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## □ SURVEY ON CONSUMPTION OF POSTAL SERVICES

Nearly half the users of postal services in Portugal (46.6 percent) indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the evolution of service quality verified in the last twelve months. Only 3.1 percent of users are "dissatisfied" with the qualitative evolution of postal service. This is one of the main conclusions of the survey on the consumption of postal services, which examines the use and perception of postal service quality in Portugal. The survey was carried out between 9 and 26 January 2006 by the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) and Consulmark. According to the study, normal mail and priority mail continue to

have the most users, being used by respectively about 68 percent and 57.4 percent of the respondents. They are followed by the relatively fewer who use registered mail and postal orders, about 28 percent and 20.4 percent of the respondents. The study also indicates that the service of "mailing normal correspondence" is the most used by the respondents (mentioned by about 86.4 percent), followed by "payment of services" and "reception of registered letters", used respectively by about 23.1 and 21.3 percent of the surveyed users. (+info)

## □ NEW BOARD OF DIRECTIONS TAKES OFFICE

The newly comprised ANACOM Board of Directors, as approved by the 8 June Council of Ministers and published in the *Diário da República* (official gazette) of 21 June (Resolution no. 59/2006), has already assumed its duties. This ANACOM body is now headed by José Manuel Amado da Silva, accompanied by Alberto Souto de Miranda as vice president. The other members are Teresa Xavier Pintado Maury, Eduardo de Almeida Cardadeiro and José Manuel Ferrari Careto. (+info)

The inauguration ceremony took place on 28 June at the offices of the Ministry

of Public Works, Transport and Communications, with the respective minister, Mário Lino, presiding. The assistant state secretary for public works and communications, Paulo Campos, also attended. (+info)

The speech by ANACOM President José Amado da Silva at that ceremony is now available. (+info)

After taking office the new ANACOM Board of Directors met and decided by determination dated 29 June to assign responsibilities to each of its members. This determination will be published in the *Diário da República*. (+info)

## □ FLAT RATE – CHANGES TO THE RIO

ANACOM approved by determination dated 8 June 2006 the changes to the reference interconnection offer (RIO) needed to introduce the flat rate, i.e., capacity-based interconnection. The measure now adopted determines that the concessionaire *PT Comunicações* must include in the RIO, in a separate section, a set of conditions for capacity-based interconnection, along with information on implementation with respect to contracts, procedures, prices and service

quality, as is current practice in the other interconnection services. The concessionaire must also submit to ANACOM within 30 days counting from the date of that determination a new RIO version that includes capacity-based interconnection, which should respect the principles of transparency and non-discrimination. This new version must be presented and published 60 days before the date the offer of capacity-based interconnection takes effect. (+info)

## ■ TARIFF MONITOR RECORDS 100,000 SIMULATIONS

The Tariff Monitor for mobile telephone service (MTS) has already recorded 100,000 simulation operations made since it was first offered to the public about 11 months ago. Set up and developed by ANACOM, working with the three mobile operators (TMN, Vodafone and Optimus), the monitor is a simulator which freely provides to consumers the information needed to evaluate the available MTS price table alternatives in Portugal. The data collected up to 28 June indicates that over the course the previous 11 months there were a total of 56,093 accesses and 104,315 simulation operations, corresponding to an average of about 5,099 accesses and 9,483 simulations per month. As for the use of available functions – monthly consumption, call or message comparison, virtual call or message and price consultation – the price consultations and call or message comparisons particularly stood out. Some 57,773 price consultations had been made by 28 June, and 31,259 call or message comparisons, respectively corresponding to about 55.4 and 30 percent of all simulation operations. (+info)

## ■ CURRENT EVENTS

**ANACOM AUTHORISES DVB-T, DVB-H AND T-DMB TRIALS**

Following the request from the Telecommunications Institute – Aveiro branch, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has authorised the use until the end of 2006 of channel 67 (838-846 MHz) to conduct technical trials of DVB-T (digital terrestrial television) and DVB-H (digital television for reception in mobile terminals) technologies. *Rádio e Televisão de Portugal* (RTP) has also been authorised to use the 12C bloc (226.592-228.128 MHz) to conduct technical trials of T-DMB (terrestrial digital multimedia broadcasting) technology until the end of this coming September. Said authorisations impose no binding link, obligation or condition on action undertaken by ANACOM. (+info)

**DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE SERVICE**

*PT Comunicações* has posted on its respective website the Public Payphone Development Strategy Statement for 2006. This document is framed by the ANACOM decision on public payphone service dated 15 July 2004. (+info)

