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□ ANACOM STATISTICS

At the end of 2004 the *Portugal Telecom* group held a 93 percent share of the market for installed fixed telephone service accesses, indicates the most recent statistical information compiled and released by the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM).

During the same period, 28 percent of all Portuguese households subscribed to cable television distribution service. Cabled households stood at 72 percent of total households.

Regarding data transmission service (internet access), at the end of last year there were about 6.7 million internet access service customers in Portugal, most

of whom (87 percent) used dial-up. The remaining 858 000 customers have broadband accesses, by ADSL and cable.

With respect to postal services operated in competition, postal traffic was seen to increase by about 11 percent compared to the previous quarter. More than 72 million objects were distributed over the course of 2004.

ANACOM statistics for the fourth quarter of 2004 will be published in the usual format as a supplement to the next edition of *Spectru*.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template2.jsp?categoryId=3476>



□ SUBSCRIBER LINE RESALE OFFER (SLRO)

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved by determination of 29 April the decision on the reference proposal for the subscriber line resale offer (SLRO).

The minimum information to include in this reference proposal was namely included, along with specifications applicable to entities that benefit from the offer, including the access and services covered, prices, implementation process, invoicing and coverage of included services, parameters and service quality levels and penalties for non-compliance, relations with end users, definition of responsibilities, and dispute settlement and relations between the SLRO and

other wholesale services.

This determination also contains the report from the consultation and prior hearing of interested parties carried out after the 3 February adoption of the corresponding draft decision.

PT group companies identified as having significant market power (SMP) in markets 1 and 2, by determination of 14 December 2004, must send to ANACOM within 20 days the duly grounded SLRO reference proposal.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=271833>



□ RADIOMÓVEL FREQUENCIES

On 15 April the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided to grant *Radiomóvel* a period of one month to regularise or otherwise express itself regarding non-compliance with the obligation for analog and digital systems to migrate to CDMA technology, as per terms of the licence, and for efficient use of the frequencies allocated for the provision of trunking mobile service (TMS)

according to the CDMA technological system.

ANACOM may reassess Radiomóvel's right to use the frequencies assigned in this technology if it discovers that same are not being used efficiently.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template9.jsp?categoryId=3730>



■ QUALITY REGULATION AND NFAP

By determination of 4 May, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the quality regulation applicable to the service of public telephone network access at a fixed location and telephone service publicly accessible at a fixed location, previously subject to public consultation.

On the same date the new National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) was approved. Details in the next edition of *Spectru*.



:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template9.jsp?categoryId=3730>

■ CURRENT EVENTS

REFERENCE UNBUNDLING OFFER (RUO)

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved on 13 April modifications to the prices that *PT Comunicações* (PTC) must introduce within 10 days into the respective reference local loop unbundling offer (RUO). This determination is included in the report from the prior hearing of interested parties on the respective draft decision approved on 9 February.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=271209>

WiMAX AUTHORISED

ANACOM has authorised *PT Comunicações* to conduct broadband wireless access (BWA) trials of the WiMAX type in the frequencies allocated to it for fixed wireless access (FWA). However, this does not imply any obligation or condition for future authorisation of such systems in Portugal. Additional information at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=272008>.

PORTED NUMBERS

The latest statistical data compiled by ANACOM indicates that at the end of April there were 232 079 ported telephone numbers. Of that total 179 963 pertain to telephone service at a fixed location (TSFL), 51 822 to numbers assigned to mobile telephone service (MTS) and 294 to non-geographic services (NGS).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template25.jsp?categoryId=39090>

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

World Telecommunication Day, an event under the aegis of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), was celebrated on 17 May. This year's theme topic was "Creating an Equitable Information Society: Time to Act". The message by ITU Secretary-General Yoshio Utsumi to mark the occasion is available at <http://www.itu.int/newsroom/wtd/2005/index.html>.

NEW APRITEL PRESIDENT

António Coimbra, representing Vodafone Portugal, assumes the presidency of

the Association of Telecommunications Operators (APRITEL) for the 2005/2006 biennium, replacing Pedro Norton de Matos.

