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PORTUGUESE URSI COMMITTEE: CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRIZES

The Portuguese URSI Committee has put out a call for papers ahead of its ninth congress, due to be held this coming 4 December in Lisbon with the theme of '5G and the internet of the future'. Interested parties may submit previously unpublished scientific papers until 19 October. With sponsorship from the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM), the Committee will award

the ANACOM/URSI Portugal Prize, distinguishing the best research work in the radio-electricity area. To provide an incentive for Portuguese students, ANACOM is also sponsoring the Best Student Paper Award and the Best Student Poster Award, respectively awarded to the best article and poster submitted by students. (+)

MOBILE TERMINATION

ANACOM approved by decision dated 6 August (after the respective drafts were notified to the European Commission (EC), which indicated it had no observations regarding the notified measures) the final decisions concerning: wholesale markets for voice call termination in individual mobile

networks and definition of product markets and geographic markets, evaluations of significant market power (SMP) and imposition, maintenance, amendment or withdrawal of regulatory obligations; and mobile termination costing model - specification of the price control obligation. (+)

ETHERNET CAM LINE PRICES

By decision dated 23 July, ANACOM approved provisional urgent measures regarding the market for high quality wholesale access at a fixed location (wholesale leased lines). The methodology for implementing the price control

obligation imposed in analysis of wholesale leased line markets, approved on 28 September 2010, is changed with respect to Ethernet CAM and inter-island lines. (+)

CONSULTATIONS

DTT - COSTS AND INCOME INVESTIGATED

By ANACOM decision dated 22 July, a public consultation has begun concerning conclusions drawn from the in-depth investigation of costs and income from digital terrestrial TV (DTT) service provided by MEO - Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia (MEO). Interested parties may send in written comments in Portuguese until 7 September, preferably by email to precoTDT@anacom.pt. (+)

WHOLESALE BROADCASTING MARKET

The draft decision concerning the wholesale broadcasting termination market for delivery of content to end-users, approved by ANACOM on 22 June, has been submitted to prior hearing by interested parties. Written comments should be submitted in Portuguese by 7 September, preferably by email to mercado18@anacom.pt. (+)

COMMUNICATIONS IN PORTUGAL

NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

Due to administrative offences committed with respect to telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED), the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) fined António Luís Ribeiro Machado the amount of 650 euros. (+)

In the area of electronic communication services, the company Tata Communications was shown to have committed an administrative offence, failing to comply with the obligation to supply this Authority with information about business volume that can be used to calculate the extraordinary contribution to the compensation fund for universal electronic communications service. The company was therefore given a reprimand. (+)

Also verified, regarding postal services, were two administrative offences committed by the company Urbanos - Distribuição Expresso, for failing to comply with the obligation to send ANACOM information about the postal services it provides and about relevant income; a single fine of 3,000 euros was imposed. (+)

CONSUMER PORTAL WITH 900,000 VISITS IN 2014

The ANACOM Consumer Portal counted 928,343 visits (informative content and electronic services) in 2014, 90.4 percent more than in 2013. The Portal's informative content generated 262,456 visits, NET.mede 420,690, COM.escolha 94,396, ANACOM Responds service 130,704 and the Complaints Form 20,097. (+)

30,673 COM.escolha VISITS IN 2ND QUARTER

The COM.escolha comparison tool received 30,673 visits from 24,374 users in the second quarter, 47.90 percent less than in the first quarter of 2015 (when it received 58,868 visits from 48,435 users). (+)

ANACOM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A highlight was the interview with the chair of ANACOM's board of directors, Fátima Barros, published in the 13 July issue of the newspaper Diário Económico, which among others issues focused on the digital single market strategy recently approved by the European Commission (EC) and the roaming elimination process. (+)

NEW ANACOM BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

The 23 July Council of Ministers meeting approved (published on the same date) Council of Ministers Resolution no. 38-

B/2015 appointing Isabel Maria Guimarães de Oliveira Rodrigues de Areia as member of the ANACOM board of directors for a six-year term.

