIFF OBSERVATORY

The Tariff Observatory for mobile telephone service has been available on the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) website since 28 July and enables the cost of voice calls in mobile networks in national territory to be compared and simulated.

This simulator, which includes four functions - tariff consultation, call comparison, virtual calls and monthly consumption - was developed by ANACOM in collaboration with the mobile operators Optimus, TMN and Vodafone with the aim

of enhancing price transparency, information and consumers' ability to choose. During the first week in operation, the Observatory was very well received by users; nearly 54 000 simulations were effected.

The Tariff Observatory will in the future be extended to other services, such as the short message (SMS) and multimedia message (MMS) services.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=286830>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287625>

READER SATISFACTION SURVEY

ANACOM invites *Spectru* readers to comment on this monthly information bulletin. Please consult <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=7605> and send in your opinion and suggestions.

■ CURRENT EVENTS

MIGRATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS - "PT ADSL NETWORK"

In the wake of the draft decision dated 24 June, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved on 28 July the determination concerning the process of customer migration between service providers, in the context of the "PT ADSL Network" ("Rede ADSL PT") offer.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287610>

BROADBAND REPORT

The ANACOM inquiry on the consumption of broadband internet access in Portugal indicates that between October and December 2004 some 17 percent of Portuguese homes were registered to have access to broadband. Published at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=285646>.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OPERATORS

Portugal Telecom, Sonaecom and Oni signed on 29 July an agreement that allows the automatic transfer of customers between telecom operators.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN

The ANACOM Advisory Council approved the opinion on the regulator's plan and budget for the 2006-2008 triennium at its third meeting, held on 12 July.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=283613>

PTC ADHESION CONTRACT

The *PT Comunicações* (PTC) adhesion contract for the provision of telephone service publicly available at a fixed location has been updated.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=283325>

DVB-T AND DVB-H TRIALS AUTHORISED

ANACOM has authorised Siemens, SGC Telecom and the Media Capital group to conduct technical trials on the technologies of digital terrestrial television (DVB-T), digital television for reception in mobile terminals (DVB-H) and the MPEG-4 compression format.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=282788>

ITED REGIME

ANACOM approved in a determination dated 28 July an addendum to the Guide for the Designation of ITED Training Entities. ITED is the Portuguese acronym for Telecommunications Infrastructures in Buildings.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=286328>
(in Portuguese only)

LOWER TELEVISION SIGNAL PRICE

ANACOM adopted on 6 July a draft decision that envisages the entry into force on 1 August of the new prices for the service of distributing and broadcasting terrestrial television signal, involving lower individual instalments, for a minimum of 17 percent.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=282755>

SURVEY OF OPERATORS

The operators and providers of electronic communication services must respond by 15 September to the questionnaire on sector developments that occurred in 2004. The answers will be used to produce the 2004 Statistical Yearbook.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=281682>

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

In compliance with the order handed down by the Oporto Administrative and Fiscal Court, ANACOM has published on its website the announcement about the citation of the other interested parties, in a process wherein Optimus is seeking partial annulment of two decisions adopted on 25 February.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template9.jsp?categoryId=3730>

CERTIFYING ENTITY SUSPENDED

ANACOM has provisionally suspended registration of the Viana do Castelo activity group of the certifying entity PTC.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=157022&contentId=281397>
(Portuguese version)

PORTED NUMBERS

Some 270 679 numbers had been ported by the end of July, of which 211 759 pertain to telephone service at a fixed location (TSFL), 58 608 to mobile telephone service (MTS) and 312 to non-geographic services (NGS).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template25.jsp?categoryId=39090>

NEW POSTAL OPERATORS

ANACOM has licensed Tex-Transporte de Encomendas Expresso to provide non-reserved postal services covered under universal service. The operator Lisespo Transportes has been authorised to provide postal services not reserved and not covered by universal service.

CALL PORTUGAL PROGRAMME

The Government announced on 30 July the National Programme for the Information Society - Call Portugal, involving the public investment of 1 billion euros by 2010.

:: http://www.mctes.pt/index.php?id_categoria=67&id_item=2839&action=2
(in Portuguese)

NEW UMIC DIRECTORS

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education has announced that Luís Magalhães is the new head of UMIC - the Agency for the Knowledge Society.

