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□ REGULATORY ACCOUNTING MODELS – NEW CONSIDERATION

By determination dated last 28 October the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) ruled that both the document from the public consultation on costing models (launched on 1 August 2005) and the contributions received may no longer reflect the main issues at stake and that a new consideration of

the subject is thus needed. ANACOM has accordingly informed interested parties of the upcoming developments in regulatory accounting, to give them an opportunity to indicate their positions in a more informed way, in an up-to-date context and regarding more specific aspects. (+info)

□ “TELEPHONE PT HELLO” OFFER BY PT COMUNICAÇÕES – ANACOM DECISION

By determination dated 21 October, ANACOM approved a decision concerning the ‘Telephone PT Hello’ offer from PT Comunicações (PTC) whereby that operator must cease the verified non-compliance and rework the offer conditions to make sure they obey the price orientation to costs and offer replication principles (non-discrimination obligation). PTC must also post on its website

information about the service to contract, prices and other conditions of the offer in a clear, visible and easily accessible manner, with easy-to-read size and layout, as previously imposed by ANACOM (determination of 21 April 2006). The operator must also make sure that all lines with active ‘Telephone PT Hello’ service comply with the reworked conditions. (+info)

□ WORKSHOP ON APPLICATION OF R&TTE REGIME IN PORTUGAL – 3 DECEMBER

An ANACOM-organised workshop on “Application of the R&TTE Regime in Portugal” will be held in Lisbon on 3 December at 2:30 p.m. The aim is to encourage more publicity about free circulation and market placement of radio and

telecommunications terminal equipment (R&TTE regime). Participation in the workshop is free of charge though subject to prior registration by filling out the application form posted on the ANACOM website. (+info)

□ SUMMARY AND PRESENTATIONS FROM CNSA/LAP ANTI-SPAM WORKSHOP

The presentations and summary of work carried out in the CNSA/LAP Anti-Spam workshop, an ANACOM-promoted initiative held last 7-9 October at the FIL Congress Centre in Lisbon, are now available. It was the fifth annual joint meeting of the European Union’s Contact Network of Spam Authorities (CNSA) and entities included in the London Action Plan (LAP). In her opening speech, ANACOM board

member Teresa Maury announced that this Authority aims to develop an anti-spam strategy plan. Also disclosed was ANACOM’s decision to join the LAP and its intention to propose to the government a legislative initiative that will allow Portugal to take effective action in this area. (+info)

■ AUCTION TO AWARD BWA FREQUENCIES – REGULATION APPROVED

By determination dated 14 October, ANACOM approved the regulation governing the auction of frequency usage rights for broadband wireless access (BWA), as well as the report from the respective public consultation. Also approved was the “Auction Procedures Guide”, which aims through various examples to better explain some concepts and procedures adopted in the Regulation, namely those involving the “second price rule” and the method used to determine winners. The Regulation was meanwhile published in the second series of the official *Diário da República* (Part E) on 29 October (Regulation no. 427/2009). To present the auction model to be implemented and the tools needed to conduct the auction, ANACOM held a public clarification session in Lisbon last 10 November at 10 a.m. Lastly, note that a decision was made to extend until 31 December 2009 technical trials in the frequency bands now in question, which will be conditioned from the moment usage rights are awarded to the auction winners. (+info)

NEWS

ANACOM PUBLIC SPEECHES

The presentation given by Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) Chairman José Amado da Silva, titled “Broadband Experience in Portugal”, at the 14 October Capri (Italy) summit meeting of the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) and Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulatory Bodies (Regulate), is now available. **(+info)**

Also posted online is the speech by ANACOM Vice-Chairman Alberto Souto de Miranda at the Arrábida Forum organised by the Association for Promotion and Development of the Information Society (APDSI) and held last 9-10 October. **(+info)**

The speech by ANACOM board member Teresa Maury at the opening session of the CNSA-LAP anti-spam workshop held last 7-9 October in Lisbon has also been made available. **(+info)**

In the scope of the conference on “Postal Liberalisation – what perspectives are there for the Portuguese market?”, held last 4 November in Lisbon by the APDC, ANACOM board member José Ferrari Careto gave a presentation on “Postal Sector Liberalisation” which has been posted online. **(+info)**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

Upon verification that AR TELECOM – Acessos e Redes de Telecomunicações granted the entity J2 Global numbering resources for six geographic areas of Portugal, which that entity commercialised to third parties for the provision of a service without possessing any geographic addresses that could be associated to those numbers, thus failing to respect the nature of those numbers and the conditions for using the numbering in question, said company was fined last 17 August the amount of 5,000 euros. AR TELECOM decided to contest the decision and has filed an appeal with the Lisbon Commercial Court.

