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ANACOM - URSI PORTUGAL PRIZE

Candidacies for the ANACOM - URSI Portugal Prize, awarded by the Portuguese URSI Committee and sponsored by the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM), can be

submitted until 26 October. The Committee is preparing for its ninth congress, to be held on 4 December in Lisbon with the theme of '5G and the internet of the future'. (+)

ANACOM CONFERENCE - PRESENTATIONS

The presentations given at the ANACOM conference on regulation in the new digital ecosystem, held last 22

September at Lisbon's Belém Cultural Centre, are now available. (+)

UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION

MEO began on 14 September to supply the universal service of making available a complete telephone directory along with complete directory information service, following its respective designation by Council of Ministers Resolution no.

32-B/2015, published on 22 May after public tender. (+)
Also in the scope of universal telephone directory service and directory information (118) service. (+)

NET COSTS OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE

ANACOM approved last 16 September the final decision on results of the audits of the net costs of universal service submitted by MEO-Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia

with respect to financial year 2012. This decision determines the final amount of those net costs in 2012 - 26,423,507.39 euros. (+)

DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION (DTT)

INSTALLATION PLAN FOR MAIN TRANSMITTER NETWORK

ANACOM approved on 1 October the decision not to impose on MEO the envisaged measure requiring submission of a plan for installation of main DTT network transmitters, per the terms set out in point 6 of the decision dated 11 September 2014, thereby closing the corresponding procedure. (+)

the determination of terrestrial coverage obligations to include in the frequency usage right allocated to MEO. (+)

DETERMINATION OF TERRESTRIAL COVERAGE OBLIGATIONS

ANACOM approved on 1 October the final decision concerning

NON-CONFIDENTIALITY

By decision dated 1 October, ANACOM determined that information contained in two letters sent by MEO to this Authority on 1 July and 11 November 2013, with respect to application of the 16 May 2013 decision on evolution of the DTT network, is not confidential. (+)

COMMUNICATIONS IN PORTUGAL

NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) imposed the following fines due to the practice of administrative offences regarding telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED):

- António Câmara Sousa - 2,000 euros; (+)
- João Carlos Pereira Costa - 500 euros. (+)

For failing to provide the complaints book, the company CTT Expresso-Serviços Postais e Logística was fined 7,500 euros. (+)

Regarding electronic communication services, administrative offence cases have been filed against the following for failing to supply ANACOM in due time with information about business volume in 2013:

- Vodafone Enterprise Spain - with application of a 4,000 euro fine; (+)
- Clara Net Portugal-Telecomunicações - with application of a reprimand; (+)
- Colt Technology Services, Unipessoal - with application of a reprimand; (+)
- Satélite da Sabedoria-Serviços de Internet, Unipessoal - with application of a reprimand; (+)
- Comsat-Serviços de Satélite - with application of a reprimand; (+)
- Detector Portugal-Serviços de Segurança Privada - with application of a 1,500 euro fine. (+)

Also in the scope of electronic communication services, the practice of administrative offences by the following was noted:

- Gomes Pereira-Informática e Telecomunicações, Sociedade Unipessoal - with application of a 3,000 euro fine; (+)
- Kubi Wireless - with application of a single fine of 13,000 euros and compulsory monetary sanction for three non-compliance situations; (+)
- Fibroglobal-Comunicações Eletrónicas - with application of a 1,000 euro fine, paid by the offender. (+)

Lastly, regarding message-based value-added services, Total TIM was fined 8,500 euros. (+)

DIRECTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR COMPANIES

ANACOM has published the "Directory of Communications Sector Companies" in Portugal with respect to 2015. This publication lists companies operating in the communications sector, with brief descriptions of them and their activity in

electronic and/or postal communications. (+)

FACTS & FIGURES REPORT

The "Facts & Figures" Report was published last 3 September, with information concerning the second quarter of 2015. This report provides a summary of information about the sector disclosed by this Authority in the quarterly statistical reports (by service). The aim is to provide an overview and enable fast and concise consultation of the most relevant indicators enabling the sector's development to be followed. (+)