**NEW POSTAL OPERATOR**

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has granted the company ASL COURIER authorisation to provide postal services that are not reserved nor covered by the scope of universal service. (+info, Portuguese only)

**PT COMUNICAÇÕES REFERENCE OFFERS**

*Portugal Telecom* has posted on its website the updated version of the reference ADSL broadband network access offer. This new version includes the following changes, to take effect as of 1 August 2006: lower prices for combined accesses with ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) aggregation – physical access component – and optimisation of the PVP (permanent virtual path) ATMs in the URB (unspecified bit rate) service category. Also posted were updated versions of the reference conduit access offer (RCAO), in the wake of the ANACOM determination of 26 May 2006, and the leased lines reference offer (LLRO), complying with the ANACOM determination of the same date. (+info, Portuguese only)

**PT COMUNICAÇÕES FIXED-MOBILE RETAIL PRICES**

The decision to not oppose the entrance into force of the proposed price table for fixed-mobile traffic submitted by *PT Comunicações*, to take force on 1 July 2006, was adopted by determination dated 8 June. (+info)

**ITED – SUSPENSION OF CERTIFYING ENTITIES**

With regard to telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED is the Portuguese acronym), orders dated 14 March 2006 determined the start of administrative proceedings with a view to cancelling the registrations of the certifying entities E.M. Soares – *Instalações Eléctricas Unipessoal* and Certitejo – *Certificação de Instalações de Telecomunicações*. At the same time the provisional suspension of those entities was approved for a period of three months counting from the respective notifications, which took place on 21 and 22 March 2006 respectively. Also approved was the realisation of complementary inspections, specifically of ten infrastructures certified by the said entities.

(+info, Portuguese only)

Regarding E.M. Soares, ANACOM upheld, in an order dated 14 June 2006, the provisional registration suspension measure for 60 more days – the estimated time needed to complete the process. (+info, Portuguese only)

**ANACOM PRESENTATION AT THE FIRST TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

The presentation given by ANACOM at the first Technology Workshops is now available. The event, organised by the magazine “O Electricista”, was held on 2 June at the Aveiro Culture and Congress Centre. (+info, Portuguese only)

**ANACOM AND AdC – JOINT STATEMENT**

ANACOM and the Competition Authority (AdC – *Autoridade da Concorrência*) issued a joint statement on 4 July which, in reply to a story published in the media, they explained that their relationship was governed above all by the terms of the law, with total respect and a spirit of mutual collaboration. (+info)

**AUDIO BROADCASTING OPERATORS**

The list of audio broadcasting operators has been updated in the “Radiocommunication Services” section. (+info)

**CNPD LAUNCHES “PRIVACY LINE”**

The National Data Protection Commission (CNPD) launched in early July the Privacy Line, a new telephone number (21 393 0039) specifically for the use of citizens, companies and private entities on working days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the same time a Public Attendance Office was also established. The form posted on the internet and the corresponding e-mail address (duvidas@cnpd.pt) may also be used to contact the CNPD. (+info)

**CREATION OF ONLINE ENTERPRISES LAUNCHED**

The Government launched on 30 June the project for the creation of online enterprises, an initiative under the “company in an hour” measure approved by the Council of Ministers of 8 June, which has already enabled the constitution of 8,330 business companies. The legal basis for an “online enterprise” allows the electronic constitution of business companies and civil enterprises of a commercial nature, as limited companies, partnerships and corporations. An “online enterprise” can be set up by any interested party as long as same holds a valid electronic signature or by means of lawyers, solicitors or notaries who fulfil that condition. (+info, Portuguese only)

**ELECTRONIC COMMERCE – 1ST QUARTER BAROMETER**

The Quarterly Barometer of Electronic Commerce in Portugal is now available. The main conclusions of this joint initiative of the Association for Electronic Commerce in Portugal (ACEP) and the Netsonda company indicate that the volume of sales via the internet increased for 85 percent of the respondents.

(+info, Portuguese only)