(+info, Portuguese only)

As COMVOZ – Comunicações de Portugal failed to fulfil its obligation to submit to ANACOM statistical information regarding first quarter 2008 activity as a voice over internet (VoIP) service provider, it was handed an admonition. As the company did not file any objection to that ruling within the legal deadline, same became final on 16 October. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

Also for failing to comply with the legal obligation to send ANACOM within due time statistical information on the third quarter of 2006 and the annual postal services questionnaire (2007 report), LHSTUR – Transportes Urgentes, Estafetagem, was fined a single amount of 600 euros for the concurrent practice of two administrative offences. The company neither judicially appealed the decision nor voluntarily paid the fine, so on 21 October the case was passed on to the Lisbon Petty Crime Court for execution. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

ANACOM EVENTS – PRESENTATIONS

The presentation on “The Future of the Postal Sector and Regulation” given by Michael Crew at the 22nd ANACOM Seminar held last 19 October in Lisbon has been posted online. It is the author’s sole responsibility, and neither commits ANACOM nor conveys any position of same. **(+info)**

Also posted on the ANACOM website are the presentations made during the seminar cycle on the new system for telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED) and in housing estates, urban developments and groups of buildings (ITUR) which the Authority held between 29 September and 27 October. The aim was to encourage discussion and clarification of issues associated

to the current legal system governing ITED and ITUR, and to the corresponding draft technical standards manuals. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

Also available are presentations given in the workshop on “ENUM – which future?”, focusing on ENUM (telephone number mapping) functions, which ANACOM held last 28-29 October in Lisbon. **(+info)**

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY ANACOM

Pursuant to terms of the Electronic Communications Law (Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February), certificates have been issued which allow the following companies to provide the services indicated: Take Signal (public network and various electronic communications services), YMAZYM (voice telephone traffic resale), Telemática (data transmission), Heartphone (resale of voice telephone traffic and short data traffic) and BLOOMBERG (data transmission and voice transmission in CUGs). **(+info)**

MOBILE BROADBAND IN PORTUGAL – STUDY

The final report from the scientific research project on broadband carried out by Academic Team at ANACOM’s request and jointly co-ordinated by Brazil’s Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL) is now available. **(+info)**

PTC COST ACCOUNTING – 2004 AND 2005

By determination dated 14 October, ANACOM decided to grant PT Comunicações (PTC) a prior hearing about the cost accounting system conformity declarations for financial years 2004 and 2005, as well as on determinations and recommendations to issue with a view to perfecting that system. The decision follows the conclusions made in the reports from the audit of PTC’s cost accounting system produced by the chartered accountants BDO bdc & Associados. **(+info)**

TARIFF MONITOR – 3RD QUARTER DATA

In the third quarter of 2009 some 7,980 accesses to the Tariff Monitor were recorded, with 9,036 operations, indicate data collected up to the end of September. Standing out among the various functions are price queries (5,065 consultations), monthly consumption (1,471 simulations) and call comparisons (1,343 comparisons). **(+info)**

ANACOM IN TWITTER

In order to enhance disclosure of current events posted on its website in Portuguese and English, ANACOM has been present since 2 February on Twitter, one of the most popular internet social networks. By the end of September the number of ANACOM followers had risen to 289. **(+info)**