:: http://www.mctes.pt/index.php?id_categoria=66&id_item=2834&action=2
The activities report of the outgoing directors has been published at <http://www.unic.pcm.gov.pt/NR/rdonlyres/418FDC10-C99C-4025-B581-E204E9CDBAAA/4009/RelatórioActividadesUMIC.pdf> (Portuguese version).

COMPETITION AUTHORITY

The Competition Authority (AdC) has published the annual monitoring report on the electronic communication markets, referring to 2004, at <http://www.autoridadedaconcorrenca.pt/vimages/Relatorio.pdf>. The most recent edition of the *eConcorrência* newsletter is available at <http://www.autoridadedaconcorrenca.pt/vimages/e-ConcorrencaJULHO05.pdf>.

ANACOM PARTICIPATES IN SYMPOSIUM

ANACOM took part on 7-8 July in the international symposium on "New Challenges and Threats in the Information Era: national information strategy" held in Lisbon, giving a presentation on the topic of "Regulation and Evolution in Telecommunications".

APDC WORKSHOP

The presentations given during the workshop on "eGovernment: the path towards electronic identification of the European citizen", of the Association for the Development of Communications (APDC), held in Lisbon on 6 July, may be consulted at http://www.apdc.pt/actividades/eventos/workshop/workshop_e_gov_apresentacoes_f2.html.

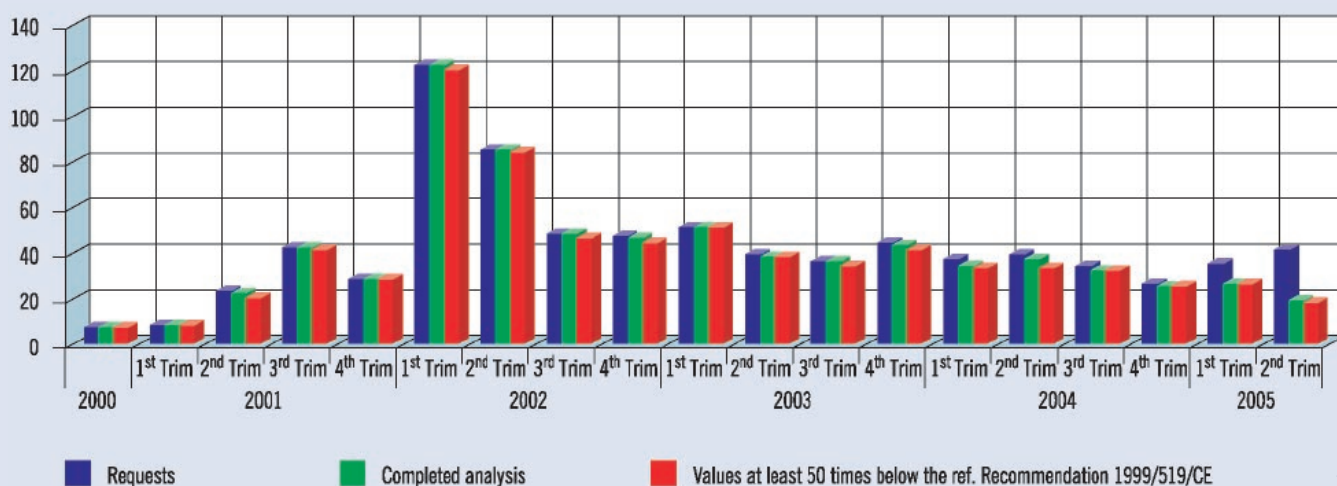
INFORMATION SOCIETY EDITORIAL PRIZE

The Association for the Promotion and Development of the Information Society (APDSI) has awarded the 2004 Information Society Editorial Prize.