**LICENCES OF SIC AND TVI RENEWED**

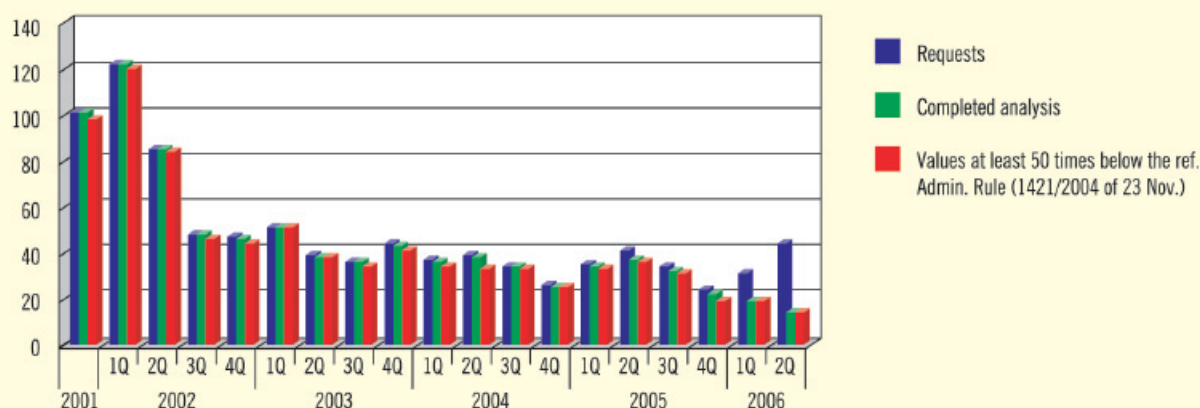
The Regulatory Council of the Media Regulatory Agency (ERC – *Entidade Reguladora para a Comunicação Social*) has unanimously decided to renew the television licences of the television operators SIC – *Sociedade Independente de Comunicação* and TVI – *Televisão Independente* with respect to the programming services respectively known as SIC and TVI. The decision, part of the process of renewing the operating permit, has been posted on the ERC website.

(+info, Portuguese only)

As for the process of renewing the frequency usage rights, ANACOM launched last February a public consultation on renewal of the rights allocated to SIC and TVI to conduct television broadcasting activity. The consultation closed on 23 March; this Authority will consequently determine, after prior hearing of both operators, the maximum duration of the frequency usage right of SIC and TVI in compliance with the legal time period, conditioned by changes eventually introduced in the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP). It must also determine which conditions can objectively be associated to the renewal of those rights, according to the principles of non-discrimination, proportionality and transparency.

## ■ ASSESSMENT OF NON-IONISING RADIATION

	2001	2002				2003				2004				2005				2006	
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
Requests	101	122	85	48	47	51	39	36	44	37	39	34	26	35	41	34	24	31	44
Completed analyses	101	122	85	48	46	51	38	36	43	36	38	34	25	34	37	32	22	19	14
Values at least 50 times below the ref. Admin. Rule (1421/2004 of 23 Nov.)	98	120	84	46	44	51	38	34	41	34	33	33	25	33	36	31	19	19	14



## □ UNIVERSAL POSTAL SERVICE – CHANGES TO THE GENERAL CONCESSION BASES

Decree-Law no. 112/2006 of 9 June has been published, which modifies the general premises for the universal postal service concession approved by Decree-Law no. 448/99 of 4 November, and creates electronic mailbox service. The new instrument envisages assigning a new service to the concession entity, the electronic mailbox, whose creation was determined by Council of Ministers Resolution no. 50/2006 of 5 May. This service (ViaCTT), launched on 27 June,

applies to the area of communication between the State, including the courts, services and bodies that comprise direct, indirect or autonomous State administration and the independent administrative agencies on the one hand, and citizens and enterprises on the other, especially in the field of administrative procedures and court proceedings. (+info)

## □ “anacom.eu” DOMAIN NOW AVAILABLE

The European domain of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) website, “anacom.eu” is now available. ANACOM registered this new domain during the first registration phase for the .eu top-level domain, which took place

from December 2005 to March 2006, promoted by the European Registry of Internet Domain Names (EURid), the European independent entity chosen by the European Commission to manage the said internet top-level domain. (+info)

## □ OPINION ON COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION PRICES

The opinion on the “Comparison of International Prices as Competitiveness Indicators: the case of telecommunications”, produced by Luís Campos e Cunha of the Economics Faculty at the *Universidade Nova de Lisboa* on ANACOM’s request, is now available. Using a very thorough analytical approach, it issues an

opinion on the method to use when comparing the prices charged by companies in the same sector located in different countries. The opinions expressed therein do not necessarily reflect those of ANACOM nor condition its actions.