The appointment was preceded by a hearing in the respective committee of Parliament and by an opinion from the Recruitment and Selection Committee for Public Administration (CRESAP). (+)

ANACOM EXTERNAL CLIENT SATISFACTION

ANACOM has released a study evaluating the satisfaction of its external clients, specifically designers and installers of telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED) and in housing estates, urban developments and groups of buildings (ITUR) as well as users of the inquiry service. (+)

2014 REGULATION REPORT

ANACOM has published the Report on Regulation, Supervision and Other Activities with respect to 2014. The report is divided into three major sections: ANACOM's mission and activity; regulation and supervision; other activities and litigation. (+)

2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

ANACOM has published the 2014 Annual Report and Accounts, approved on 23 March 2015. (+)

QoS EVALUATION STUDIES

ANACOM backed studies to evaluate the quality of voice, data and radio coverage services in mobile networks as supplied by the operators MEO - Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia (MEO), NOS Comunicações (NOS) and Vodafone Portugal - Comunicações Pessoais (Vodafone). (+)

PORTUGAL DIGITAL AGENDA ACTIVITIES REPORT

A summary of initiatives carried out by the Portugal Digital Agenda in 2014 is now available, highlighting six fundamental action areas: access to broadband and the digital market; investment in research and development (R&D) and innovation; improvement of digital literacy, qualification and inclusion; fight against tax, contributory and benefit fraud and evasion; response to societal challenges; and promotion of entrepreneurship and internationalisation of the information and communication technologies (ICTs) sector. (+)

HOME CUSTOMERS OF HIGH SPEED NETWORKS AND SERVICES (HSN)

	1Q2015		2Q2015			
NUTSII	Home HSN customers	Home HSN customers per 100 inhabitants	Home HSN customers	Home HSN customers per 100 inhabitants	Variation 2Q15/1Q15	Variation 2Q15/2Q14
NORTH	453	12,5	479	13,2	5,8%	24,4%
CENTRE	183	8,1	194	8,6	6,3%	34,2%
LISBON	736	26,2	758	27,0	2,9%	11,9%
ALENTEJO	33	4,6	36	4,9	8,1%	49,4%
ALGARVE	50	11,4	53	12,0	5,5%	24,8%
AZORES	28	11,5	29	11,9	3,7%	22,9%
MADEIRA	45	17,5	47	18,0	2,8%	18,3%
TOTAL	1.529	14,7	1.596	15,4	4,4%	19,4%

Unit: Thousands of customers, %; Source: ANACOM

ANACOM ACTIVITIES PLAN 2016-2018

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) approved by decision dated 9 July the report from the public consultation

on strategic guidelines for the 2016-2018 multi-annual activities plan which this Authority initiated on 21 April. (+)

NET COSTS OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN 2014

ANACOM approved on 22 July the final decision on the methodology

used to calculate net costs of universal service to apply in 2014. (+)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

Law no. 78/2015 (Series I - *Diário da República* of 29 July) - regulates and promotes transparency of the ownership, management and financial means of entities that carry out media activities and amends the Press Law, Television Law and Radio Law. (+)

Regulation no. 425-A (Series II - D.R. of 20 July) approves the regulation of online bingo gaming rules. (+)

Determination no. 1568/2015 (Series II - D.R. of 10 August) - modifies the delegation of powers from the Board of Directors to its members. (+)

Proposed Law 341/XII (Parliament of 29 July) - first amendment of Law no. 35/2012 of 23 August, which proceeds to create the compensation fund for universal electronic communications service envisaged in the Electronic Communications Law (Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February), meant to finance net costs deriving from the provision of universal service. (+)

Draft Law 514/XII (Parliament of 29 July) - amends the Electronic Communications Law, establishing that the municipal fee for rights of way is henceforth paid directly by electronic communications operators and envisaging sanctions for non-compliance. (+)