ANACOM PUBLICATIONS

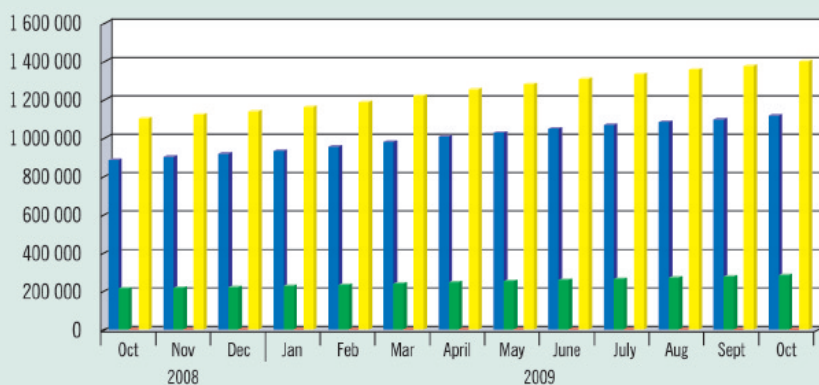
The report on the “2008 Situation of Communications” and the “2009 Yearbook of the Communications Sector in Portugal” are now available and will be distributed at the 19th APDC Communications Congress.

2009 COMMUNICATIONS CONGRESS

The 19th Communications Congress is to be held in Lisbon on 18-19 November, organised by the Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications (APDC). This year’s theme topic is “The Turning Point”. **(+info)**

PORTED NUMBERS

	2008			2009									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
FTS	887 877	903 509	918 953	934 473	956 626	981 964	1 009 413	1 029 554	1 050 891	1 068 918	1 086 530	1 099 247	1 117 919
MTS	215 924	219 497	223 335	229 272	234 011	240 394	246 686	252 591	259 284	265 801	272 940	278 369	284 784
NGS*	865	876	885	888	896	907	922	943	968	986	999	1 025**	1 033**
TOTAL	1 104 666	1 123 882	1 143 173	1 164 633	1 191 533	1 223 265	1 257 021	1 283 088	1 311 143	1 335 705	1 360 469	1 378 641	1 403 736



■ FTS - Fixed Telephone Service
■ MTS - Mobile Telephone Service
■ NGS - Non-Geographic Services *
■ Total

* Non-geographic services (NGS) whose numbers can be ported are the following: free call for the caller service (800), shared cost call service (808, 809) and universal access service (707).

** Includes a ported number from the '30' numbering range (number associated to nomad VoIP service).

ANACOM PUBLIC TENDER – MOBILE TERMINATION COSTING MODEL

The international public tender to develop and implement a mobile termination costing model is now under way. Its launch was approved by the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) in a determination dated 7 October, with the respective announcement published on 12 October in the second series of the official gazette. Interested parties are asked to submit their bids by 4 p.m.

on 2 December to the ANACOM public attendance service located at Avenida José Malhoa no. 12 in Lisbon. The public bid-opening ceremony will be held at the same address on the following day (3 December) at 10 a.m.

(+info, Portuguese only)

NEW ANACOM FEE SYSTEM – APPLICATION AND CLARIFICATION

By determination dated 2 October, ANACOM approved the following measures associated to the new system governing fees collected by this Authority, in force since 1 January 2009: the way to calculate the amount of the incurred costs of regulating the activity of supplier of electronic communications networks and services; the immediate start of an audit of suppliers of electronic communications networks and services which in 2008 posted higher values of relevant profits, and of others, for sampling reasons; and the immediate issue of all bills,

except for the annual fee for exercising the activity of supplier of electronic communications networks and services. The subsequently launched billing process encompasses number usage fees, radio fees, postal service activity fees and audiotext activity fees. (+info)

In the scope of the current billing process, ANACOM decided to post a clarification on fees due for frequency usage, due to the entrance into force of the new price table mentioned above. (+info)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Regulation no. 427/2009** (Series I – Diário da República of 29 October) – Governs the procedure for awarding by auction frequency usage rights in the 3400-3800 MHz band for broadband wireless access (BWA);
- **Administrative Rule no. 1307/2009** (Series I – D.R. of 19 October) – Second amendment of Administrative Rule no. 1473-B/2008 of 17 December, which approves the fees due for issuance of certifications of rights to exercise the activity of electronic communications networks and services provider, to allocate frequency and number usage rights and to use radio spectrum, along with other fees due to ICP-ANACOM;
- **Rectification Declaration no. 75/2009** (Series I – D.R. of 12 October) – Rectifies Law no. 99/2009 of 4 September, which approves the framework-system for administrative offences in the communications sector, published in Series I of the D.R., no. 172, of 4 September 2009;
- **Rectification Declaration no. 2457/2009** (Series II – D.R. (Part E) of 6 October) – Republishes Regulation no. 46/2005 of 14 June (Quality of Service Regulation), which due to lapse was not published in annex to Regulation no. 372/2009, published on 28 August;
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 109/2009** (Series I – D.R. of 2 October) – Creates the Inter-ministerial Network on Information and Communication Technologies and approves standards for the identification, authentication and electronic signature of citizens before authorities.

