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## □ APPLICATION OF DECREE-LAW No. 57/2008 – ANACOM POSITION

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) released on 2 May its position concerning application of the rule in paragraph q) of article 8 of Decree-Law no. 57/2008 of 26 March to the electronic communications sector. In sum, this Authority considers that the existence of a price table with a single initial period, followed by billing by the second, will be the best way to ensure balance between the price freedom requirement set out in the Electronic Communications Law and the concerns of the new instrument; consumers should be able to opt for price tables of that nature without any burdens. ANACOM, which has no power to regulate retail prices besides specific exceptions, which include the prices of universal service, thus ruled to the effect that the electronic communications operators should act within the period of one month in accordance

with this understanding. Eventual problems in implementing within that period should be justified and promptly submitted to this Authority. Meanwhile, according to the press info released on 7 May, the Ministry of Economy and Innovation indicated that it had asked the Attorney General of the Republic for an urgent opinion on ANACOM's interpretation concerning application of the said provision of Decree-Law no. 57/2008 to the electronic communications sector.

(+info)

ANACOM's position was preceded by a meeting – the eleventh – of this Authority's Advisory Council, chaired by Álvaro Dâmaso; the only agenda point was the application to the sector of paragraph q) of article 8 of the instrument in question. (+info)

## □ MARKET 12 – IMPLEMENTATION OF GRUPO PT OBLIGATIONS

By determination dated 30 April, ANACOM approved the draft decision on evaluation of the ways to implement the obligations it maintains for the *Grupo PT* in market 12 (wholesale provision of broadband access) after the *Zon Multimédia* spin-off. This Authority envisages eliminating the need for *Grupo PT* companies to inform ANACOM beforehand about the conditions practiced in retail, including

eventual promotions – they would henceforth have to be reported within 15 days after the date same took effect. Also updated were the retail costs considered in the methodology to evaluate margin squeezing and considering the existence of additional profits from traffic. The analysis now carried out does not jeopardise the conclusions that eventually result from ongoing market analyses. (+info)

## ■ DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION (DTT) – DEVELOPMENTS

April 23 was the deadline for submitting bids for the digital terrestrial television tenders. The public acts to open the respective bids for allocation of a nationwide frequency usage right (MuxA) and for nationwide and partial allocation of frequency usage rights for digital terrestrial television broadcasting service and distribution operator licensing (Muxes B through F) took place on the following day at 10 a.m. The Commission appointed to intervene in the public act proposed on that day to the ANACOM board of administration that PT *Comunicações*'s Mux A proposal be accepted, which the board approved. Regarding the proposals for Muxes B through F, the said Commission proposed acceptance of the PTC bid; the acceptance of the candidacy bid of AirPlus Television Portugal was only definitively proposed on 30 April, after presentation of the document proving deposit of the provisional collateral required by the corresponding Tender Regulation. Indeed, on that date and after obtaining a favourable opinion from the Media Regulatory Body (ERC – *Entidade Reguladora da Comunicação Social*) the ANACOM board decided to admit to the public tender the proposals from PTC and AirPlus. As for the following developments, the said Commission has in the case of Mux A 60 working days counting from the closure date of the public tender act, after prior hearing of interested parties (10 working days), to produce a final report containing the bidder classification and to propose allocation of the usage right; it is up to the ANACOM board to type-approve within a maximum of 10 working days the presented proposal. Regarding Muxes B through F, the Commission was given 40 working days counting from the date of supply effected by AirPlus, i.e., 30 April, after which it should produce a final report containing the ranking of the bidders and submit its proposal to allocate the usage rights and distribution operator licence to the board of this Authority and to the ERC regulatory council. These two authorities should type-approve the proposal within a maximum of 10 working days, after prior hearing of interested parties carried out by the ANACOM board (10 working days). (+info)

## ■ CURRENT EVENTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

As part of its sanctions and oversight activity, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has fined the companies *Electrino – Actividades Eléctricas* and *Infraprojecto – Estudos Técnicos e Realizações, Lda*, as well as the *Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade*, for breaching applicable legislation for the certification of telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (the Portuguese acronym is ITED); the aforementioned entities paid the fines. In the area of electronic communications, fines were likewise applied, for failing to send statistical information to this Authority, to the companies *TVTEL – Comunicações* and *Saphety Level – Trusted Services*, which also proceeded with the respective voluntary payment. (+info, Portuguese only)

In the scope of electronic communications, administrative offence cases involving the companies *Cabovisão* and *Equant Portugal* (the respective cases were relegated on 13 March to the Lisbon Commercial Court (LCC) for execution) are still under way, as well as for *PT Comunicações* (the operator has appealed to the LCC ANACOM's decision to fine it 100,000 euros). The *Globalnomi* company has in turn paid a 5,000-euro fine for the negligent practice of an administrative offence. In the area of personal data treatment and privacy protection in electronic communications, ANACOM fined the *Covilhã Voluntary Firefighters Association* 5,000 euros – the latter has appealed to that city's Court of Justice.