:: <http://www.apdsi.pt/Premios/Page13996/page13996.html>

EVALUATION OF NON-IONISING RADIATION

	2000	2001				2002				2003				2004				2005	
		1 st T	2 nd T	3 rd T	4 th T	1 st T	2 nd T	3 rd T	4 th T	1 st T	2 nd T	3 rd T	4 th T	1 st T	2 nd T	3 rd T	4 th T	1 st T	2 nd T
Requests	7	8	23	42	28	122	85	48	47	51	39	36	44	37	39	34	26	35	41
Completed analysis	7	8	22	42	28	122	85	48	46	51	38	36	43	34	37	32	25	26	19
Values at least 50 times below the ref. Recommendation 1999/519/CE	7	8	20	41	28	120	84	46	44	51	38	34	41	33	33	32	25	26	18



ANALYSIS OF MARKETS 7, 13 AND 14

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) adopted on 8 July the decision concerning analysis of the retail market for leased lines (market 7) and of the wholesale markets for terminal segments and leased lines transit (markets 13 and 14), as per the terms of European Commission Recommendation 2003/311/EC of 11 February.

The *Grupo PT* companies that act in these markets, identified as relevant for effects of ex ante regulation, were deemed to have significant market power (SMP) and, as such, are subject to a set of obligations, specifically: in market 7, non-discrimination in the offer and provision of information, transparent publi-

cation of information, and price control and cost accounting; regarding markets 13 and 14, obligations to access and use specific network resources, non-discrimination in the offer of access and interconnection and in the respective provision of information, transparent publication of information, including reference proposals, accounts separation vis-à-vis specific activities related to access and/or interconnection, price control, and cost accounting and financial report. ANACOM has notified the European Commission and the member States of the adopted measures.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=283955>

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Order no. 16229/2005** (II Series of the *Diário da República* of 26 July) - Delegation of powers from the Minister of Public Works, Transports and Communications to the Assistant State Secretary for Public Works and Communications.
- **Order no. 16205/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 26 July) - Determines the provisional non-adjudication proposed by the commission assessing the process regarding the integrated Portuguese emergency and safety network system (SIRESP), besides reopening negotiations with the competing consortium.
- **Resolution no. 38/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 19 July) - Appoints Carlos Zorrinho as national co-ordinator of the Lisbon Strategy, reporting directly to the Prime Minister.
- **Notices 6774/2005 and 6775/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 18 July) - Internal delegation of powers of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM).
- **Notice no. 6623/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 11 July) - Publication of the national frequency allocation plan.

The Council of Ministers (CM) of 29 July approved a resolution determining the adoption of an electronic invoicing system by the services and bodies of public administration.

The 8 June CM approved a proposed law that sets the terms for application of the current integrated system to evaluate the performance of public administration, established by Law no. 10/2004 of 22 May, and determines its revision during the course of 2006.

GAUGING THE QUALITY OF THE MOBILE NETWORKS

The most recent study gauging the service quality of mobile networks carried out by the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM), concerning long calls, indicates good results for the active operators - Optimus, TMN and Vodafone - with respect to the three analysed indicators: coverage, accessibility and audio quality.

The study, for which tests were carried out in May 2005 on the Lisbon-Oporto (A1), Oporto-Valença-Oporto (A3+IC1), Lisbon-Sintra-Cascais-Lisbon (A5+IC19)

and Lisbon-Vila Real de Santo António (A2+A22) road arteries, indicates that the mobile networks have a good capacity to maintain long calls, i.e., those lasting five or more minutes. More than 93 percent of the test calls were successfully made and maintained and about 98 percent of them had acceptable audio quality.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287792>



PORTABILITY REGULATIONS APPROVED

ANACOM approved in a determination dated 22 July the Portability Regulations. Once published in the *Diário da República* (official gazette) they will become compulsory for all operators with portability obligations.

The regulations set out the principles and rules applicable to portability in public telephone networks.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287471>



CALL TERMINATION IN THE FIXED NETWORK

Interested parties were given 20 working days to comment on the decision adopted by ANACOM on 8 July, concerning call termination in the public telephone network at a fixed location of the notified operators with significant

market power (SMP), except for the *Grupo PT* companies (market 9).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287665>