(+info, Portuguese only)

■ ANACOM DETERMINATIONS – 2ND QUARTER 2009

Date	Decision
30-06-2009	Declaration to AMAZING LIFE, Lda., for the offer of public payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
17-06-2009	Public consultation on the 2.6 GHz band. (+info)
17-06-2009	Vodafone – Modification of FWA frequency usage right. (+info)
17-06-2009	Next generation networks – tender jury. (+info)
15-06-2009	Provision of value-added services based on message sending – Clarification. (+info)
09-06-2009	Public tender on acquisition of study on communications security. (+info)
09-06-2009	DTT – Titles for MUX B thru F awarded to PTC. (+info)
09-06-2009	ITED terms of responsibility. (+info, Portuguese only)
03-06-2009	Public tender on acquisition of study on e.initiatives. (+info)
03-06-2009	Adjustment of NNP to value-added services based on message sending. (+info)
03-06-2009	ITED and ITUR – draft technical manuals (consultation). (+info)
30-05-2009	Authorisation for Linexpress Lda. to provide postal services. (+info, Portuguese only)
27-05-2009	Annex 6 of the NFAP. (+info)
27-05-2009	Procedures for amateur service. (+info)
26-05-2009	Authorisation for Carga Compatível Lda. to provide postal services. (+info, Portuguese only)
26-05-2009	Declaration to LUCKYPRICE, Lda. for offer of public payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
26-05-2009	Declaration to BEMAVIADA Unipessoal, Lda. for offer of public payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
20-05-2009	Cancellation of frequency allocation to RNT. (+info)
20-05-2009	Regulation of auction to award BWA frequencies (consultation). (+info)
18-05-2009	Extension of deadline of public consultation on digital dividend. (+info)
13-05-2009	Maintenance of registration of certifier HEXAFÁSICA, Lda. (+info, Portuguese only)
12-05-2009	Approval of registration of M & E, LDA as ITED certifier. (+info, Portuguese only)
12-05-2009	Approval of registration of Saninstel, Lda. as ITED certifier. (+info, Portuguese only)
06-05-2009	Maintenance of registration of certifier INDUTORA, S.A. (+info, Portuguese only)
30-04-2009	Maintenance of registration of certifier TELIC, S.A. (+info, Portuguese only)
30-04-2009	Maintenance of registration of certifier SIPROSEL, Lda. (+info, Portuguese only)
30-04-2009	Maintenance of registration of certifier INSTALOTÉCNICA, Lda. (+info, Portuguese only)
23-04-2009	Procedures for amateur service. (+info)
21-04-2009	BRAGATEL adhesion contract for supply of electronic communications products and services. (+info, Portuguese only)
17-04-2009	Portability specification. (+info)
15-04-2009	Declaration to Nipojasmin, Lda. for offer of public payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
15-04-2009	Study on quality of internet access service. (+info)
15-04-2009	Portability Regulation – draft amendment (consultation). (+info)
13-04-2009	Declaration to Castelcall, Lda. for offer of public payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
13-04-2009	Declaration to Especial Abraço, Lda. For offer of payphone services. (+info, Portuguese only)
13-04-2009	Declaration to IV Response Limited for offer of a virtual calling card service. (+info, Portuguese only)
08-04-2009	RUO and LLRO – Dispute between Sonaecom and PTC on quality of service. (+info)
08-04-2009	‘PT Social’ offer of PT Comunicações. (+info)
02-04-2009	Approval of registration of Ampernor, Lda. as an ITED certifier. (+info, Portuguese only)
02-04-2009	Approval of registration of Celiumproj, Lda. as an ITED certifier. (+info, Portuguese only)
01-04-2009	Approval of registration of Predicer, Lda. as an ITED certifier. (+info, Portuguese only)
01-04-2009	Approval of title renewal by Repart for the provision of mobile services with resources. (+info)
01-04-2009	Cancellation of frequencies allocation to RNT. (+info, Portuguese only)
01-04-2009	Adjustment of NNP to value-added services based on message sending – draft (consultation). (+info)