:: <http://www.apritel.org/frontoffice/index.asp> (in Portuguese)

IBM DIGITAL RANKING

Denmark ranks first of a total of 65 countries in this year's e-Readiness Ranking, the sixth such annual study released by the Economist Intelligence Unit in association with IBM. Portugal is in 25th place in electronic preparedness vis-à-vis the major world economies.

:: <http://www.ibm.com/news/pt/pt/2005/04/eready.html> (Portuguese version)

NEOTEC INITIATIVE

This project of the UMIC - Agency for the Knowledge Society aims to support innovative business initiatives. Additional information at <http://www.neotec.gov.pt/> (Portuguese only).

APDC WORKSHOPS

The presentations made at the workshops on "Security of Information Systems and Networks" and "eGov: the public life of companies and enterprises", organised by the Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications (APDC) and held on 19-21 April in Lisbon, are available at <http://www.apdc.pt/> (Portuguese version).

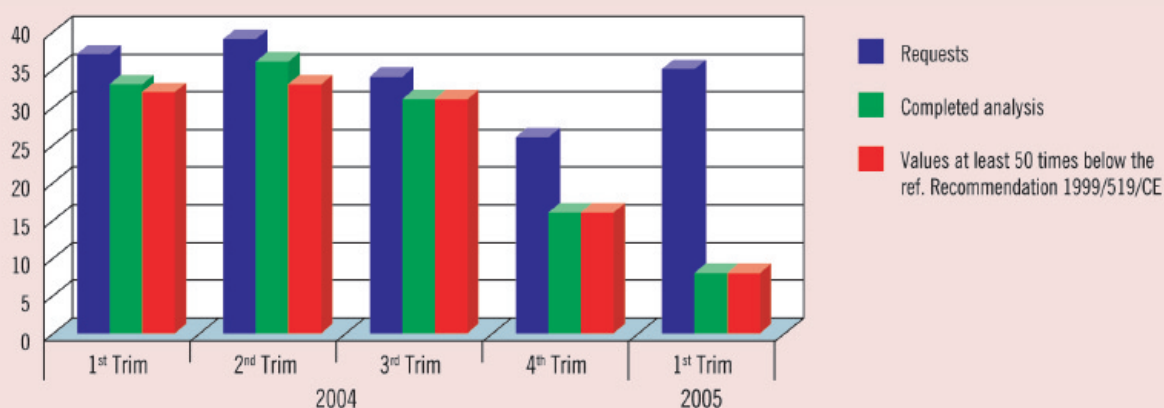
KAFKA PORTAL LAUNCHED

The Kafka Portal, an initiative of the Association for the Promotion and Development of the Information Society (APDSI), was launched on 12 April. It is a space for reflection on the basic processes of Public Administration's interaction with citizens and companies. Participants may claim, propose or discuss real cases and put forward solutions using information society technologies.

:: <http://e-atendimento.holos.pt/kafka/> (in Portuguese only)

■ EVALUATION OF NON-IONISING RADIATION

	2004				2005
	1 st Trim	2 nd Trim	3 rd Trim	4 th Trim	1 st Trim
Requests	37	39	34	26	35
Completed analysis	33	36	31	16	8
Values at least 50 times below the ref. Recommendation 1999/519/CE	32	33	31	16	8



■ OPERATORS/ PROVIDERS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES

Operators/ Providers of Electronic Communications Networks and Services

	No. of authorised entities a)	Operational entities b)
Operators of Electronic Communications Networks		
Cable Distribution Networks	11	9
- Networks accessible to the public	9	8
- Networks not accessible to the public	2	1
Public Telecommunications Networks	25	21 c)
Providers of Electronic Communications Services		
UMTS Mobile Services	3	3
Mobile Telephone Service (MTS)	3	3
Fixed Telephone Service (FTS)	21	14
Trunking Mobile Service	2	2
Data Transmission Services		
- Internet access service (ISP)	39	32
- Voice Transport to CUG Service	4	n.a.
- Other DTS d)	40	21
Satellite Communications Services	6	4
Public Payphone Services	5	5
Virtual Calling Card Service e)	19	13
Video-conference Service	1	1

a) Situation at 31 March 2005

b) Situation at 31 December 2004

c) Of these 21 entities, 11 evidence activity in terms of network establishment and supply thereof to third parties, and only 10 exhibit activity as regards the establishment of their own network.