ANACOM DETERMINATIONS - SUMMARY OF 2ND QUARTER 2015

Complete information available at www.anacom.pt

DATE	DETERMINATION
29.06.15	Cancellation of registration of the company KNEWON (order) (+)
29.06.15	Cancellation of registration of the company PúblicoMédia - Comunicação e Multimédia (order) (+)
26.06.15	Annotation to declaration for provision of postal services by ALFA LISBON (order) (+)
25.06.15	Award of frequency usage right to INMARSAT (final decision and draft decision) (+)
25.06.15	Award of frequency usage right to Echostar Mobile extension of period (decision) (+)
25.06.15	Correction of material error in the decision on criteria for universal postal service price-setting (decision) (+)
25.06.15	Dispute between DS Telecom Norte and Associação de Municípios da Terra Quente Transmontana (draft decision) (+)
25.06.15	Results from the audits of net costs of universal service (2012) (draft decision) (+)
25.06.15	Cancellation of registration of the company PDM e FC - Projeto, Desenvolvimento Manutenção, Formação e Consultadoria (decision) (+)
25.06.15	Extension of response deadline for the consultation on coverage obligations in 800 MHz (order) (+)
24.06.15	Cancellation of registration of the company Paula Alexandra Heliodoro Vasco Ramos Pereira (order) (+)
16.06.15	Suspension of audiotext registration of the company André Garcia, Comunicações, Unipessoal (order) (+)
18.06.15	Audit of indicators for quality of service, complaints and information requests of CTT (decision) (+)
18.06.15	Modification of frequency usage right awarded to VODAFONE for terrestrial electronic communication services (draft decision) (+)
12.06.15	Award of frequency usage right to Echostar Mobile (final decision and draft decision) (+)
09.06.15	Cancellation of registration of the company Sweet & Mata (order) (+)
08.06.15	Declaration to Activos 24 - Distribuição, Eventos e Logística, Unipessoal for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
04.06.15	Methodology used to calculate net costs of universal service to apply in 2014 (draft decision) (+)
28.05.15	Report on administrative costs and on amount of fees collected with respect to financial year 2014 (final decision) (+)
28.05.15	Audit of results of the cost accounting system of CTT - Correios de Portugal (decision) (+)
28.05.15	Determination of reference speeds associated to coverage obligations in the 800 MHz frequency band (draft decision) (+)
28.05.15	Annotation to declaration for the provision of postal services by Bearing Services (order) (+)
19.05.15	Cancellation of registration of the company KPN Eurorings (order) (+)
14.05.15	Direct acquisition of insurance (decision) (+)
14.05.15	Fees owed for carrying out activity (decision) (+)
08.05.15	Transfer to Optimus of number usage rights held by ZON (order) (+)
08.05.15	Cancellation of registration of the company Especial Abraço, Unipessoal (order) (+)
08.05.15	Cancellation of registration of the company A.T.C. Avant Telecom Consulting AG (order) (+)
08.05.15	Cancellation of registration of the company INOV INESC Inovação - Instituto de Novas Tecnologias (order) (+)
05.05.15	Annotation to declaration for the provision of postal services by CHRONOPOST PORTUGAL - Transporte Expresso Internacional (order) (+)
05.05.15	Annotation to declaration for the provision of postal services by URBEXPRESS - Transportes Expresso (order) (+)
04.05.15	Modification of licence of URBANOS - Distribuição Expresso for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
30.04.15	Annotation to declaration for the provision of postal services of OVERSPEED - Transportes de Correio Expresso (order) (+)
30.04.15	Extension of response deadline in the consultation procedure concerning the wholesale market for voice call termination in individual mobile networks and the costing model (decision) (+)
29.04.15	Declaration to G9TELECOM for the supply of electronic communications (+)
29.04.15	Declaration to KBOX, Unipessoal for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
23.04.15	Approval of consultation on spectrum availability in the 3.4-3.8 GHz frequency band (draft decision) (+)
16.04.15	Strategic guidelines for the 2016-2018 multi-annual activities plan (draft decision) (+)
16.04.15	Analysis of market and of costing model (draft decisions) (+)
13.04.15	Declaration to Verizon Portugal - Sociedade Unipessoal for the supply of electronic communications (+)
10.04.15	Acquisition of study on substitutability between fixed broadband and mobile broadband (decision) (+)
10.04.15	Declaration to Telefónica International Wholesale Services II, S.L. Unipersonal, Sucursal em Portugal for the supply of electronic communications (+)
09.04.15	Declaration to Velozeficácia, Unipessoal for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
06.04.15	Declaration to Mensagemlaxia for the provision of postal services (order) (+)
01.04.15	Acquisition of study on over-the-top (OTT) content and application services (decision) (+)
01.04.15	Cost accounting system of MEO - Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia - financial year 2012 (final decision) (+)

COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

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 European Union (EU), the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

CEPT

The following meetings were held in the scope of the ECC's work:

- 40th plenary meeting - 30 June to 3 July in Helsinki; (+)
- 50th meeting of ECC PT1 - 22-24 June in Montreux, Switzerland; (+)
- 83rd meeting of WG FM - 18-22 May in Dresden, Germany; (+)
- 7th meeting of CPG PT-A - 12-15 May in Malta; (+)
- 7th meeting of CPG PT-B - 12-15 May in Copenhagen. (+)