(+info, Portuguese only)

Fines were also imposed on the companies *Leonel Barbeiro – Electricidade e Canalizações, Lda.*, which has already paid, and *Media Capital – Telecomunicações*, which decided to file an appeal with the Judicial Court of Oeiras County.

(+info, Portuguese only)

### ACTIVE OPERATORS/PROVIDERS

Online information concerning the active operators and providers of electronic communications, audiotext and postal services has been updated with data from the fourth quarter of 2007. (+info)

ANACOM has meanwhile issued declarations for the provision of specific electronic communications services to the following entities: *Cosat* (order of 31 January), *PDM&FC* and *Transit Telecom* (orders of 28 February). (+info, Portuguese only)

### POSTAL OPERATORS

By order dated 27 March, ANACOM granted authorisation to *Vianicle – Unipessoal* to provide express mail services (postal services not reserved and not covered by the scope of universal service). (+info, Portuguese only)

Identical authorisations were previously granted, on 14 March, to the companies *Levado à Letra – Transportes e Serviços* and *Ritmo Veloz, Lda.*

(+info, Portuguese only)

But on 15 February the authorisation for *Portipost – Serviços de Transportes Urgentes, Lda.*, to provide postal services was revoked. (+info, Portuguese only)

### ITED – DEVELOPMENTS

By determinations dated 26 March, ANACOM approved provisional suspension of the registrations of the following ITED (telecommunications infrastructures in buildings) certifiers: *SPCABO – Comunicações*, *Gatipel – Telecomunicações e Informática*, and *J. Rocha Pinto, Projectos e Consultoria*. The measures in question were decreed for a period of three months counting from the respective notifications, which took place on 8, 10 and 17 April respectively. Also revoked on the same date were the ITED certifier registrations of the companies *Obriluz – Instalações Eléctricas* and *Ribatel – Equipamentos de Telecomunicações*.

(+info, Portuguese only)

Also approved was the provisional registration suspension of *Astroluz – Sociedade de Electricidade e Construção Civil, Lda*, as an ITED certifier. The measure in question was decreed for a period of three months counting from the respective notification, which took place on 21 January. (+info, Portuguese only)

### ADHESION CONTRACTS

By orders dated 14 April, ANACOM approved the *PT Comunicações* adhesion contracts for the provision of electronic communication services, including the green number (800), blue number (808) and single number (707) service and telephone service accessible to the public at a fixed location by means of a virtual calling card. (+info, Portuguese only)

By order dated 10 April ANACOM approved the adhesion contract of *PT Prime – Soluções Empresariais de Telecomunicações e Sistemas*, for the provision of electronic communication services. (+info, Portuguese only)

### PORTED NUMBERS

The total number of ported numbers at the end of April was 954,764, of which 762,153 were fixed telephone service (FTS) numbers, 191,838 mobile telephone service (MTS) numbers and 773 non-geographic service (NGS) numbers.

(+info)

### POSTAL SERVICE – USER COMPENSATION

Following the presentation by the *CTT – Correios de Portugal* (Portuguese Postal Service) of the report on the actions taken by that operator in 2007 to compensate users for the failure to comply with service quality indicators in 2006, ANACOM approved by determination dated 20 February the report evaluating the overall results of the said actions. Overall, the report concludes that the level of comprehensive realisation of the actions implemented by the CTT in 2007 fulfils the objectives set by this Authority in terms of the value of benefits for users.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE LISBON ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

In line with the order from the Lisbon Circuit Administrative Court dated 4 April, ANACOM proceeded to publish (online release and posting on the premises of the public attendance services) an order summoning interested parties to appear before the court and present their challenge within the indicated periods in the proceedings in which the plaintiff is *PT Comunicações* and the defendant ANACOM. The plaintiff seeks annulment of the ANACOM determination dated 17 May 2007, concerning the specific conditions made available to pensioners and retired subscribers in the scope of universal service. (+info)

### POSTAL ESTABLISHMENTS – NETWORK IN 2007

At the end of 2007 there were 2,853 operational post offices, 10 less than at the end of 2006. This figure represents a drop in the number of post offices since 2002, basically due to a reduction of postal service offices, despite the tendency for a certain stabilisation in the last two years. This data is included in the recently disclosed report on the post office network of the *CTT – Correios de Portugal* (CTT), the concession company for universal postal service. Out of the total post offices at the end of 2007, 912 were permanent post offices, 12 were mobile post offices, and 1,929 were postal service offices. (+info)

### OBLIGATIONS OF THE LMS OPERATORS

By suggestion of the Parliamentary Committee for Public Works, Transport and Communications, the final report was recently released concerning a petition to determine the land mobile service operators' level of compliance with the projects meant to address citizens with special needs, as per the obligations assumed when the third generation mobile licences were granted.