□ WORLD STANDARDS DAY 2009

World Standards Day, a joint initiative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), was celebrated last 14 October. This year's theme topic was "Tackling Climate Change Through Standards". The day was also marked by the European Commission through a conference on the subject of "European Standardisation for the Next Decade" and which served to discuss

the work of Express, the expert panel for review of the European Standardisation System. The conference included three panels to debate the key topics of "European standardisation in the changing global context", "The needs of competitiveness and public and societal demands" and "Moving towards 2020: changes in European standardisation structures and capabilities". **(+info)**

□ EUROPEAN UNION

TELECOM PACKAGE – AGREEMENT BETWEEN EP AND COUNCIL

The European Council (EP) and the Council of Ministers of the European Union (EU) reached agreement last 4 November on the review package of community telecommunications standards (Telecom Package), per the respective conciliation process. The text of the provision that had generated so much controversy now includes reference that the limits on end users' access or use of services and applications by means of electronic communications networks can only be imposed if they are appropriate, proportionate and necessary in a democratic society. Such measures should respect the principle of presumption of innocence and the right to privacy. A prior, fair and impartial procedure, including the right to be heard, must be guaranteed, subject to the need to provide proper procedural arrangements and conditions in duly grounded cases of urgency in line with the European Human Rights Convention. **(+info)**

DIGITAL DIVIDEND – EC APPROACH

The European Commission (EC) approved on 28 October a Recommendation and a Communication to the EP and to the Council which aim to establish a roadmap for co-ordinating the digital dividend, which was subject to an EC public consultation launched last July. In the Communication the Commission puts forward a number of proposals for a common approach to the digital dividend in Europe, so that immediate progress can be made on priority challenges (such as the end of terrestrial analogue emissions planned for 1 January 2012 and the setting of harmonised technical conditions for use of the 790-862 MHz sub-band by other electronic communications services otherwise subject to the Recommendation), while enabling adequate preparation of strategy issues to be decided together and others concerning prospects for increased availability of the digital dividend in amount and usage possibilities in the long term. After the EC and the Council indicate positions on these proposals, the EC aims to include those contributions in a broader action programme to present in 2010. Meanwhile, and as a matter of urgency, the Commission will present to the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) for issuance of a regulatory opinion its proposal for technical harmonisation of the 790-862 MHz sub-band for electronic communications services. On the other hand, member States are asked to inform the Commission by mid-2010 of progress made towards ensuring that the analogue emission switch-off is on schedule. **(+info)**

EUROPE OPENS GSM FREQUENCIES TO NEW SERVICES

The new community rules (a Decision and a Directive which updates the 1987 GSM Directive) opening up the GSM radio spectrum band to other mobile services, including third generation (3G) and fourth generation (4G) devices

along with mobile broadband, were published in the Official Journal of the European Union last 20 October. This makes possible co-existence of the current GSM systems (second generation mobile equipment) and UMTS (3G equipment adding high speed mobile internet to traditional phone services) in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz GSM frequency bands. These measures must now be implemented by the 27 member States within six months in the case of the directive, so that the frequency bands allocated to GSM can be effectively used, namely by 3G services. This is the first initiative to reorganise policy governing radio spectrum use in the European Union. According to Viviane Reding (European Commissioner for Information Society and Media) it aims to "strengthen competition and save the mobile industry up to 1.6 billion euros in capital costs". **(+info)**