OPERATORS/ PROVIDERS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES

Operators/ Providers of Electronic Communications Networks and Services

	No. of authorised entities a)	Operational entities b)
Operators of Electronic Communications Networks		
Cable Distribution Networks	11	9
- Networks accessible to the public	9	8
- Networks not accessible to the public	2	1
Public Telecommunications Networks	25	21 c)
Providers of Electronic Communications Services		
UMTS Mobile Services	3	3
Mobile Telephone Service (MTS)	3	3
Fixed Telephone Service (FTS)	22	14
Trunking Mobile Service	2	2
Data Transmission Services		
- Internet access service (ISP)	40	32
- Voice Transport to CUG Service	4	n.a.
- Other DTS d)	42	19
Satellite Communications Services	6	4
Public Payphone Services	9	5
Virtual Calling Card Service e)	23	14
Video-conference Service	1	1

a) Situation at 30 June 2005

b) Situation at 31 March 2005

c) Of these 21 entities, 11 evidence activity in terms of network establishment and supply thereof to third parties, and only 10 exhibit activity as regards the establishment of their own network.

d) Other data services (except for Internet services).

e) Includes entities authorised to provide virtual calling card service under FTS licences

n.a. - non available

Operators/ Providers of Other Services

	No. of authorised entities a)	Operational entities b)
Postal Services	15	14
Audiotext Services	6	2

a) Situation at 30 June 2005

b) Situation at 31 March 2005

Full consultation of authorised and operational operators/ providers at <http://www.anacom.pt/template10.jsp?categoryId=8740>.



□ EUROPEAN UNION

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 11 MEMBER STATES

The European Commission announced on 7 July that it had begun infringement proceedings against 11 member States for failing to properly implement the new rules for electronic communications.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/875&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/242&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

BROADBAND CONSULTATION

A public consultation on broadband internet access was launched on 14 July. The aim is to encourage its respective usage, particularly in rural areas of the European Union.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/928&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

ROAMING WARNING

"Using your mobile phone while on holiday abroad can still lead to very unpleasant surprises", warns Viviane Reding, the Commissioner for Information Society and Media. The European Commission considers roaming prices to be too high and seeks more transparency for such mobile prices.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/901&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/247&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

LINE SHARING IN GERMANY

The Commission and the regulator have obliged Deutsche Telekom to change its wholesale prices for sharing access to the local loop.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1033&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

INTERNET ACCESS REGULATED

Following on the proposal by the French regulator, ARCEP (*Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes*), the Commission has authorised application of the obligation to provide broadband internet access, by France Telecom, for one year.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1012&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

TELECOMS COUNCILS

The United Kingdom, which currently presides over the European Union Council, has scheduled the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Councils of Ministers for 6-7 October in Luxembourg and 1-2 December in Brussels.

:: <http://www.eu2005.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1115145086067>

ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT MARKETS

The Commission completed on 14 July the 200th assessment of the proposals submitted by national regulatory authorities with the aim of characterising competition, assessing the existence of significant market power and imposing obligations on operators in the electronic communications markets, as per Commission Recommendation 2003/311/EC of 11 February.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/926&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/255&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

Analysts consider that the adoption of a Commission decision dated 14 July which frees spectrum for radio local area networks (RLANs), known as wi-fi, may lead to the explosion of wireless internet access.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/929&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/256&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

AUDIOVISUAL CONSULTATION

September 5 is the deadline to submit comments in the final stage of the consultation on the audiovisual sector, which will culminate with the Commission's presentation of a proposal that will replace the 1989 Television Without Frontiers Directive.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/908&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: http://europa.eu.int/comm/avpolicy/revision-tvwf2005/consult_en.htm

SUPPORT FOR ICTs

The Commission has announced that it will fund nearly 300 selected projects in the area of information and communication technologies (ICTs). Additional information at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1034&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>.

ICANN CONFERENCE

The Commissioner for Information Society and Media participated in the conference of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) held in Luxembourg on 11 July.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/05/457&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

IS AND THE BLIND

The GRAB project, which enables the blind and visually impaired to perceive three-dimensional computer graphics, is one of 14 candidates for the Descartes research prize, worth 1.5 million euros, which will be announced in London on 2 December.