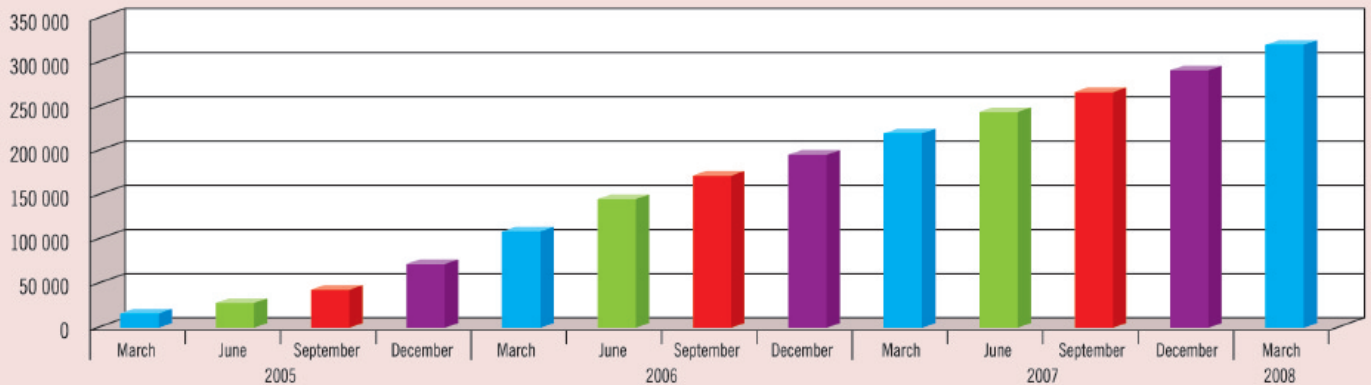
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### REGULATION – REPORT FROM THE COURT OF AUDITORS

The Court of Auditors published online last 29 April the Summary Report on the Subject of Regulation, in which it makes a succinct analysis of regulatory activity in various sectors of economic activity, including communications, based on the results of six audits carried out in 2006 and 2007. (+info, Portuguese only)

## ■ EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNBUNDLED ACCESSES

2005				2006				2007				2008
March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March
15 916	27 987	43 127	72 019	108 794	145 614	172 082	195 754	219 653	244 068	266 536	291 175	319 908



## □ RUO – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved by determination dated 16 April the final decision concerning the process of administrative settlement of the dispute between *PT Comunicações* (PTC) and *Telemilénio – Telecomunicações* (Tele2) vis-à-vis the non-payment of energy consumption bills per the reference unbundling offer (RUO). This decision rejects the settlement request submitted by PTC under article 10 of Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February, as the maximum period had passed for requesting this Authority's intervention, and explains that point 4.2.3, b), of RUO Annex 14 sets the prices the other licensed operators (OLOs) must pay in return for the co-mingling service provided by PTC, regardless of the time of equipment installation and connection. By agreement the parties may set other conditions, but they should

determine the conditions needed to make same operational, namely which allow PTC to know the effective date after which it is legitimate to charge said amounts. (+info)

Also by determination dated 16 April, ANACOM approved the draft decision in the process of administrative settlement of the dispute between Sonaecom and PTC concerning the compensation payment for non-compliance with the service quality levels set out in the RUO in response to requests to verify eligibility in 2006. Dismissal of the submitted requests is generally envisaged; the process of prior hearing of interested parties was begun, for which Sonaecom and PTC were given a deadline of 10 working days to state their positions in writing. (+info)

## □ UNIVERSAL SERVICE – EVALUATION OF NET COSTS

As part of its assessment of the net costs incurred through the provision of universal service, ANACOM decided by determination dated 30 January that conditions were not in place to accept the net cost estimates for that provision with respect to financial year 2003 and the revisions of the estimates presented by *PT Comunicações* (PTC) for 2001 and 2002. Approval was thus given to begin a process of detailed specification of the methodology to apply when calculating

these costs and for definition of the conditions in which its provision may represent an excessive burden for the respective provider, thus justifying the establishment of a compensation mechanism. This Authority's eventual conclusions will be submitted to the general consultation procedure within a maximum of 90 days counting from the date of the determination's approval, bearing in mind the urgent need to conclude this process. (+info)