ENERGY-EFFICIENT ECONOMY AND ICTS

The European Commission adopted last 9 October a Recommendation which holds that information and communication technologies (ICTs) should pave the way to an energy-efficient and low carbon economy. It urges the sector to work out by 2010 a common framework for measuring energy consumption and carbon emissions. With the aim of exceeding the European Union's 2020 goals as early as 2015, with a 15 percent reduction in total carbon emissions (based on data obtained by common measurement methods), ambitious energy efficiency and emission reduction targets may be set. **(+info)**

FIGHTING SPAM AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ONLINE

The European Commission has again warned member States of the need for more determined action to tackle public threats online, to step up the fight against spam and protect privacy in electronic communications. The alert follows presentation of the "Study on Activities Undertaken to Address Threats that Undermine Confidence in the Information Society, such as Spam, Spyware and Malicious Software – SMART 2008/0013", which shows that despite anti-spam measures adopted in recent years by the EU countries, same are still not uniform in the European space. The report ends by affirming the need to introduce relevant legislative improvements in the reform package for the sector's regulatory framework, which may include sanctions that effectively deter spammers and prevent violations of privacy. According to the study, most member States have one or more websites where citizens can obtain information or submit complaints if they are victims of spam, spyware or malware. It also asserts that spam is a global problem justifying ever more international co-operation and that the European Union countries should assign more resources to national authorities operating in that area. **(+info)**

■ OJEU

- **Rectification of Regulation (EC) no. 560/2009** – Of the Commission of 26 June 2009, amending Regulation (EC) no. 874/2004, which establishes public interest policy rules concerning implementation and functions of the .eu top-level domain and the principles governing registration. Published on 6 November.
- **Communication (2009/C257/01)** – Of the Commission, concerning the application of rules on state aid to the public broadcasting sector. Published on 27 October.
- **Communication (2009/C235/04)** – Of the Commission, with community orientations concerning the application of rules in matters of state aid for the rapid implementation of broadband networks. Published on 30 September.

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

ECC

The 24th meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) was held last 26-30 October in the Macedonian capital Skopje. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC PT1

The 33rd meeting of ECC project team (PT) 1, focusing on issues involving international mobile telecommunications (IMT), was held in the Spanish city of Seville last 15-17 September. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC WG FM PT22

The Slovenian capital Ljubljana served as venue last 13-16 October for a meeting of PT 22 of the ECC working group on Frequency Management (WG FM). [\(+info\)](#)

ECC WG SE PT43

The second meeting of PT 43 of the Spectrum Engineering working group (WG SE) was held last 20-21 October in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

ITU POLICY COMMITTEE

The ITU Policy Committee (Com-ITU) met last 19 October in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC WG FM PT45

Copenhagen hosted last 16-17 September the eighth meeting of PT 45 of WG FM. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC CPG PTC

The fifth meeting of project team C of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG PTC) was held last 16-18 September in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

CERP – PT POLICY

The Slovenian capital Ljubljana hosted last 28-29 September a meeting PT Policy of the European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP). [\(+info\)](#)

CERP – PT COSTING/PRICE REGULATION

The CERP PT on Costing/Price Regulation met last 1-2 October in Budapest. [\(+info\)](#)

CERP – PT SUPERVISION/MARKET DATA

The CERP PT on Supervision/Market Data met last 13 October in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)**

PLENARY MEETING

The IRG held a plenary meeting last 8 October in the Swiss city of Lucerne. [\(+info\)](#)

CORE INTERNATIONAL ROAMING PT

Brussels hosted last 30 September a meeting of the Core International Roaming project team (PT). [\(+info\)](#)

PT CONVERGENCE

PT Convergence met last 28 October in Barcelona. [\(+info\)](#)

PT SMP

Brussels hosted last 23 October a meeting of PT on Significant Market Power (SMP). [\(+info\)](#)

PT BENCHMARKING SUBGROUP

A subgroup of the project team (PT) on Benchmarking met last 23 October in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

PT MTR

The PT on asymmetry in Mobile Termination Rates (PT MTR) held a meeting last 13 October, also in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

IRG/REGULATEL SUMMIT

The 8th IRG-Regulatel summit was held in Capri (Italy) last 15-16 October. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

COCOM

Brussels hosted last 14 October the 36th meeting of the Communications Committee (COCOM) of the European Commission (EC). [\(+info\)](#)