POST OFFICE NETWORK - 2014

The report on the post office network of CTT-Correios de Portugal in 2014 has been published. At the end of that year 2,317 postal establishments were operational, of which 619 were fixed post offices, 4 mobile post offices and 1,694 mail stations. (+)

ANACOM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A highlight was the speech by the chair of ANACOM's board of directors, Fátima Barros, in the Leadership Summit panel of the ITU Telecom World 2015 forum organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and held last 12-15 October in Budapest, Hungary. She also participated in the Competition and Market Failure panel at the International Regulators Forum organised by the International Institute of Communications (IIC) and held in Washington on 5 October. On 22 September she hosted the ANACOM conference on 'Regulation in the new digital ecosystem' at Lisbon's Belém Cultural Centre (CCB), giving a speech during the opening session.

On 28-29 September in Brussels she took part in the CERRE Private Seminar held at the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), which focused on the review of the regulatory framework for electronic communications and media.

Board member José Perdigoto closed the ANACOM conference in which board member João Confraria served as moderator of the panel on the Digital Ecosystem - Regulation for 2020. The latter was also present on 18 September in Lisbon at the Going Local Portugal 2015 initiative, devoted to the digital single market strategy and co-organised by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the European Commission (EC), where he moderated the panel on Development of Digital Networks and Innovative Services.

PORTED NUMBERS

	2014						2015					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dez ²	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May ²	Jun
FTS	1580315	1587594	1600909	1615130	1624522	1641054	1652873	1664749	1682259	1705500	1725497	1740197
MTS	1254915	1310544	1370301	1430120	1480843	1532464	1577258	1616214	1659275	1696235	1727276	1757265
NGS ¹	2907	3001	3082	3111	3123	3176	3183	3200	3220	3236	3252	3271
Total	2838137	2901139	2974292	3048361	3108488	3176694	3233314	3284163	3344754	3404971	3456025	3500733

FTS - fixed telephone service; MTS - mobile telephone service; NGS - other non-geographic services.

¹ At the end of the 2nd quarter of 2015 included 815 ported numbers from the '30' numbering range (numbers associated to nomad VoIP service).

² The merger of MEO-Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia, S.A., (MEO) by incorporation into PT Comunicações, S.A., (PTC) took place on 29 December 2014, with the latter adopting the trade name of the former. This process impacted the figures for ported numbers, as numbers previously ported between the two merged companies are no longer counted.

QUALITY OF FIXED TELEPHONE SERVICE

Statistical information on quality of the service of access to the public telephone network at a fixed location and of telephone

service publicly accessible at a fixed location has been updated with reference to the second quarter of 2015. (+)

CTT QUALITY OF SERVICE

By decision dated 4 September, the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) approved and published the reports concerning the results of monitoring of the quality of service

levels of the postal service provider CTT-Correios de Portugal (CTT). Those results led ANACOM to audit the levels of quality of service offered by CTT in 2012 and 2013. (+)

FOUNDATION FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DISBANDED

The Foundation for Mobile Communications (FCM) was declared

defunct by Order no. 11483/2015, published on 14 October. (+)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

Notice no. 10583/2015 (Series II - Part E - Diário da República of 17 September) - Reports concerning the system for the quality of CTT universal postal service, with respect to the years 2012 and 2013. (+)

Law no. 149/2015 (Series I - D.R. of 10 September) - First amendment of Law no. 35/2012 of 23 August, concerning the creation of a compensation fund for universal electronic communications service (as envisaged in the Electronic Communications Law) meant to finance net costs deriving from the provision of universal service. (+)

Law no. 144/2015 (Series I - D.R. of 8 September) - Transposes Directive 2013/11/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on alternative settlement of consumer litigation and establishes the legal framework of extrajudicial mechanisms for resolving consumer litigation. (+)

Law no. 127/2015 (Series I - D.R. of 3 September) - Tenth amendment of the Electronic Communications Law. (+)