## □ PROPOSED LAW SETTING THE SANCTION SYSTEM FOR ROAMING

The Committee for Public Works, Transports and Communications is currently analysing the proposed law that proceeds with the second amendment of Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February (Electronic Communications Law), establishing the

sanctions system applicable to infringements of Regulation (EC) no. 717/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2007, concerning roaming in the community's public mobile telephone networks. (+info, Portuguese only)

## ■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Resolution no. 14/2008** (Series II – *Diário da República* of 24 April) – Appoints the council of the Competition Authority).
- **Notice no. 12678/2008** (Series II – D.R. of 23 April) – Informs of the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union of the list of standards and specifications regarding the harmonised offer of electronic communications networks and services and associated services.
- **Notice no. 11247/2008** (Series II – D.R. of 11 April) – Responses to complaints regarding the provision of postal services included in universal service, responses to requests for information/location of postal objects and presentation of the service quality levels associated with the provision of universal postal service by the CTT.

(+info, Portuguese only)

## ■ OPERATORS/PROVIDERS OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES

### Operators/Providers of Electronic Communications Networks and Services

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
<b>Operators of Electronic Communications Networks (ECN)</b>		
Cable Distribution Networks (CDN)	11	11
Other Electronic Communications Networks (c)	32	22
<b>Providers of Electronic Communications Services (ECS)</b>		
Television Signal Distribution Service (d)	14	14
Mobile Telephone Service (GSM and UMTS)		
Mobile Network Operators (MNO)	3	3
Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNO)	5	1
Fixed Telephone Service (FTS)	25	17
Trunking Mobile Service (TMS)	2	2
Data Transmission Services (DTS)		
- Internet Access Service (Fixed)	43	34
- Nomad Use Internet Voice Services (Nomad VoIP) (e)	15	7
- Other Data Services (f)	35	19
Public Payphone Service	15	10
Virtual Calling Card Service	28	19

### Postal Service Providers

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
<b>Express Mail Services (g)</b>	58	54
<b>Services Not Covered by the Express Mail Category</b>	10	10

### Audiotext Service Providers

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
<b>Audiotext services</b>	10	2 (h)

(a) Situation at 31 March 2008

(b) Situation at 31 December 2007

(c) Other Electronic Communications Networks (except CDN).

(d) Includes service provided in the scope of the CDNs (11 providers – 2 of which have networks not accessible to the public) and by means of other platforms (3 providers).

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

(f) Other data services (except internet).

(g) Includes 26 companies providing services under the MRW brand on a franchising basis (the IBERCOURIER company owns the MRW brand) and 18 companies providing services under the NACEX brand on a franchising basis (the LOGISTA company owns the NACEX brand).

(h) Source: *PT Comunicações*, S.A. (no. of entities with traffic in the fourth quarter)

## □ ANACOM ORGANISES BLDG. INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING SEMINARS

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) plans a cycle of seminars focusing on the theme topic of "Training and Good Practices in ITED)", ITED being the Portuguese acronym for Telecommunications Infrastructures in Buildings. The first event will be held on 21 May at 2:30 p.m. in the Faro Municipal Theatre, followed by Oporto on 4 June at the Hotel Porto Palácio, and Lisbon on 24 June at the Dental Medicine School Auditorium. The aim of these actions

is to gather ITED training entities, planners and installers in the same place, to encourage discussion and clarifications of questions about the ITED system, as well as good practices regarding this technical regulation. Interested parties may register up to five days before the date of each seminar by filling out the respective form posted at [www.anacom.pt](http://www.anacom.pt), which provides detailed information about these events.

## □ PORTUGAL SPONSORS ITU CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICA

Portugal will join the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in creating a Centre for Excellence in Africa for Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries. Besides contributing with 500,000 dollars (about 314,000 euros), Portugal will also cover the cost for the participation of Portuguese trainers/experts in some

of the training actions. The Centre will open this year of 2008, a year in which actions are planned for the areas of regulation, radio spectrum management and telecommunications marketing. (+info)

## □ ANACOM SUPPORTS 2008 YES PROGRAMME

As in 2004 and 2007, ANACOM will sponsor this year's Youth Education Scheme (YES) programme, an International Telecommunication Union (ITU) initiative addressed to needy children in developing countries who want to complete

higher education in the area of information and communication technologies (ICTs) or similar. The application deadline is 25 May. (+info)



## □ EUROPEAN UNION

### ROAMING – EC CONSULTATION

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on effects of applying the Regulation on roaming published on 27 June 2007. The aim is to assess the instrument's implementation and effectiveness. Interested parties may submit their contributions up to 2 July 2008 to the email address [info-roaming@ec.europa.eu](mailto:info-roaming@ec.europa.eu). The information gathered will be included in a Communication on implementation of the new roaming rules, which the EC should present to the European Parliament and to the Council during this year of 2008. (+info)