(+info, Portuguese only)

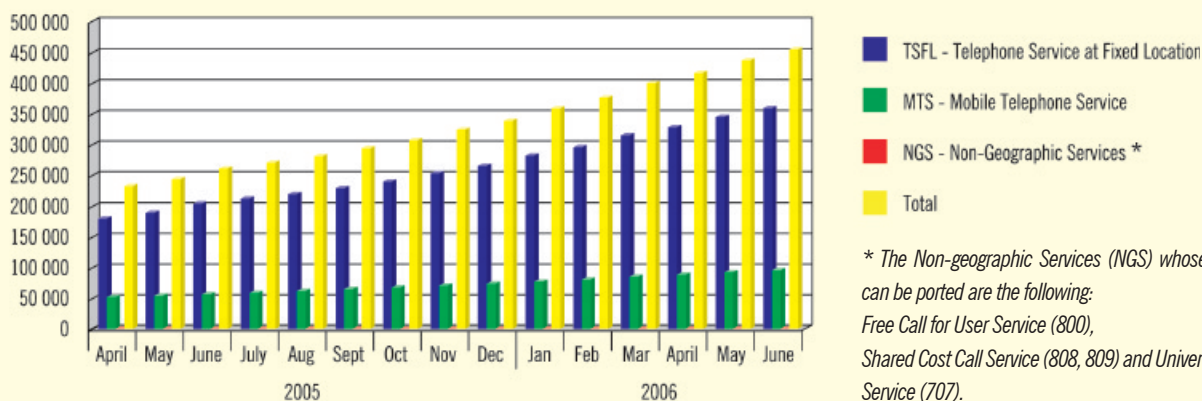
## □ RTP FINANCING APPROVED

The European Commission (EC) has approved the RTP financial reorganisation plan, and considers it to be compatible with the rules of the EC Treaty with respect to state aid. Signed in September 2003 by the Portuguese government and RTP, the Portuguese public broadcaster, the agreement is applicable until 2019 and aims to gradually reduce RTP’s debt of nearly 1 billion euros. With the investigation complete, the Commission concluded that nearly all the debt is due

to constant under-financing of RTP public service missions in the past, and that the aid now granted by the State is proportional to RTP’s need for public financing. Note that in October 2003 the EC had already made a first decision on the issue, holding that the state aid granted to RTP between 1992 and 1998 was not more than the net costs of the public service. (+info)

## ■ PORTED NUMBERS

	2005									2006					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
TSFL	179 963	189 237	204 052	211 759	219 092	228 731	239 478	252 984	265 077	281 753	295 502	314 749	327 983	344 547	359 003
MTS	51 822	54 108	56 470	58 608	61 547	64 764	67 491	70 692	73 394	76 957	80 456	85 178	88 251	92 197	95 416
NGS*	294	303	310	312	320	329	333	347	351	396	399	432	438	461	474
TOTAL	232 079	243 648	260 832	270 679	280 959	293 824	307 302	324 023	338 822	359 102	376 357	400 359	416 672	437 205	454 893



## □ BROADBAND IN PORTUGAL

The Government's public announcement on broadband, which among other aspects concerned the total ADSL coverage of Portuguese territory, was made in Canhestros, Ferreira do Alentejo. This event, part of the Connecting Portugal programme, was attended by Prime Minister José Sócrates, Public Works, Transport and Communications Minister Mário Lino and *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) board member José Manuel Ferrari Careto. (+info)

Updated information is meanwhile available on broadband's geographic dis-

tribution in Portugal. In June 2006 the 1,853 public telephone network exchanges were equipped with DSLAM (digital subscriber line access multiplexer). Regarding broadband internet access via cable-modem, the cable distribution networks on the mainland were concentrated in the Greater Lisbon and Greater Oporto regions. In the autonomous island regions, in Madeira more than 92 per cent of households were cabled, while in the Azores the figure for this indicator is 60 per cent. (+info)

## ■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Administrative rule no. 653/2006** (I Series-B, *Diário da República* of 29 June) – Sets the monetary amounts to pay by the entities which pursue media activities.
- **Administrative rule no. 657-C/2006** (I Series-B, D.R. of 29 June) – Regulates the designation, operation and functions of the internet website that enables the online constitution of business enterprises and civil societies of a commercial nature of the limited and corporate type, as well as the use of means of electronic authentication and electronic signature when indicating data and submitting documents, as per article 17 of Decree-Law no. 125/2006 of 29 June.
- **Resolution no. 59/2006** (II Series, D.R. of 21 June) – Appoints the president and three new members of the Board of Directors of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações*.
- **Presidential Decree no. 56/2006** (I Series-A, D.R. of 20 June) – Ratifies Resolution of Parliament no. 45/2006.
- **Resolution of Parliament no. 45/2006** (I Series-A, D.R. of 20 June) – Approves for ratification the Additional Protocol to the Convention for Personal Protection concerning the Automatic Processing of Personal Data, with respect to the control authorities and cross-border data flows, open for signing in Strasbourg on 8 November 2001.
- **Decree-Law no. 116-A/2006** (I Series-A (2nd Supplement), D.R. of 16 June) – Creates the State Electronic Certification System – Public Keys Infrastructure, and designates the National Security Authority as the national accreditation authority.
- **Decree-Law no. 116-B/2006** (I Series-A (2nd Supplement), D.R. of 16 June) – First modification of the Organic Law of the Centre for Management of the Government Computer Network, approved by Decree-Law no. 184/98 of 6 July, adjusting it to the State Electronic Certification System – Public Keys Infrastructure
- **Decree-Law no. 116-C/2006** (I Series-A (2nd Supplement), D.R. of 16 June) – Establishes as a public service the universal and free access to the *Diário da República* and other conditions for its use.
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 74/2006** (I Series-B, D.R. of 12 June) – Authorises spending for acquisition of the services of design, planning, supply, assembly, construction, management and maintenance of the Portuguese Integrated Emergency and Security Networks System (SIRESP) and awards the proposal of the winning consortium in the open public tender for the acquisition of those services.