EU

The following EU-related meetings took place in Brussels:

- meeting of the group set up by COCOM to focus on application of the regulatory framework for pan-European systems that supply mobile satellite services (MSS) in the 2 GHz frequency bands - 29 June; (+)
- 41st meeting of TCAM and 7th meeting of WG TCAM - 13-14 July. (+)

ERGP

The plenary meeting was held on 2 July in Vilnius, Lithuania, preceded on 1 July by two workshops on postal network access and the ERGP working programme. (+)

ITU

Geneva hosted on 3-10 June meetings of WP 1A and WP 1B, of SG1 - spectrum management and engineering. (+)

RECRUITMENT AT IMSO

Candidates for the vacant position of directorate officer at the London-based International Mobile Satellite Organisation can

submit applications until 31 August. (+)

OECD PUBLISHES DIGITAL ECONOMY OUTLOOK 2015

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has released the publication "Digital Economy Outlook 2015", which examines how countries

can maximise the digital economy's potential to boost innovation and inclusive growth. (+)

AERONAUTIC AND SPECTRUM REGULATION

CEPT has drawn up a questionnaire meant to gather information to research requisites for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including drones. It covers issues associated to aeronautic

and spectrum regulation, including civilian use of unmanned aircraft. Responses must be sent in by 29 September. (+)

TELECOM WORLD ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS - ITU

The ITU launched on 11 August the ITU Telecom World Entrepreneurship Awards 2015, targeting micro, small and medium sized companies taking part in ITU Telecom World 2015 and which present innovative and sustainable socio-economic

solutions in the scope of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

ITU Telecom World 2015 will be held on 12-15 October in Budapest, Hungary. (+)

BEREC

ANACOM PRESIDENCY 2015

PRESIDENCY

In the scope of her duties as chair of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC), the head of the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM), Fátima Barros, actively participated in several events during the month of July, of which the following stand out:

- The follow-up meeting for the workshop of the 23rd BEREC plenary meeting – 6 July in Lisbon; (+)

- Bilateral meeting between ANACOM and Ofcom – 7 July in Lisbon; (+)
- APDC Digital Business Summit – 7 July in Lisbon; (+)
- Videoconference with the vice-chairs of BEREC and the IRG – 10 July; (+)
- 13th International Telecommunications Conference (ConTEL) – 13-15 July in Graz, Austria. (+)

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The BEREC/EMERG/EaPeReg/Regulatel summit meeting was held on 2-3 July in Barcelona. (+)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The European Commission (EC) initiated a public consultation on contract rules for online purchases of digital content and

tangible goods. The deadline for interested parties to send in comments is 3 September. (+)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Brussels hosted on 8 July an EC-organised public workshop to (i) obtain feedback from interested parties regarding provisional results of the study commissioned to WIK-Consult/TNO, the WIK/TNO draft interim report on “Investigation into Interoperability Standards for the Promotion of the Internal Market for Electronic Communications”, and (ii) debate more suitable mechanisms

to achieve better uniformity of wholesale access and interoperability products in Europe, in cases where it is justified. The study’s results are meant to supply input for current questions regarding the definition of wholesale products and services and also for broader questions in the context of eventual European Union (EU) initiatives associated to interoperability.

COMMISSION EVALUATES REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

In the scope of the digital single market strategy adopted on 6 May, the EC is undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the regulatory framework for electronic communications. The

aim is to ascertain what changes must be made to meet new technological and market challenges. (+)

OJEU

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case M.7499 – Altice/PT Portugal) (2015/C 238/03): the Commission decided on 20 April not to oppose the notified concentration and declared it compatible with the internal market. (+)

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

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

- The regulator has published a summary of contributions received in the public consultation (conducted from 22 January to 6 March) on the procedure for designating the universal postal service provider. This service was awarded to Bpost until 31 December 2018. However, the legal process for designating Bpost's successor must be completed three years before the concession ends, i.e. by this coming 31 December. (+)