### USE OF MOBILE PHONES ON AIRCRAFT

The EC has announced new rules aiming to create conditions for the safe existence of mobile communication service on board aircraft. The measures announced by the Commission concern the technical and licensing requirements for mobile phone use, with connection by satellite, to ensure the safety of flight equipment. Harmonisation of these requirements will enable recognition of the airlines' national licences granted by the EU member States where they are registered. To that end a Recommendation was adopted on 7 April, for a harmonised approach to licensing that will encourage mutual recognition of national licences to operate mobile communication services in aircraft. (+info)

### i2010 INITIATIVE BALANCE PUBLISHED

More than half of all Europeans (nearly 250 million citizens) regularly use the internet, with 80 percent using broadband access connections. These are some of the conclusions put forward by the EC in the Communication on "Preparing Europe's Digital Future – i2010 Mid-Term Review", released on 18 April. It reports on the results obtained to date from the i2010 initiative, which reflects the European Union's strategy for economic growth and employment based on digital technologies. The EC holds that the i2010 initiative has given rise to new community projects in the areas of rule-making, research and public-private partnerships, which are beginning to bear fruit. (+info)

### TELEVISION DATABASE – MAVISE

The EC and the European Audiovisual Observatory launched last 9 April in the French city of Cannes a television database called MAVISE. This tool includes the profiles and contacts of nearly 2,500 European television channels and operators; plans call for it to eventually include about 5,000 entities. Part of the database will be accessible at no cost to the general public by means of EC websites, the Commission's Audiovisual Service and the European Audiovisual Observatory. (+info)

### EDPS – OPINION ON THE EPRIVACY DIRECTIVE

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) adopted last 10 April an Opinion on the EC proposals for revision of the Directive on privacy and electronic communications (ePrivacy Directive). Overall, the EDPS agrees with the EC position, but understands that the new Directive should be more ambitious,

specifically with regard to its extent, notification of safety failures and action mechanisms against spammers (senders of unsolicited messages). Among other aspects, the EDPS urges that the Directive's scope be expanded to include all suppliers of electronic communication services, even those operating in private or semi-public networks, and that the new possibility of acting legally against spammers should include any infringement of the Directive's provisions. (+info)

### .eu DOMAINS REACH 2.7 MILLION

Since its launch two years ago the .eu domain has been chosen by nearly 2.7 million European identities with internet presence, making it Europe's fourth most popular top-level domain and the ninth in the world. Overall growth was 11 percent in 2007, for a total of 300,000 newly created .eu domains. Germany still leads the country ranking (31.4 percent), followed by the Netherlands (13.4 percent), United Kingdom (13.3 percent), France (7.3 percent) and Italy (5.1 percent). (+info)

### ENISA – REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT

The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) has published a report with a proposal to determine the necessary requirements for drawing up appropriate evaluation methods to identify and analyse emerging and future risks, and which likewise demonstrates the application of a method compatible with those same requirements. (+info)

### DATA PROTECTION WORRIES EUROPEANS

More than 60 percent of EU citizens are worried about data protection and consider that there is still not enough knowledge and information about various relevant questions. This is one result of a recent Eurobarometer survey conducted for the EC Directorate General of Justice, Freedom and Security, which also reveals that less than half of those surveyed believe that their personal data is protected correctly in their countries, while 54 percent fear that national legislation is not able to meet the requirements of those sharing data on the internet. (+info)

### SECTOR STUDIES

The European Commission's Directorate-General of Information Society and Media has released the "Study on Radio Interference Regulatory Models in the European Community", which covers various aspects of radiocommunication interference management. The same Directorate has also published the report from the EC workshop on how to learn from large-scale internet attacks and their political implications. (+info)

Meanwhile, the deadline to respond to the online version of the questionnaire being conducted by Ecorys Research and Consulting at EC request, on customer needs in the scope of postal service, has been extended to 31 May. This questionnaire will serve as the basis for a study on European postal sector developments during the 2006-2008 period. (+info)

## ■ OJEU

- **Decision 2008/294/EC** – Of the Commission of 7 April, on the harmonised spectrum use conditions for the operation of mobile communication services on aircraft (MCA services) in the Community. Published on 10 April.
- **Recommendation 2008/295/EC** – Of the Commission of 7 April, on the authorisation of MCA services in the European Community. Published on 10 April.
- **Regulation (EC) no. 294/2008** – Of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March, establishing the European Innovation and Technology Institute. Published on 9 April.
- **Decision 2008/286/EC** – Of the Commission of 17 March 2008, which amends Decision 2007/176/EC with respect to the list of standards and/or specifications for electronic communications networks and services and associated resources and services. Published on 4 April.