(+info)



## □ EUROPEAN UNION

### RFID TECHNOLOGY CONSULTATION OPEN

The public consultation launched by the European Commission (EC) on radio-frequency identification technology (RFID) is under way until 17 September, and is posted on the website "Your Voice in Europe". The Commission aims to ascertain how it can ensure that the increase in the use of instruments with RFID technology furthers competitiveness in the European economy and improves citizens' lives. The consultation process is expected to help achieve consensus on a number of aspects, such as the need for a stable political environment that encourages all sorts of companies to invest in this technology, the harmonisation of technological standards and the allocation of radio frequencies, and safeguards for individual privacy and security. (+info)

### REPORT ON e-GOVERNMENT IN EUROPE

The EC released on 28 June a report on the situation of electronic government in Europe, which ranks Portugal fifth among the European Union (EU) countries that have made the most progress in the last two years in computerising public services. The report indicates that in April 2006 the average for the sophistication of public services, measured in terms of interactivity and the provision of online transactions, stood at 75 percent in the EU countries; Portugal was in 11th place on the list of EU member States, with sophistication rated at 83 percentage points. (+info)

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON 2006 REVIEW

The European Commission adopted on 29 June a set of documents concerning the process of revising the current electronic framework for electronic communications (2006 Review). The documents have been placed in public consultation until 27 October. The package includes a Communication on revision of the regulatory framework, the subjacent working document on proposed changes and the corresponding impact study. On the same date a proposed Recommendation was adopted on the markets for electronic communication products and services that are subject to ex ante regulation. Comments about the Communication, working document and impact study should be submitted by electronic mail to [info-2006review@ec.europa.eu](mailto:info-2006review@ec.europa.eu), using the format of the document to be provided on the Commission's website. Comments concerning the proposed recommendation should be sent to [marketsrecommendation@ec.europa.eu](mailto:marketsrecommendation@ec.europa.eu). (+info)

Meanwhile, Brussels hosted on 13 July a session to present the Communication on reviewing the regulatory framework for electronic communications. Also regarding this subject, plans call for a new workshop to be held this coming 20 September. (+info)

### FINNISH PRESIDENCY OF THE EU COUNCIL

Finland assumed on 1 July the presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), following Austria, which held the position during the first half of 2006. In sector terms, the Finnish presidency's agenda highlights revision of the current regulatory framework for electronic communications (2006 Review), along with topics such as the co-ordination of actions to fight unsolicited electronic communications (spam), the sustainability of communication services and infrastructures, electronic government, revision of the postal services directive, European radio spectrum policy and internet governance. The Finnish presidency also plans to pay special attention to development and application of the

i2010 strategy – "A European Information Society for Growth and Employment". Two meetings of the Council of Ministers of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy have been scheduled during this presidency, the first on 12 October and the second on 23 November. (+info)

### FUTURE OF POSTAL SERVICES – CONSULTATION RESULTS

The EC has released results of the public consultation on the future of postal services launched on 10 November 2005 and which ended on 27 January 2006. This public consultation, which counted the participation of ANACOM, was meant to assess the opportunity for initiatives in this market, with a view to ensuring the availability of modern postal services. The Commission is expected to present, by the end of 2006, a report and a proposal confirming whether or not 2009 will be the date for full achievement of the internal postal services market. (+info)

### GALILEO PROGRAMME – DEVELOPMENTS

Two documents on the European Galileo radionavigation programme were recently approved: the European Commission Communication on the programme's current status and the proposed Council Regulation that amends Regulation (EC) no. 1321/2004 concerning the management structures of European satellite radionavigation programmes. Also, the year 2006 will witness the gradual transfer of the activities of the Galileo joint undertaking to the Supervisory Authority, while plans call for the launch between 2008 and 2010 of the 30 satellites comprising the programme's network, besides completion of construction work on two ground stations. Operation of the system, specifically at commercial level, should also begin. (+info)