d) Other data services (except for Internet services).

e) Includes entities authorised to provide virtual calling card service under FTS licences

n.a. - non available

Operators/ Providers of Other Services

	No. of authorised entities a)	Operational entities b)
Postal Services	13	13
Audiotext Services	6	2

a) Situation at 31 March 2005

b) Situation at 31 December 2004

Full consultation of authorised and operational operators/ providers at <http://www.anacom.pt/template10.jsp?categoryId=8740>.

□ PORTUGUESE TO OVERSEE GALILEO

Pedro Pedreira, a 48-year old electro-technical engineer, has been chosen by the European Commission to be executive director of the company that will manage Galileo, the European satellite radionavigation system.

A graduate of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Oporto, Pedro Pedreira continued his studies at the *Centre National d'Études Spatiales* in

France and has worked for the European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (Eutelsat), besides collaborating on development of the first Portuguese satellite, PoSAT-1, launched in 1993.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=271827>

■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 87/2005** (I Series-B of the *Diário da República* of 29 April) - Creates the programme INOV-JOVEM - Young Personnel for Innovation in Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.
- **Joint Order no. 309-A/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 19 April) - Approves the specific regulation of measure no. 5.1, "Quality and Efficiency in Public Services", under the Information Society Operational Programme.
- **Decree-Law no. 79/2005** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 15 April) - Approves the Organic Law of the 17th Constitutional Government.
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 82/2005** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 15 April) - Approves the regime governing the Council of Ministers of the 17th Constitutional Government.

The 21 April Council of Ministers (CM) approved the Resolution setting out the goals, powers and organic structure of the Technological Plan Co-ordination Unit (UCPT).

The 14 April CM approved the proposed Law that establishes rules for the appointments of high officials in Public Administration.

:: <http://www.governo.gov.pt/Portal/EN/>

□ EUROPEAN UNION

PORTUGAL TARGETED BY INFRINGEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Portugal is one of the ten countries (along with Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Italy, Slovakia, Latvia, Poland and Malta) targeted by infringement proceedings filed by the European Commission and based on the failure to comply with community rules on electronic communications. The Commission indicates the existence of defects in national legislation and incorrect application of the sector regulatory package.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/430&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

RECOMMENDATION ON INTERNET IN ELECTRONIC NETWORKS

In a recommendation adopted on 6 April, the Commission urges the member States to encourage the development of broadband in the electricity grid, the so-called powerline communications (PLC).

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/403&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the issue may be consulted at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/119&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>.

.EU DOMAIN

The .eu top-level domain will begin functioning at the beginning of 2006, following the agreement signed on 21 May by EURid, the body appointed to manage this domain over the next five years, and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/467&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

The Lisbon Strategy and the Commission's proposals vis-à-vis the "Better Regulation" package were discussed at the last Competitiveness Council, held on 18 April in Luxembourg.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/132&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/126&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

The Competitiveness Council will be held in Brussels on 10 May and continue debate on the Lisbon Strategy.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/150&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

NEW FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH

The Commission adopted on 6 April a proposal for a new research framework programme for the period from 2007 to 2013, which envisages the creation of a European Research Council.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/114&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/391&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/468&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

BROADBAND SUPPORT APPROVED

The Spanish government saw community authorities approve the public funding of broadband communications investment in the country's rural and remote areas.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/398&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

The Commission likewise endorsed the French Limousin broadband infrastructure.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/530&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

IS PRIZE AWARDED

The 2005 Grand European Information Society Technology Prize has been awarded to three small and medium-sized enterprises, two of them French and the other Swedish.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/491&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

HIGH DEFINITION TELEVISION DISCUSSED

A conference on European high definition television will take place on 7 June in Luxembourg, an initiative of the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union Council.