(+info)

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

### **ECC TG4**

The Norwegian city of Kristiansand hosted from 31 March to 3 April the eighth meeting of TG4 of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC). [\(+info\)](#)

### **ECC WG FM PT22**

Organised by ANACOM, project team 22 (PT 22) of the ECC Frequency Management working group (WG FM), which covers spectrum monitoring, met in Lisbon on 1-4 April – 26 countries were represented for a total of 50 delegates. [\(+info\)](#)

### **ECC WG SE PT42**

The Italian town of Montegrotto served as venue last 11-12 March for the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of PT 42 of the ECC's Spectrum Engineering group (WG SE). [\(+info\)](#)

### **ECC WG ITU/PT WTSO8**

The second meeting of PT WTSO8, a team set up to prepare European (CEPT)

positions and proposals for the World Telecommunications Standardisation Conference (WTSO-08) was held in Paris on 29-30 April. [\(+info\)](#)

### **CERP – WG ECONOMIC ISSUES**

Lisbon hosted last 15-16 April a meeting of the working group (WG) on Economic Issues of the European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP). [\(+info\)](#)

### **CERP – WG POLITICAL ISSUES/PT UPU**

PT UPU of the CERP WG on Political Issues met last 2 April in Paris. [\(+info\)](#)

### **14<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE**

The 14th CEPT Conference, on the theme topic of “Technology and Regulation” was held in Strasbourg on 16-17 April. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)**

### **PT SMP**

Budapest hosted last 14 April a meeting of the project team (PT) on Significant Market Power (SMP). [\(+info\)](#)

### **PT NGN**

The PT for Next Generation Networks (NGN) met last 12-13 April in Barcelona. [\(+info\)](#)

### **PT CONVERGENECE (subgroup)**

Barcelona also served as venue last 17 April for the first meeting of the subgroup of PT Convergence that is examining issues related to evaluation of the existence of margin squeezing in bundled offers. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

### **POSTAL SECTOR SEMINAR**

The European Commission held in Brussels last 14 April the second seminar

concerning the study on “Main Postal Sector Developments in the 2006-2008 Period”. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)**

### **CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICA – MEETINGS**

Geneva hosted last 4 April a meeting between Portugal and the ITU with a view to beginning application of the co-operation projects envisaged in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Portuguese government and the ITU on 8 December 2007. The gathering particularly focused on the creation of a Centre for Excellence in Africa for Portuguese-speaking countries, a project the

ITU wants to begin in June of this year. [\(+info\)](#)

A meeting to encourage information sharing between the ITU and the Centre's beneficiary countries was held in Maputo on 17-18 April. All the relevant players took part in the meeting, namely the beneficiary countries, financiers and the Union. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR ELECTRO-TECHNICAL STANDARDISATION (CENELEC)**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 106X** – Madrid hosted last 2 April the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of CENELEC Technical Committee (TC) 106x. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **CO-OPERATION**

### **AICEP – GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 16<sup>TH</sup> FORUM**

The General Assembly and 16th Forum of the Association of Postal and Telecom-

munications Operators from the Portuguese-speaking Countries (AICEP) met last 26-29 April in the Cape Verdean capital Praia. [\(+info\)](#)

## □ **RECRUITMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Applications for the three vacant positions of translator (Arab) for the General Secretariat (GS) may be submitted to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) until 30 May. [\(+info\)](#)

The ITU is still admitting, until 10 June, applications for the following vacant GS positions: Head, External Affairs and Corporate Communication Division, Strategic Planning and Membership Department and Head of the Debtors Section, General Accounts, Debtors, Creditors Service, Accounts Division, Administration and Finance Department. [\(+info\)](#)

Likewise open until 28 May is the hiring process for the vacant position of Head of Accounting in the Finance Division of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). [\(+info\)](#)

## NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

### GERMANY – *Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)*

- The regulator has published for the first time a set of binding standards to apply in the itemised billing by suppliers of electronic communications services, including previously excluded data services such as internet access and text messages. **(+info)**
- The Official Gazette has published the award rules for the spectrum auction the regulator plans to carry out in 2009. The available frequencies are for broadband applications, regardless of the technology used (UMTS, WiMax, etc.) and are situated in the 1.8 GHz, 2 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands. **(+info)**
- The regulator's decision on the base offer of Deutsche Telekom (DT) for bitstream access based on internet protocol (IP) has been announced. The offer includes the exact conditions and mutual obligations whereby the operators can obtain bitstream access from DT. **(+info)**
- The 2007 edition of the regulator's annual report has been released. Among other aspects, it highlights mobile internet growth, sustained by the adhesion of 8.7 million users to UMTS services (mobile telephony or connection boards) since its launch in 2000. **(+info)**