ERG

The European Regulators Group (ERG) held its 30th meeting last 8-9 October in Lucerne, Switzerland. [\(+info\)](#)

WG POSTAL DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE

Brussels hosted last 12 October the seventh meeting of the Postal Directive Committee working group (WG). [\(+info\)](#)

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Brussels also hosted last 20 October the fourth meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Complaints. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)**

COUNCIL

The ITU Council (2009 session) met last 20-30 October in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANISATION (EUTELSAT)**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Paris served as venue last 14 October for the 24th EUTELSAT Consultative Committee meeting. [\(+info\)](#)

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

ICCP

Paris served as venue last 14-16 October for the 58th meeting of the Information, Computers and Communications Policy (ICCP) Committee. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **LATIN AMERICAN FORUM OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (REGULATEL)**

PLENARY MEETING

Capri (Italy) hosted last 14 October the 12th Regulatel plenary meeting. [\(+info\)](#)

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- The regulator published last 4 November the framework conditions for using the national infrastructure atlas, an instrument that is part of the government's broadband strategy and whose aim is to speed up the supply of broadband connections to the entire population. **(+info)**
- BNetzA has published for the first time a numbering concept which it analyses developments in the communications sector and indicates changes planned for the numbering field. A numbering concept will be published annually in the future. **(+info)**
- The draft market analysis and regulatory provisions applying to the supply of bitstream (broadband) access to major customers has been placed in public consultation until 21 November. **(+info)**

BELGIUM – Institut Belge des Services Postaux et des Télécommunications (IBPT)

- The regulator has published the 2008 report on the incumbent Belgacom's compliance with universal service obligations, in which it also examines eventual adjustments that may be made to the universal service concept. **(+info, French only)**

BRAZIL – Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- The regulator's proposal aiming to modify the regulation on channels and usage conditions for radio frequencies in the 148-174 MHz band has been placed in public consultation until 1 December (2 December if the Public Consultation Accompaniment System (SACP) is used). **(+info, Portuguese only)**
- Brazil surpassed 166 million mobile telephone service (MTS) subscribers at the end of September, a month which saw 1.6 million new connections registered. Some 136.6 million (82.2 percent) of total accesses are prepaid, while 29.6 million (17.8 percent) are postpaid. The MTS penetration rate stood at 86.7 accesses per 100 inhabitants. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

SPAIN – Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

- Data on second quarter 2009 electronic commerce in Spain have been

released, indicating turnover of 1.43 billion euros, 1.8 percent more than in the year-on-year period and 18.5 million operations. **(+info, Spanish only)**

FINLAND – Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC)

- Internet connection at 1 Mbit will as from 1 July 2010 be included in the universal service the operators designated to that effect must provide. An MTC decree states that the Finnish regulator (FICORA) must name those operators by the end of 2009. **(+info)**

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

- The regulator's proposal on the reference costs to use when setting tariffs to apply in mobile network voice call termination has been placed in public consultation until 7 December. **(+info, French only)**
- The European Commission approved without comment the draft on the rollout of fibre optic networks submitted by ARCEP. **(+info)**

IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The regulator has published responses to the consultation on digital dividend in Ireland. **(+info)**
- The draft revision of the procedures ComReg will apply when settling disputes in the electronic communications sector has been placed in public consultation until 11 December. **(+info)**

• A report on internet access has been published which analyses the residential and business markets. **(+info)**

UNITED KINGDOM – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- The regulator has published a report which studies the way people view the trustworthiness, independence and balance of online contents and services. **(+info)**
- Anti-bullying week was marked from 16 to 20 November, this year dedicated to the subject of cyber-bullying (threats and coercion over the internet), a cause of concern for parents and children. **(+info)**

□ CO-OPERATION

MOZAMBIQUE

As part of the co-operative actions with the Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOPs) and East Timor planned for 2009, ANACOM received during the week of 12-19 October the director-general, Américo Muchanga, and three high-level employees of Mozambique's Instituto Nacional de Comunicações (INCM). The training action was basically meant to provide information about Portugal's situation and experience regarding tenders for third generation (3G) terrestrial mobile service system licences, which in Portugal took place in 2000. The second part of the action involved sharing experiences and action orientations on telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED) and in housing estates, urban developments and groups of buildings (ITUR). Topics such as

communications security and digital terrestrial television were also considered, among others.