:: <http://www.hdtv.eu2005.lu/indexEn.htm>

AUDIOVISUAL INQUIRIES CLOSED

The closing of the inquiries into the public televisions of France, Italy and Spain has been announced, after the operators adopted more transparent and proportional measures to finance their activity.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/458&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

EU GLOSSARY

The updated glossary of terms concerning European institutions, policies and activities may be consulted at http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/glossary/index_en.htm.



□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

REGULATORY ACCOUNTING WG

The European Commission recommendation on accounts separation and cost accounting was one of the main issues considered at the Regulatory Accounting working group (WG) meeting held on 14-15 April in Vienna.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110179&contentId=272170>

SIGNIFICANT MARKET POWER WG

The concept of significant market power (SMP) under the regulatory framework for electronic communications was in focus at the 7 April WG SMP meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110122&contentId=272167>

MOBILE MARKET WG

Budapest hosted on 21-22 April the most recent meeting of the Mobile Market WG, which proceeded to study the draft document on market definition and SMP

assessment in the national markets for international roaming in public mobile networks.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110124&contentId=272174>

END USERS WG

The End Users WG met on 15 April in Berlin, where among other issues the participants studied questions related to the subscriber line resale offer (SLRO) and the working programme for 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110123&contentId=272162>

FIXED NETWORKS WG

The voice over internet protocol (VoIP) was one of the issues discussed at the Fixed Networks group meeting held in Malta on 19-20 April.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=114099&contentId=272165>



□ MEETINGS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONTEXT

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (COCOM)

COCOM met on 13 April in Brussels, where among other issues it debated the proposed European Commission Recommendation on cost accounting and

accounts separation, and measures for citizens with special needs, under the new sector framework for electronic communications.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109860&contentId=272185>



□ EUTELSAT

ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

The French representative was appointed Executive Secretary of the European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (EUTELSAT) at the Assembly of Parties held on 6-8 April in Paris.

The meeting also saw approval of the budget for the next financial year and revision of the agreement governing relations between the Eutelsat IGO inter-governmental organisation and Eutelsat S.A.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=116419&contentId=272198>



□ EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ETSI)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The report from the Strategic Revision Group was approved at the ETSI General Assembly held on 5-6 April in Nice. The occasion also saw establishment of the

implementation group whose mission is to see the approved recommendations realised.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110920&contentId=272166>



■ OJEU

- **Commission Decision (2005/341/EC)** - Establishes ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements for the award of the community eco-label to personal computers. Dated 11 April and published on 4 May.
- **Commission Decision (2005/343/EC)** - Establishes ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements for the award of the community eco-label to portable computers. Dated 11 April and published on 4 May.
- **Commission Call (2005/C91/06)** - To submit proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration: structuring the European Research Area - Call identifier: FP6-2005-INNOV-8. Published on 15 April.
- **Commission Recommendation (2005/292/EC)** - Regarding broadband electronic communications through powerlines. Dated 6 April and published on 12 April.



:: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>

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

ASSEMBLY

The first CEPT Assembly under Romanian presidency met on 21-22 April in Bucharest, where it studied the reports from the heads of the European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP) and the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), as well as the working group on Universal Postal Union Issues (WG ITU).
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110940&contentId=272199>

CPG PT2 AND PT3

Project teams PT2 and PT3 met in Helsinki on 5-8 April, having anticipated preparatory work for the next World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC07) in the scope of these PTs' missions, which respectively focus on issues related to space science services (satellite earth exploration, space research and satellite weather reporting) and terrestrial services, and to issues concerning fixed, fixed by satellite and aeronautic radionavigation services.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109944&contentId=272189>

CPG07 PT1

Revision of the Brief for topics 1.10, 1.12 and 4 of the WRC07 agenda were in focus at this PT's last meeting, held on 18-19 April in Gdynia, Poland. The revised Briefs will be debated at the late May meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG).
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110339&contentId=272193>

ERO/ ETO - JOINT COUNCIL

Copenhagen hosted the 26 April joint meeting of the Administrative Councils of the European Radiocommunications Office (ERO) and the European Telecommunications Office (ETO), which approved the annual report and accounts and the audit report for financial year 2004. Likewise approved were the indicative budgets and working programmes of the ERO and ETO for 2006.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=113601&contentId=272175>