### BELGIUM – *Institut Belge des Services Postaux et des Telecommunications (IBPT)*

- The regulator's decision dated last 29 April has been published, complementing the decision of 11 August 2006, on voice call termination in individual mobile networks (market 16). **(+info)**

### BRAZIL – *Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)*

- Brazil counted 125.8 million telephone service subscribers at the end of March, for growth of 1.36 percent over February. Some 101.7 million (80.87 percent) of total accesses are pre-paid, while 24.1 million (19.13 percent) correspond to post-paid services, a distribution that has remained practically unchanged since 2004. **(+info, Portuguese only)**
- The authorisation terms that will enable the implementation of third generation mobile telephony (3G) services in Brazil were signed last 29 April. The licensed operators will have to offer broadband wireless access to 3,800 more municipalities within eight years. Mobile telephony must also reach within two years 1,836 municipalities (17 million people) currently without coverage. **(+info, Portuguese only)**
- The regulator has placed in public consultation until 26 May the proposed regulation to monitor and control the universal service obligations in fixed telephone service. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

### CANADA – *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)*

- Statistics have been released on the Canadian paid television market, which in 2007 enjoyed a turnover of 2.7 billion dollars (about 1.75 billion euros), for annual growth of 9.1 percent. **(+info)**

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

- The statistical data for mobile telephone service (MTS) for the first quarter of 2008 has been published, indicating the existence of 55.7 million accesses,

of which 33.9 percent are pre-paid (18.9 million) and 66.1 percent post-paid subscriptions (36.8 million). The MTS penetration rate stands at 87.6 percent. **(+info, French only)**

- The regulator has released sector statistics for the fourth quarter of 2007 indicating that the electronic communications market generated revenue of 11 billion euros in the review period, of which 8.5 billion euros correspond to telephony services (fixed and mobile) and internet. **(+info, French only)**
- The summary of the public consultation launched last December on the regulator's new cycle of market analyses during the 2008-2011 period, concerning the high speed access and very high speed access markets, has been published. **(+info, French only)**
- The incumbent postal operator, La Poste, has released the report assessing the quality of service of universal postal service in 2007. **(+info)**

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

- The regulator urges participation in the public consultation on postal market liberalisation launched by the Ministry of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Interested parties are asked to submit their contributions by email, post or fax by 25 June. **(+info)**
- The most recent provisional report on non-ionising radiation measurement has been released, which concludes that the measurements carried out at 10 sites are below the limits set by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). **(+info)**
- The regulator has published the national radio frequency plan, updated to 30 April. **(+info)**
- The revised code of practices to follow in carrier pre-selection has been published. It was originally introduced by the regulator in 1999. **(+info)**

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

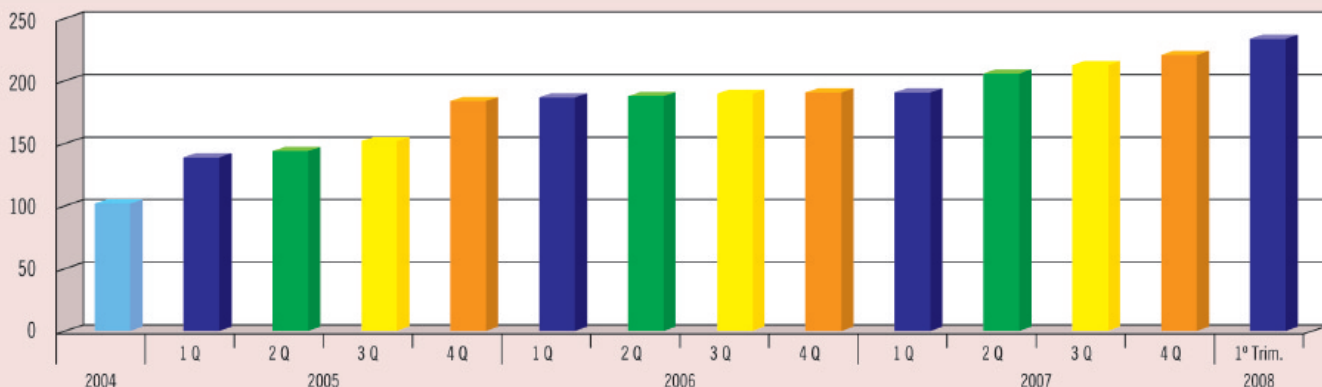
- The regulator has placed in public consultation until 15 July a proposal under the licence exempt framework review, which aims to launch debate around the creation of regulation on licence exemption for the operation of certain devices in specific frequency bands. **(+info)**
- A public consultation has also been launched on extension of the regulation applied to premium rate telephone numbers to the 087 numbering range; the deadline to submit comments is 16 June. **(+info)**
- May 19 is the deadline to respond to the Ofcom public consultation on the availability of geographic telephone numbers, specifically in areas that risk saturating the available numbering within the next five years. **(+info)**
- The regulator has also placed in public debate until 29 May the financial reporting rules for British Telecom (BT) – the incumbent British telecommunications operator. **(+info)**