ITU EXCELLENCE CENTRE

The Cape Verdean capital Praia hosted in the last week of October the next-to-last training/workshop action, dedicated to the theme topic of "Technologies, Services and Regulation in a Convergence Environment", scheduled for 2009 under the aegis of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Excellence Centre for the Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries. It was monitored by two Portuguese experts and included ANACOM participation.

□ PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN ITU YOUTH FORUM – 2009

Filipa Henriques and Rui Trindade from the Instituto Superior Técnico were the two Portuguese students who took part in the Youth Forum organised in the scope of the Telecom World Fair of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) held in Geneva last 5-9 October. The student selection process began early in the year, during which ANACOM contacted various national higher education institutions with a view to fielding candidates. The ITU was in charge of candidate selection, based among other criteria on analysis of essays they submitted in response to the question: "What is the biggest problem in your community and how would you use information communication technologies to solve it?". **(+info)**

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20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM), one of the world's oldest communications sector regulators and the second oldest in Europe, celebrated its 20th anniversary on 6 November, marking the date the first management board of the then Instituto das Comunicações de Portugal (ICP) took office. Among the various related initiatives are the holding last 30 September of the third ANACOM international conference, dedicated to the theme topic of "20 Years Later: why regulate?", which debated key issues currently facing regulation of the communications sector, and publication of a special edition of the Spectru monthly bulletin (already posted online) with a special focus on the situation of electronic communications and postal service in recent years. It includes input from chairmen of the ANACOM management board, as well as by former minister Mário Lino and by Diogo Vasconcelos, head of the Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications (APDC). Note also that a 20th anniversary commemorative medal has also been issued. (+info)

MANAGEMENT BOARD – NEW MEMBER APPOINTED

At the Council of Ministers meeting last 12 November, Filipe Alberto da Boa Baptists was appointed a member of the ANACOM Management Board. The new board member will replace Teresa Maury, who steps down at the end of her mandate. (+info)

□ MAGNETOMETER TESTED AT ANACOM LABS IS IN SPACE

A magnetometer designed by the Portuguese company Lusospace (www.lusospace.com) was launched into space by the European Space Agency (ESA) last

2 November in the Proba-2 satellite. Certification tests for the ESA had been conducted at the ANACOM Laboratories in Barcarena.

□ UNIVERSAL SERVICE DIRECTORY AND INFORMATION SERVICE – AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZON AND PTC

By determination dated 21 October ANACOM approved the draft decision ordering ZON TV Cabo and PT Comunicações (PTC) to take steps towards signing an agreement on the format and conditions for supplying information on respective subscribers who have agreed that their information can be included in the universal service information service and directory. The companies in question are also to submit to ANACOM a copy of the signed agreement along

with information on its respective implementation. If no agreement is reached, then the companies must inform this Authority of the steps taken, the problems encountered and the way to get around obstacles to the agreement, so that ANACOM can determine the format and conditions for that information to be provided to the universal service provider, PTC. (+info)

□ NEW CEPT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The presidency of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) announced its new simplified management structure, meant to streamline its work throughout Europe, during a conference marking the organisation's 50th anniversary held last 21-22 October in Montreux, Switzerland. To ensure an integrated approach to issues, CEPT will group its three main working areas under a joint presidency, to be overseen by Thomas Ewers (chairman of the Electronic Communications Committee – ECC), Ulrich Dammann (chairman of the European Committee for Postal Regulation – CERP) and Anders Jönsson (chairman of the ITU Policy Committee – ITU-Com). The conference set

the following priorities: maintain and strengthen its technical expertise; maintain co-ordination in wider international forums (ITU and UPU); take a more strategic approach with its policy work and decision-making; ensure complementary and constructive engagement with EU activities; give greater emphasis to economic considerations in spectrum management; and improve communications and arrangements for stakeholder participation in its work. Finally, note that the CEPT Assembly was maintained and may be summoned on an ad hoc basis if necessary. (+info)

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