OPERATORS/PROVIDERS OF COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SERVICES

PROVIDERS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICES

	No. of authorised entities (a)	No. of operational entities (a) (b)
Serviço de distribuição de sinais de televisão ^(c)	14	10
Serviço telefónico móvel		
Operadores de redes móveis (MNO)	3	3
Operadores de redes móveis virtuais (MVNO)	8	3
Serviço telefónico em local fixo	17	13
Serviço de acesso à Internet		
Banda larga fixa	54	43
Banda larga móvel	8	6
Serviço de voz através da Internet de uso nómada (VoIP nómada) ^(d)	23	13
Serviço de postos públicos	10	5
Serviço de cartões virtuais de chamadas	22	9

PRESTADORES DE SERVIÇOS POSTAIS

	No. of authorised entities ^(a)	No. of operational entities ^(a)
Postal services outside the scope of universal service	75	61 ^(e)
Postal services covered by the scope of universal service	15	10

a) Situation at 30 June 2015.

b) Includes operational entities with retail and/or wholesale supply.

c) Includes service provided in the scope of CDNs (8 operational providers) and via other platforms (2 operational providers).

d) Services provided with recourse to the '30' numbering range.

e) Includes 23 companies providing the service under the MRW brand on a franchising basis (the company IBERCOURIER owns the MRW brand), 14 companies providing the service under the NACEX brand on a franchising basis (the company LOGISTA owns the NACEX brand) and 2 companies providing the service under the ENVIALIA brand on a franchising basis.

MFRW - UPDATED INFORMATION

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) updated figures on the municipal fee for rights of way (MFRW) applied

between 2010 and 2015 after information was voluntarily submitted by various municipal councils. (+)

EUROPEAN UNION

The European Commission (EC) has initiated the following public consultations with respect to the digital single market strategy:

- Revision of the directive on author's rights in cable and satellite broadcasting - runs until 16 November; (+)
- Evaluation of the new regulatory framework for electronic communications in Europe - until 7 December; (+)
- Internet speed and quality beyond 2020 - until 7 December; (+)
- Rules for the digital single market (DSM) - until 16 December; (+)

- Regulatory environment for online platforms, data, cloud computing and the collaborative economy - until the end of December; (+)
- Geo-blocking and other commercial obstacles to buying and selling products and information access in the European Union (EU) - until the end of December; (+)
- Modernisation of the value added tax (VAT) in cross-border e-commerce transactions in the EU - until 18 December. (+)

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

CEPT

The following meetings were held in the context of the ECC:

- 65th meeting of SRD/MG - 2-4 September in Maisons-Alfort, France; (+)
- 27th meeting of WG NaN PT FNI - 15-16 September in Lisbon; (+)
- meeting of WG NaN PT TRIS - 8-9 September in Vilnius, Lithuania. (+)

Liston hosted on 23-24 September a meeting of the Committee for ITU Policy (Com-ITU). (+)

ITU

The drafting group on international roaming met on 16-17

September in Geneva. (+)

The 13th international conference was held on 28-29 September in Budva, Montenegro, co-organised by the ITU and EKIP and with the theme of 'expanding broadband access adoption'. (+)

EU

The 52nd RSC meeting was held on 14-15 July in Brussels. (+)

UPU

The ad hoc group on UPU Reform met on 3-4 September in Berne, Switzerland. (+)

ERGP

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

- working subgroup on Implementation and Evolution of the USO - 29 September in Budapest; (+)
- Steering Group - 22 September in Vilnius, Lithuania; (+)
- End Users and Market Monitoring group and drafters - respectively 15 and 16 September in Ljubljana, Slovenia. (+)

COOPERATION WITH MACAU

A bilateral technical cooperation protocol has been formalised between ANACOM and the Postal Service Bureau

of the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

COOPERATION WITH PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES

In the third quarter of 2015 ANACOM organised a number of cooperation activities addressed to its counterparts in the Portuguese-speaking African countries, namely: the Angolan Institute of Communications (INACOM), on radio spectrum management; Cabo Verde's National Communications Agency (ANAC), on the production of manuals for telecommunications

infrastructures in buildings and in housing estates, groups of buildings and urban developments (ITED and ITUR); Guinea-Bissau's National Regulatory Authority for Information and Communication Technologies (ARN-TIC), on human resource management and technical support for licensing of third and fourth generation mobile networks (3G and 4G).