### SWITZERLAND – *Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)*

- The regulator has decided to set up a foundation for alternative settlement of disputes, thus giving rise to the new conflict arbitration body envisaged in the Telecommunications Law, which is scheduled to take force on 1 July. **(+info)**
- The 2007 edition of the regulator's annual activities report has been posted online. **(+info)**

## ■ EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF EXCHANGES WITH CO-MINGLED OPERATORS – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2008

2004	2005				2006				2007				2008
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q
102	139	144	152	184	187	188	190	191	191	206	213	221	234



## □ ANACOM SEMINARS – NEXT EVENT ON 26 MAY

Lisbon will serve as venue this coming 26 May at 3:30 p.m. for the next gathering in the ANACOM Seminars series, which will present the study titled “An Empirical Analysis of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Diffusion”, by Sangwon Lee and Mircea I. Marcu (speaker), respectively of the Telecommunications Department and Economics Department of the University of Florida. Participation in the event is free, though subject to prior registration via the email address [seminarios@anacom.pt](mailto:seminarios@anacom.pt). (+info)

The “Study on the Impact of Non-Linear Distortion on Radio Spectrum Management” by José Pedro Mateiro Matias Borrego and its respective presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> seminar, held on 22 April in Lisbon, have meanwhile been published. The study, including the respective pretexts and conclusions, is the exclusive responsibility of its author, and does not commit or transmit any position of ANACOM. (+info)

## □ WINNERS OF THE 2008 BEST LETTER CONTEXT ANNOUNCED

Mónica Albino of Funchal (Madeira) in the first category (age 9-11) and Beatriz Teixeira Pinto of Oliveira do Hospital in the second category (age 12-15) have won the context for the “Best Letter” of 2008, organised by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and promoted in Portugal as a joint initiative of ANACOM and the CTT – Correios de Portugal. The contest, whose theme topic was “Write a letter explaining why the world needs more tolerance”, was addressed to children

resident in Portugal between 9 and 15 years old; 747 letters were received. Besides the winners, honourable mentions were awarded to the compositions from Maria Santos Fialho of Nossa Senhora do Bispo, Montemor-o-Novo and from Joana Marques Cruz of Algueirão, Sintra. The first category’s winning letter will represent Portugal in the International Letter Writing Contest organised by the UPU. (+info)

## ■ IN MAY 2008

### MEETINGS

#### CEPT

- ECC
- WG SE (5-9)
- WG RA (6-9)
- PT1 (14-16)
- WG FM (19-23)
- WG SE PT 42 (21-23)
- TG3 (28-30)
- CERP
- Plenary meeting (14-16)
- ERO/ETO
- Joint Council (14-15)

#### UNCTAD

- CCTD (26-30)

#### IRG

- Contact Network (8-9)
- Taskforce IRG.eu (13-16)
- Plenary meeting (28-30)
- ITU
- Telecom Africa 2008 (12-15)
- WSIS
- Meeting on action lines C2, C4 and C6 (19-21)
- Radiocommunication Sector
- Study Group 6/WP 6D (13-16)

#### EMERG (26-27)

### EVENTS

- *Conference on IT & Internet Security*, Oporto, 29
- *Briefing session on FTTH/GPON*, Lisbon, 29
- *Seminar on Communications*, Lisbon, 29
- *16<sup>th</sup> Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics (CRR)* Albufeira, 28-31 (ANACOM sponsorship)
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Technology Sessions*, Viseu, 27-30 (ANACOM sponsorship)
- *2008 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC 2008)*, Beijing, 19-23
- *WIMAX World EMEA 2008*, Munich, 19-21
- *Evolving Telecoms Access Networks CxO*, Copenhagen, 19-21
- *ePractice Mid-Term workshop*, Brussels, 19
- *9<sup>th</sup> Electro-technical Engineering and Telecommunications Sessions (JEET)*, Castelo Branco, 14-15 (ANACOM sponsorship)
- *ITU TELECOM AFRICA 2008*, Cairo, 12-15