Meanwhile, the EU Council adopted on 29 June a proposed Regulation that amends the statutes of the Galileo joint undertaking, which are contained the annex to Regulation (EC) no. 876/2002 of the Council of 21 May 2002. This proposal is framed in the context of the aforementioned end of activity by the undertaking and the transfer of the respective activities to the Supervisory Authority. (+info)

### eCONTENTPLUS PROGRAMME – PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

The proposals for the working programme and the call to present candidates, under the eContentplus programme, for indirect actions involving the following areas are now available: geographic information; educational content; digital libraries; and enhanced co-operation between those responsible for digital content. The proposals should be submitted by this coming 19 October. (+info)

### STRATEGY FOR A SECURE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The European Commission (EC) has issued a Communication on the Strategy for a Secure Information Society, which outlines the strategy and framework to revitalise the action plan established in 2001, set out in the Communication "Network and Information Security: proposal for a European policy approach". To that end the Commission proposes a three-level approach involving the adoption of specific measures for network and information security, the regulatory framework for electronic communications and the fight against cyber-crime. In mid-2007 the EC should submit to the Council and to the European Parliament a report on the community activities. (+info)

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

### ASSEMBLY

The first and only CEPT Assembly during the German presidency took place in the German city of Aachen on 13-14 June. [\(+info\)](#)

### CPG PT4

Project team PT4 of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG) met for the ninth time on 20-22 June in Paris. [\(+info\)](#)

### ECC TG3

The French city of Maisons-Alfort served as venue on 12-15 June for the 15th meeting of the ECC TG3 – UWB (ultra wide band) working group, which is mandated to work out regulatory solutions for devices using UWB technology in bands below 10.6 GHz. [\(+info\)](#)

### JPT BWA

Dublin hosted a 20-21 June meeting of the JPT BWA group, which covers aspects associated to the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA). [\(+info\)](#)

### PT CONSUMER RELATIONS

The first meeting of the CERP project team (PT) on Consumer Relations was held on 30 June at the London offices of Postwatch. [\(+info\)](#)

### TRIS

Madrid hosted on 7-8 June a meeting of ECC/PT2-TRIS (technical regulation and interconnection standards). [\(+info\)](#)

## □ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

### IRG WG SMP

The IRG working group on Significant Market Power (WG SMP) met on 8 June in Vilnius. [\(+info\)](#)

### BROADCASTING WG

The IRG working group on Broadcasting met on 14 June in the Hague. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

### CONTACT NETWORK OF SPAM AUTHORITIES (CNSA)

The eighth meeting of the Contact Network of Spam Authorities (CNSA), involving national authorities responsible for the question of unsolicited communications (spam), was held on 7 June in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

### POSTAL DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE

The ninth meeting of the Postal Directive Committee was held on 7 June in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

### COCOM AUTHORISATIONS WORKING GROUP

The first meeting of the COCOM Authorisations working group was held on 9 June in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (COCOM)

Brussels hosted on 21 June the 22nd meeting of the Communications Committee. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

### INTERREGIONAL CO-ORDINATION MEETING FOR PP-06

The interregional meeting to co-ordinate for the upcoming November Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-06) of the ITU was held on 26 April in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

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

### ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The annual session of the UPAEP Advisory and Executive Council was held in Montevideo on 23-26 May and was preceded on the 22nd by a meeting of the

working group on Technical Co-operation and by the Technical Co-operation Colloquium. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

### WP CISP

The 36th meeting of the OECD working party on Communication Services and

Infrastructure Policies (WP CISP, formerly WP TISP) was held on 29-30 May in Dublin. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ STANDARDISATION

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 210

GENELEC Technical Committee 210 (TC 210) met on 23-24 May in Madrid. A highlight was the scheduling for this September of the next meeting of the joint

working group (JWG) on the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of telecommunication networks. [\(+info\)](#)

## ■ “MOBILE REGULATION AND COMPETITION LAW 2006” CONFERENCE

Brussels hosted on 13-14 June a conference on the subject of “Mobile Regulation and Competition Law 2006”, organised by VIB Events. The panel on “Mobile Access, Termination and International Roaming: translating market challenges into applied measures” counted the participation of ANACOM, whose representative gave a presentation on “Fixed-to-Mobile and Mobile-to-Mobile Regulations: the Portuguese experience”.