ARCTEL TRAINING CENTRE

ANAC's offices in Praia, Cabo Verde, hosted on 14-18 September a training activity focusing on the subject of telecommunications for non-engineers, with 19 participants from the sector. This was the first activity in a joint consolidated training programme

undertaken with the collaboration of various partners. Also, an activity on mobile network planning (4G, LTE and LTE-Advanced) took place on 5-9 October in Lisbon, with participants from São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau and Portugal.

BEREC

ANACOM PRESIDENCY 2015

PRESIDENCY

In accordance with 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 took part in several events during the months of August and September, with the following standing out:

- Barclays Select Series: European Media and Telecom Forum - 2 September in London; (+)

- Meeting with the working group chairs - 3 September in Brussels; (+)
- Meeting with the vice-chairs of BEREC and the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) - 17-18 September in Cascais, Portugal; (+)
- Videoconference with the European Commission (EC) - 25 September; (+)
- Meeting with Orange - 29 September in Brussels. (+)

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The following held meetings in Brussels:

- Regulatory Framework EWG - 2 September; (+)
- IR EWG - 7 September; (+)
- EWG Remedies - 15 September; (+)
- Joint BEREC/ERGP EWG - 15 September; (+)

- End-user EWG drafters - 16 September; (+)
- NGN EWG drafters - 21 September; (+)
- MEA EWG drafters - 24 September. (+)

Also, the third meeting of the BEREC/IRG Contact Network was held on 10-11 September in Baden, Austria. (+)

OTHER NEWS

BEREC and the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP) have set up a joint working group to examine the possibility of applying knowledge from

electronic communications sector regulators to the cross-border parcel sector. (+)

SPEECH BY VICE PRESIDENT ANDRUS ANSIP

The public speech given by the EC vice president responsible for the digital single market (DSM), Andrus Ansip, on the subject of "Productivity, Innovation and Digitalisation - which

global policy challenges?" is now available. It was given at the Bruegel annual meeting on 7 September. (+)

ICT 2015 INNOVATE, CONNECT, TRANSFORM

The ICT 2015 - Innovate, Connect Transform event takes place on 20-22 October at the Lisbon Congress Centre, jointly

organised by the EC and the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). (+)

OJEU

Corrigendum to Directive 2008/6/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008, amending Directive 97/67/EC with respect to full accomplishment of the Community's internal market for postal services. (+)

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA - Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

- Records show that in the last 12 months the number of post-pay mobile service consumers who received unexpectedly high invoices has fallen (27 percent versus 33 percent in 2013). (+)

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

- The public consultation on the draft decision concerning the analysis of the market for wholesale voice call termination in individual mobile networks (market 2) runs until 14 October. (+)

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- The conditions, authorisation procedures and parameters for implementing TV relay service using digital technology were set on 22 September. Analogue signal will be switched off on 19 October, after which entities authorised to relay TV signals should express their interest in continuing to provide that service. (+)

BULGARIA - Communications Regulation Commission (CRC)

- The intention to hold a public tender to issue radio spectrum usage authorisations in the 2500-2690 MHz band has been announced. (+)

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

- Audiovisual communication service providers who abide by the self-regulation code have been asked to meet their commitments regarding television content and children. (+)
- The opening of disciplinary proceedings against thirteen companies that provide telephone consultation service regarding subscriber numbers has been approved. (+)

FINLAND - Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA)

- The Nordic regulators' common position on the digital single market strategy of the European Commission (EC), published last May, has been disclosed. They hold that it is vital to guarantee secure and resilient connections, along with access to broadband services able to support minimum needs and services for residential and business users in urban and rural areas. (+)