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- The deadline for sending in contributions concerning the proposed revision of the groups holding significant market power (SMP) in relevant markets is 21 August, by means of public consultation no. 17. Contributions must be routed by the Interactive System for Public Consultation Accompaniment (SACP) available on the ANATEL website. (+)
- In the scope of the annual rendering of accounts, the Brazilian regulator has released the management reports for the Telecommunications Control Fund (Fistel) and the Fund for Universality of Telecommunication Services (Fust) with respect to financial year 2014. (+)
- The regulation of conditions for gauging the degree of satisfaction and quality perceived by telecommunications service users has been approved. It covers telecommunication services of collective interest, i.e. personal mobile service, multimedia communication service, fixed switched telephone service and pay-TV services. (+)

CABO VERDE - Government of Cabo Verde

- The Council of Ministers has approved the plan to make the single emergency number 112 Cabo Verde (CV - 112) operational, along with the conceptual plan to systemise emergency communications. The emergency coordination and dispatch centre (112 Cabo Verde) was also created. (+)

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

- Next generation broadband accesses posted annual growth of 48.8 percent to reach 20.17 million connections, indicate the regulator's latest statistical figures, referring to June 2014. This result was strongly influenced by the increase in fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) connections, which rose from 6.17 million in June 2013 to 10.31 million in the same month of 2014, up 67.1 percent. (+)

USA - Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- The regulator has approved a report and an order modernising and reforming policies meant to make it easier for

small companies to take part in spectrum auctions and in the wireless communications market, policies commonly known as the Designated Entity Rules. (+)

- In a 23 July event the FCC marked the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a federal law for American citizens with special needs. (+)

FINLAND - Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA)

- Total business volume of the Finnish telecoms sector amounted to nearly 3.4 billion euros in 2014. Broken down by business area, revenue from broadband and fixed telephony services was clearly lower than in the previous year. Mobile network revenue also fell slightly, while revenue from TV and radio operations increased by nearly a fifth over 2013. (+)

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

- The regulator has published results of the 16th study gauging the quality of service of mobile operators in metropolitan France. The 2015 results are identical to those of the previous year, with Orange still in the lead and Bouygues Telecom and SFR shoulder-to-shoulder with a slight advantage for Bouygues Telecom. Free Mobile remains behind, penalised by the fact that its 3G network is still being developed; its results are therefore not as good in several indicators. (+)
- The tender to allocate frequencies in the 703-733 MHz and 758-788 MHz sub-bands, commonly called the 700 MHz band, is under way until 29 September. (+)
- The regulator has authorised Orange and SFR to use the 1800 MHz band to develop their fourth generation (4G) networks, starting on 25 May 2016. This decision results from frequency refarming in 1800 MHz, historically used by second generation (2G) networks. (+)

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- A public consultation is under way until 8 September on the availability of terminal equipment designed for users with special needs per the obligations for universal service, whose provider is Eircom. (+)

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- The regulator has placed in public consultation until 8 October the discussion document on Ofcom's evaluation of digital communication markets in the United Kingdom. This is the first strategic evaluation of the telecoms sector that the regulator has carried out in ten years and only the second since it was established as the national regulatory authority. (+)

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND 2014 FEE COLLECTION

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) approved by decision dated 22 July the return of the amount of 446,687.00 euros to various suppliers of electronic

communication networks and services, because of lower regulation costs associated to the settlement of 2014 fees, due to cancellation of provisions. (+)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS - 2015 FEES

ANACOM approved by decision dated 22 July the calculated costs of regulating the activity of supplier of publicly accessible

electronic communication networks and services with respect to fees to settle in 2015, amounting to 27,820,613 euros. (+)

POSTAL SERVICES - 2015 FEES

ANACOM approved by decision dated 22 July the calculated costs of regulating the activity of postal services provider with

respect to fees to settle in 2015, amounting to 2,388,359 euros. (+)

MEO COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

By decision dated 16 July, following the audit of reformulated results of MEO's cost accounting system for financial year 2013, ANACOM approved the final decision on operating

margins for telex, telegraph, terrestrial broadcasting and maritime mobile services. (+)

DTT - COST REIMBURSEMENT

ANACOM approved on 16 July the final decision on reimbursement of costs borne by end-users with DTH

(satellite reception) coverage. (+)

UPU LETTER-WRITING CONTEST

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) awarded 13-year old Maria Coutinho of Portugal an honourable mention in the 2015 international letter-writing contest. Coutinho had

won the national Best Letter contest, a joint initiative of ANACOM and the CTT postal service. (+)

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