## ■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

### GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- BNetzA has launched a public consultation on central elements of the process of allocating frequencies for broadband wireless access (BWA) systems. **(+info)**
- The regulator has submitted for the consideration of the European Commission and the national regulatory authorities of the other European Union member States its proposal to regulate the termination costs for calls in the networks of the operators T-Mobile, Vodafone, D2, E-Plus and O2. **(+info)**

### SPAIN – Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

- The regulator has decided to maintain the existing regulation in the market for transit services in the public fixed telephone network (market 10). **(+info)**
- Electronic commerce with transactions paid by credit card achieved a new record in the first quarter of 2006, by moving 495 million euros – growth of 57 percent over the same quarter of the previous year. **(+info)**
- The recourse to portability in mobile telephone service continues to increase and by April 2006 affected 8.025 million numbers. **(+info)**
- The CMT has settled on the regulation to apply to the wholesale supply of broadband access (market 12), after an analysis process which verified that Telefónica held a market share of 88.9 percent. **(+info)**

### SPAIN – Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade (MITYC)

- MITYC has approved the launch of the fourth Spanish mobile operator, Xfera. The company should enter the market by the end of the year, with coverage on the order of 25 percent of the population, a figure which should rise to 50 percent in the fifth year of activity. **(+info)**
- The reports on the quality of service of the fixed telephone operators and telephone information have been published. **(+info)**
- The Council of Ministers has approved a resolution aiming to encourage digital radio and strengthen the rights of telecommunication consumers. **(+info)**

### USA – Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- The American regulator has increased the contributions of the operators of wireless systems and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) to the Federal Universal Service Fund. **(+info)**

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

- The regulator has published a status report on the fulfilment of obligations by the operators SFR and Orange France vis-à-vis the licences they were granted to operate third generation mobile systems (also known as UMTS). **(+info)**
- A public consultation has been launched on the cost accounting and accounts separation obligations of France Télécom, the incumbent French operator. **(+info)**
- The regulator has notified the European Commission about its analysis of the retail leased lines market – minimum set of leased lines (market 7) and on the

wholesale markets for leased line terminal segments (market 13) and leased line transit segments (market 14). **(+info)**

### IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The regulator has published its response to the consultation and proposed decision on the supply of universal service in basic telephone communications. **(+info)**
- According to the report on the first quarter of 2006, the electronic communications market moved 1.1 million euros. The number of broadband subscribers at the end of March stood at 322,000, 35 percent of the total number of internet access service subscribers. **(+info)**
- After receiving various comments on the above mentioned first quarter report, ComReg has published a commentary on the situation. **(+info)**
- The regulator has notified the incumbent operator, Eircom, that it was not complying with the obligations set out in Regulation 7(1) to discriminate other operators regarding the supply of customer information. **(+info)**

### GUINEA-BISSAU – Instituto das Comunicações da Guiné-Bissau (ICGB)

- The new ICGB Board of Directors took office on 5 May, headed by José Gaspar Gomes Fernandes and counting two more voting members, Joaquim Baptista Correia and Francisco Condon.

### JAPAN – Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)

- The number of broadband service subscribers in Japan has reached 23.3 million, with DSL (digital subscribers line) systems dominating the market (14.5 million users). **(+info)**

### UNITED KINGDOM – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- The regulator has announced the new financial conditions to apply to the independent national radio (INR) operators Classic FM, TalkSPORTY and Virgin Radio, following the request to extend the respective licences. **(+info)**
- The United Kingdom has announced an important step in the switchover from the analogue to the digital television system, as it was able to achieve an international agreement that will enable an almost total availability of digital terrestrial television (Freeview) throughout the territory by 2012. **(+info)**
- A proposal has been published to free up radio spectrum (10 GHz, 28 GHz and 32 GHz frequencies) suitable for a range of new broadband, wireless communication and broadcasting services. **(+info)**
- The regulator has announced revision of the metering and billing approval scheme used by the operators. **(+info)**
- Ofcom has published a research work on internet consumer protection. **(+info)**
- The latest report, referring to the first quarter of 2006, indicates that 72.5 percent of British homes can receive digital television. **(+info)**

## □ REGIONAL RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (RRC-06) CONCLUSIONS

The Regional Radiocommunications Conference (RRC-06) ended on 16 June in Geneva. Among other decisions, highlights included an agreement to digitalise audio and television broadcasting services in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and in Iran by 2015. This agreement on the switch to digitally supported technologies, which covers the 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz frequency bands, anticipates the end of analogue technologies for those services and is an important step towards development of a fairer and more equitable information society.