:: <http://istresults.cordis.lu/index.cfm?section=news&tpl=article&ID=77659>

ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC WASTE

Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Poland and the United Kingdom are the eight member States that the Commission has formally asked to transpose the three directives that should have been adopted by 13 August 2004, with the aim of reducing and recycling electrical and electronic waste.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/895&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/248&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

DIGITAL ECONOMY DEBATED

Officials from the telecoms and entertainment industries met in London to study the evolution of the digital economy.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/900&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

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

WG SE

The report from the study on the compatibility of fixed wireless access (FWA) service in the 5725-5875 MHz band (ECC Report 68) and a recommendation on criteria for evaluating interference caused by harmful radiation from wire-line telecommunication networks (ECC REC(05)04) were approved at the most recent meeting of the Spectrum Engineering group (WG SE), held on 6-10 June in Riga, Latvia.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109953&contentId=287845>

ECC PT SE7

Copenhagen hosted a 30 June-1 July meeting of project team PT SE7, which covers issues related to land mobile service.

:: www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109952&contentId=287865

WG ITU

Preparations for the 2005 session of the International Telecommunication Union

:: <http://www.cept.org> :: <http://www.ero.dk>

(ITU) Council were in focus when this group met in Switzerland on 7-8 July.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=111242&contentId=287934>

ECC TG3

Copenhagen served as venue for the 11-13 July meeting of ECC TG3, whose mission concerns ultra wide band (UWB). Additional information at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110399&contentId=287866>.

PT PP06

PT PP06, the project team in charge of European preparations for the next ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP06), met for the third time on 27-28 July in Warsaw. There, the PT proceeded to identify and elaborate issues that will potentially be subject to proposals for CEPT to submit to PP06. Various contributions from a number of administrations have already been presented, on issues identified in previous meetings.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=135683&contentId=287927>



□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

2005 COUNCIL SESSION

The main topics on the agenda of the 2005 session of the ITU Council were approval of the budget for the 2006-2007 triennium, reappointment of the New

Council Oversight Group (NCOG) and the method of recovering the costs of processing satellite network filings.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=113679&contentId=287933>



□ NATO PWG AND NATO FMSC

The Policy Working Group (NATO PWG) and the Frequency Management Sub-Committee (NATO FMSC) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) met at NATO headquarters in Brussels on 4-5 July and 6-7 July, respectively.

Details at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109920&contentId=287867>.



□ EU MEETINGS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

COCOM met on 6 July in Brussels. Additional information at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109860&contentId=287931>.

POSTAL DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE

Brussels hosted on 12 July a meeting of the Postal Directive Committee, which discussed the second report on implementation of the Postal Directive and the actions planned for 2006, namely the public consultation to be launched by the Commission in November.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109879&contentId=287825>

WG CO-OPERATION ON CRIMINAL MATTERS

This Council group held a meeting on 4-5 July in the Belgian capital.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=159524&contentId=287930>

PRIVACY DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP

Details on the "Open Workshop on Location-based Services and the ePrivacy Directive", held on 12 July in Brussels, are available at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=100825&contentId=287932>.



■ OJEU

- **Commission Decision (2005/513/EC)** - Concerning the harmonised use of radio spectrum in the 5 GHz frequency band for the implementation of wireless access systems, including radio local area networks (WAS/RLAN). Dated 11 July and published on 19 July.
- **Judgment of the Court of Justice - Third Chamber (2005/C171/05)** - Of 28 April 2005, in case C-31/04: Commission of the European Communities against the Kingdom of Spain (Failure by a member State to fulfil its obligations - Directive 2001/29/EC - Harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society - Failure to transpose within the period prescribed). Published on 9 July.
- **Resolution of the Committee of the Regions (2005/C164/13)** - Concerning revitalisation of the Lisbon Strategy. Published on 5 July.
- **Non-opposition to a notified concentration (2005/C156/04)** - Case no. COMP/M.3806 - Telefonica/Cesky Telecom. Published on 28 June.
- **Call for independent experts (2005/C156/11)** - Under the *eContent Plus* and *Safer Internet Plus* (2005-2008) programmes. Published on 28 June.



:: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

SPAIN - Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT) - The most recent statistical data made available by the regulator on broadband internet access (ADSL), fixed and mobile portability, pre-selection and local loop access, as at 30 June, have been published at [http://www.cmt.es/cmt/centro_info/publicaciones/pdf/nota_jn05.ppt#577,1,Nota Mensual - Junio 2005](http://www.cmt.es/cmt/centro_info/publicaciones/pdf/nota_jn05.ppt#577,1,Nota_Mensual_-_Junio_2005) . The 2004 annual report may be consulted at http://www.cmt.es/cmt/centro_info/publicaciones/lanual_2004/inf_anual.pdf .