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

- Simpler and more transparent prices for value-added telephone services were implemented on 1 October and include separate indication of call price and the rate for

value-added service. (+)

- A public consultation on draft decisions concerning determination of capital return rates for regulated fixed, mobile (2016-2017 period) and broadcasting (2016-2018 period) activities is under way until 22 October. (+)
- A document on net neutrality has been presented to provide information about the new regulatory framework, based on four main points: traffic management, business practices, streamlined internet access services and quality of that access. (+)

The NETHERLANDS - Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM)

- Regulatory intervention has determined a reduction in the postal company PostNL's capacity to increase prices in 2016, a measure that counters the price increase (more than 14 percent) envisaged by the company for delivering individual parcels and letters. (+)

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The second quarter report on the electronic communications market was released on 10 September. It highlights overall retail market revenues amounting to 748.3 million euros, up 2.2 percent over the first quarter of 2015 and 0.6 percent over the second quarter of 2014. (+)

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- A public consultation is under way until 12 November on plans meant to encourage investment and innovation in the internet of things through use of the 10 MHz band for new applications, namely machine-to-machine (M2M). (+)
- The decision on revision of the annual rates for spectrum licences in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands was approved on 24 September in order for them to reflect the market value of frequencies used by mobile operators in second, third and fourth generation mobile services. (+)

SWITZERLAND - Network Neutrality Arbitration Board

- An independent arbitration commission has been set up to handle consumer complaints about possible violations of the code of conduct regarding net neutrality. That code of conduct was signed by the main Swiss telecom operators (Salt, Sunrise, Swisscable, Swisscom and UPC Cablecom) and is based on the open internet principle. (+)

SWITZERLAND - Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)

- The new internet domain 'swiss' has been implemented. It does not replace the 'ch' domain, which remains active. (+)

2ND QUARTER 2015 STATISTICS RELEASED

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PACKAGES

The number of subscribers to bundled offers has reached 3.1 million, up 2.6 percent over the previous quarter and 12.7 percent year-on-year. It is estimated that nearly 77 of each 100 classic families have a multiple-play package, 7.7 percent more than in the second quarter of 2014. (+)

INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE

Penetration of internet access service at a fixed location stood at 28.9 per 100 inhabitants in the case of fixed accesses and 46 per 100 inhabitants in the case of effectively used mobile accesses. Penetration of fixed broadband service (home customers) was 61.5 per 100 classic families and 42.1 per 100 classic family households. (+)

FIXED TELEPHONE SERVICE

The penetration rate of main telephone accesses was 44.7 accesses per 100 inhabitants, the highest recorded since those statistics have been gathered (fourth quarter of 2006). (+)

MOBILE SERVICES

Mobile service penetration rose to 158.3 per 100 inhabitants, with the penetration rate of effectively used mobile stations standing at 123.1 per 100 inhabitants. The number of mobile stations authorised to use the service was 16.4 million. (+)

POSTAL SERVICES

Total postal service traffic was down 8.8 percent over the first quarter and 3.6 percent year-on-year. Postal traffic per inhabitant stood at 20 postal objects. Nearly 85.9 percent of traffic was within the bounds of universal service. (+)

PAY-TV SERVICE

The number of subscribers to pay-TV service was nearly 3.43 million, 36,000 more than in the previous quarter (up 1.1 percent) and 183,000 more than in the same period of the previous year (up 5.6 percent). (+)

WORKSHOP ON T'COM INFRASTRUCTURES IN BUILDINGS

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) held a workshop on 'ITED-ITUR: from knowing to doing' last 13

October at the Exponor Congress Centre in Leça da Palmeira, addressed solely to qualified technical personnel. (+)

WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED MOBILE LOCATION

The presentations given at the workshop on 'Advanced Mobile Location' held on 17 September in Lisbon are now available.

That event was organised by ANACOM along with the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Internal Administration (SGMAI). (+)

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