**(+info)**

Regarding planning, the results obtained fully meet what Portugal had presented as requirements. In VHF, one coverage in channel 5 (for later decision on the service to implement); three national T-DAB coverages and three regional T-DAB coverages (none in any way incompatible with Spain); in UHF, three national SFN coverages in channels 60, 67 and 69; and three national MFN coverages and one regional MFN coverage, all planned for fixed reception. Besides these, three planned coverages for DVB-H. **(+info)**

## ■ DETERMINATIONS ADOPTED BY ANACOM – 2ND QUARTER 2006

Date	Decision
29.06.2006	Delegation of powers of the Board of Directors to its members. (+info)
14.06.2006	Maintenance of provisional suspension of the certifying entity E.M. Soares. (+info)
08.06.2006	Specification of changes to the RIO (capacity-based interconnection). (+info)
08.06.2006	<i>PT Comunicações</i> retail fixed-mobile prices. (+info)
26.05.2006	Changes to introduce in the <i>PT Comunicações</i> Reference Conduit Access Offer. (+info)
26.05.2006	Leased lines reference offer (decision and draft decision). (+info)
25.05.2006	Statistical information to submit to ANACOM by the providers of VoIP nomad services (draft decision). (+info)
25.05.2006	Interdiction of additional coverage of 2/month imputed to portability. (+info)
25.05.2006	Designation of ACIST as a telecommunication infrastructures in buildings (ITED) training entity. (+info)
25.05.2006	Measures limiting actions to win back pre-selected customers. (+info)
18.05.2006	Cancellation of the registration of the certifying entity Vasconcelos & Filho (draft decision). (+info)
18.05.2006	Designation of ISQ as an ITED training entity. (+info)
21.04.2006	Modification of the "PT ADSL Network" wholesale offer. (+info)
21.04.2006	Changes to adopt regarding the RIO 2006. (+info)
21.04.2006	Allocation of additional spectrum to Vodafone to operate the FWA system. (+info)
21.04.2006	Measures associated to Zapp PTT service. (+info)
21.04.2006	Approval of the Price and Quality Conventions of universal postal service. (+info)
21.04.2006	Object and way of informing the public about the conditions for the offer and use of electronic communication services. (+info)
13.04.2006	Maintenance of the registration of the certifying entity CERTINAC. (+info)
13.04.2006	Maintenance of the registration of the certifying entity <i>PT Comunicações</i> – Braga office (draft decision). (+info)
13.04.2006	LLU prices in effect as from 1 January 2006. (+info)

(+info, Portuguese only)

## □ CONCLUSIONS OF THE TRANSPORT, TELECOMS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

The European Union (EU) Council of Transports, Telecommunications and Energy met on 8-9 June in Luxembourg. Worthy of note was the discussion on the challenges of revising the regulatory framework for electronic communications, which was based on a relevant questionnaire prepared by the presidency. The Council identified a number of matters that should be considered in this process: maintenance of the guiding principles of the 2002 regulatory framework; the creation of new rules for specific areas that need development; flexible allocation of radio spectrum and efficient use thereof; simplification of the

notification process for national regulatory authorities and of dispute settlement procedures; and rapid implementation of the regulatory framework, understood to be a prerequisite for its effectiveness. Regarding the e-Government Action Plan, the Council asked all the member States to join forces to achieve the goals and actions outlined in this action plan and in the Commission Communication on the "i2010 e-Government Action Plan: accelerating e-Government in Europe for the benefit of all". Lastly, the Council indicated that it planned to approve a Resolution on network and information security in December 2006. (+info)

## □ STATISTICS – FIXED TELEPHONE SERVICE AND POSTAL SERVICES

ANACOM has completed the release of statistical information on the first quarter of 2006, with publication of data on fixed telephone service and postal services

operated on a competitive basis. This edition includes a supplement containing the latest statistical data on the electronic and postal sectors. (+info)

## ■ IN JULY 2006

### MEETINGS

#### CEPT

ECC (3-7)

- CPG (11-14)

WG ITU Affairs

- PT PP-06 (18-20)

#### IRG

2006 Review Group (20)

#### ITSO

Assembly of Parties (19-21)

#### EU

Postal studies presentation workshop (3)

Council

- Telecoms Group (6 and 20)

COCOM (19)

High Level Meeting on the Presidency Programme (27)

#### ITU

Radiocommunication Sector

- TSAG (3-7)

#### UPAEP

WG UPAEP Future (20-21)

### EVENTS

- *Revision of the regulatory framework for electronic communications – public presentation*, Brussels, 13

- *3rd Local Modinis Workshop on Interoperability*, Rome, 12

- *3rd Workshop COST 289 "Enabling Technologies for B3G Systems"*, Aveiro (Portugal), 12-13

- *5th Telecom and Media Forum*, Lisbon, 11

- *2nd Seminar on Telecommunication Infrastructures in Buildings (ITED)*

Barcelos (Portugal), 6 (ANACOM sponsorship)

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