SPAIN - Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio (MICYT) - The first projects under the programme to expand broadband to isolated and rural areas have been approved, covering Asturias, the Canary Islands, the Balaeric Islands, Castilla y Leon and Galicia.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/7/bandaancha270705.htm>

The Spanish information technologies market grew by 4 percent last year, indicates the report on "Information Technologies in Spain in 2004", presented on 27 June.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/7/aetic270705.htm>

The Council of Ministers has approved legislation that adjusts author's rights to the new digital reality. Details at <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/7/derechosautor220705.htm> . Manuel Castells heads the Advisory Commission for Promotion of the Information and Communication Society.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/7/avanza200705.htm>

The service quality levels of the fixed telephony operators have been published.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/6/calidad300605.htm>

September 23 is the deadline to submit comments in the ongoing consultation on secondary spectrum trading.

:: <http://www2.setsi.mityc.es/Novedades/presentacion.htm>

FRANCE - Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP) - The regulator has proposed to the minister for the sector that measures be adopted to augment the secondary spectrum market.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/index-c05-43.htm>

Results of the most recent survey evaluating the quality of the mobile networks, undertaken between November 2004 and May 2005, have been released.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/index-c05-41.htm>

Some 45 million French people have mobile telephones.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/index-c05-42.htm>

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (OFCOM) - The annual report

and accounts for 2004/ 2005, covering the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005, has been released, along with the Communications Market 2005 report.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/07/nr_20050719

:: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/research/cm/overview05/>

The regulator's most recent organisational restructuring included the appointment of five new officials.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/07/nr_20050721

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) - The consultation on the planned regulation strategy to be in force until 2007 ended on 12 August.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg0547.pdf

The guidelines operators should follow regarding user rights have been published.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/whats_new/default.asp?ctype=5&nid=102098

The regulator has announced some changes to introduce in 2006 in the national numbering plan of some regions. More information at http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg0557.pdf .

GERMANY - Federal Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway (Federal Network Agency) - The German regulator, (formerly the Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Posts - RegTP) has changed designation and on 13 July took on new powers in the sectors of electricity, gas and rail transport, besides telecommunications and postal service.

:: <http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/2745.pdf>

The use of fixed wireless access (FWA) in internet access is the subject of a consultation launched on 27 July.

:: <http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/2744.pdf>

MOROCCO - Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT) - The Méditelem consortium, held by Portugal Telecom and Telefonica, has won the tender to grant a new fixed licence.

:: http://www.anrt.net.ma/admin/download/upload/file_fr514.pdf

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL) - The regulator announced on 14 July that it had approved the general quality targets plan for subscription television services.

:: [http://www.anatel.gov.br/Tools/frame.asp?link=/biblioteca/releases/2005/release_14_07_2005\(1\).pdf](http://www.anatel.gov.br/Tools/frame.asp?link=/biblioteca/releases/2005/release_14_07_2005(1).pdf)

In June cellular telephony reached 75.5 million subscribers, registering 2.4 percent growth over the previous month. Details at http://www.anatel.gov.br/Tools/frame.asp?link=/biblioteca/releases/2005/release_18_07_2005.pdf .

The basic digital TV channel distribution plan has taken force.

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_30_06_2005.PDF (in Portuguese)



□ EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ETSI)

The OCG ECN&S (Electronic Communications Networks and Services Directives) group of ETSI met on 13 June at the organisation's headquarters in Sophia Antipolis.

The list of standards for electronic communications was discussed, specifically the report ETSI SR 002 211. The meeting also broached topics related to activity

of the technical committees STQ (Speech Processing, Transmission and Quality Aspects), TISPAN (which covers migration of the lines network to packet-based networks) and SES (Satellite Earth Stations and Systems).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=159502&contentId=287885>



□ LOCAL LOOP UNBUNDLING (LLU)

CONTRACT DENOUNCEMENT

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved on 28 July the draft determination on the process of denouncing the contract for local loop unbundling (LLU).

The aim is to simplify the process of denouncing the contract for telephone service publicly available at a fixed location which the user maintains with *PT Comunicações* (PTC), effected per LLU; PTC should initiate the process of supplying local loop at the moment it receives the order request from the loop-receiving operator, without proceeding to prior verification of the validity of the denunciations or authorisations.

Interested parties should submit comments in writing within 10 working days, as per the terms of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287715>

OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

In a determination dated 8 July, ANACOM approved the draft determination on the conditions for the deployment of local loop unbundling, which was submitted to prior hearing of interested parties for 30 working days. After approval of the definitive decision, PTC should change the reference unbundling offer (RUO) to assure conformity.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146187&contentId=283072> ◀

□ SLRO REFERENCE PROPOSAL

ANACOM adopted on 21 July the draft decision on the changes the *Grupo PT* companies must introduce in the subscriber line resale offer (SLRO) reference offer. According to this draft determination, PT must lower the monthly SLRO fee charged to new operators by about 7 percent, setting it at 11.32 euros.

Interested parties may submit comments in writing within 30 working days.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=287518>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=287478> ◀

□ CO-OPERATION WITH CAPE VERDE

Two officials from the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) visited the offices of the Institute of Communications and Information Technologies (ICTI) in the Cape Verdean capital Cidade da Praia on 20-24 June, with the aim of finalising plans for the national network of spectrum control stations and respective locations, which in the future will be a part of the country's spectrum control and management system.

The mission was supported by a previous 1995-1996 study in collaboration

with ANACOM, and a recent ICTI document on equipment, communication infrastructures and installation sites. Regarding the latter topic, various validation trips were made to sites on the islands of Santiago, Sal and São Vicente. Plans call for launching by the end of 2005 the tender for acquisition of Cape Verde's future spectrum control and management system.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=60131&contentId=95370> ◀

■ IN AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2005

AUGUST

EU

- RSPG/WAPECS (29-30)

IRG

- PT Transparency in retail international roaming (22)

CEPT

ECC
- WG SE7 (16-18)
- WG SE19 (24-26)
- CPG07/ PT3 (29-31)

UPAEP

- 19th Congress (9-16)

SEPTEMBER

EU

- Council of Telecommunications Ministers (9)

IRG

- Contacts Network (8-9)
- Plenary session (22-23)

CEPT

- EFIS (2)
- Assembly (14-15)
ECC
- CPG PT4 (6-7)
- PT1 (6-8)
- TG3 (12-16)
- CPG PT1 (18-22)
- WG SE/ SE7 (20-22)
- PT7 (21-22)
- WG SE/ SE19 (22-23)
- WG RA (26-30)
- WG FM (26-30)
CERP
- WG Economic Issues (26)

ITU

Council
- NCOG (1)
Radiocommunication Sector
- WP1A (26-30)
- WP IPG (28-29)
Development Sector
- Study Group 1 (6-9)

Co-operation

- Technical meeting CPLP (12-14)
- ANACOM/ ANATEL Co-ordination Commission (28-30)

EVENTS

AUGUST

- *5th Annual Asia Pacific Mobile Payments Summit 2005*
Bangkok, 18-19

SEPTEMBER

- *32nd Conference of the European Association for Industrial Economy Research*
Faculty of Economy of the University of Oporto, 1-4
- *European Conference of the International Telecommunications Society*
Faculty of Economy of Oporto, 4-6
- *Public Service Broadcasting and the Digital Switchover Conference*
London, 5-6
- *MVNO Strategies & Markets*
New York, 7-8

- 1st Multimedia Forum

Estoril Congress Centre, 14

- *Management of Information, Knowledge and Learning in Organisations*

INA, Oeiras, 19-21

- *15th Annual European Forum on Information Technologies*
Paris, 26-27

- *4th Annual Diário Económico Telecom Forum*
Lisbon, 27

- *ISSE 2005 - Independent European ICT Security Conference and Exhibition*
Budapest, 27-29

- *1st Business Mobility Congress*
Lisbon, 28-29

- *Public Administration's Relationship with the Citizen - Systems, Solutions and Experience*
INA, Oeiras, 28-29

- *Digital Evolution of Central and Local Public Administration*
Lisbon, 29

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template2.jsp?categoryId=51309> (Portuguese version) ◀