WG ITU

The activity of the New Council Oversight Group (NCOG) was in focus at the 5-6 April Prague meeting of the ITU group, as well as work progress in the various ITU Council groups. Another issue dealt with was preparations for the next Plenipotentiary Conference (PP06).
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=111242&contentId=272172>

:: <http://www.cept.org> :: <http://www.ero.dk>

PT WTDC06

Project team PT WTDC06 met on 5 April in Prague to finalise preparation of the European position for the ITU's next World Telecommunications Development Sector Conference (WTDC06).
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=150802&contentId=272192>

ECC PT FM22

The Swiss city of Yverdon-Les-Bains hosted the 5-8 April meeting of project team PT FM22, whose mission concerns spectrum monitoring. At the meeting, Portugal presented the final version of the alternative to telex as a preferable means of communication in CEPT monitoring centres.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=111499&contentId=272188>

ECC PT SE19

PT SE19, which covers topics related to fixed service, discussed among other issues a number of recommendations now undergoing revision.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110379&contentId=272191>

ECC PT SE7

The use of land mobile service terminals on board aircraft was in focus at the last meeting of project team PT SE7, held on 19-20 April in Brest, France.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109952&contentId=272194>

CERP - WG STANDARDISATION

Postal standards currently being developed by the European Standardisation Committee (CEN/TC331) were studied at the 20 April meeting in the German city of Constance.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109962&contentId=272176>

CERP - WGs ON REGULATORY ISSUES, ECONOMIC ISSUES AND UPU ISSUES

Lisbon served as venue for the 7-8 April joint meeting of these three working groups, which discussed postal liberalisation in the United Kingdom and the consequences of liberalisation in Sweden, as well as topics such as extraterritorial offices of exchange, the report on Postal Directive application and the reorganisation of CERP. A round table was held at the end of the meeting, during which some member countries reported on the current national postal sector situation.
:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110419&contentId=272181> ◀

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

FORUM ON TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATION IN AFRICA

Broadband was in focus at the Forum on Telecommunication Regulation in Africa held on 27-28 April in Maputo, an ITU-sponsored initiative of the National

Communications Institute of Mozambique (INCM).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=150822&contentId=272196> ◀

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

SPAIN - *Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)*

In the last 12 months, with reference to the end of March, the regulator registered nearly a million new ADSL users.

:: http://www.cmt.es/cmt/document/c_prensa/2005/nota_mr05.pdf

SPAIN - *Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio (MICYT)*

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism has proposed to the Industry Committee of the Congress of Deputies the name of Reinaldo Rodríguez to head the *Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones* (CMT). Alberto Martí Batera should be the new counsellor to assume duties at the regulator.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/4/cmt260405.htm>

A significant enhancement of sanction measures against providers who fail to meet their obligations has been announced.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/4/expedientes210405.htm>

The Council of Ministers approved on 15 April the regulation on the conditions for providing electronic communications services, universal service and consumer protection.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/4/atencionusuarios210405.htm>

A call centre has also been set up to serve users.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/4/oficinatelecos210405.htm>

The government has approved the establishment of the Institute of Communication Technologies (INTECO) in León.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/inteco290405.htm>

How the latest version of the IPv6 internet protocol works was in focus at the first IPv6 Forum, held on 28-29 April at the University of Valencia

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/redes280405.htm>

FRANCE - *Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (ART)*

A public consultation on evaluation of the cost of universal service in 2003 is under way until 20 May.

:: <http://www.art-telecom.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/index-c05-20.htm>

The draft law on the regulation of postal activities should be definitively adopted by the National Assembly on 12 May.

:: <http://www.art-telecom.fr/textes/index-dprojets3.htm>

UNITED KINGDOM - *Office of Communications (OfCOM)*

The regulator has published the 2005/2006 Annual Plan.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/04/nr_20050411

It has also awarded four new community radio licences.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/04/nr_20050419

IRELAND - *Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)*

June 3 is the deadline to submit comments on revision of the numbering conventions.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/ComReg0532.pdf

GERMANY - *Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Posts (RegTP)*

The RegTP president has announced the intention to make more GSM frequencies available.

:: <http://www.regtp.de/en/aktuelles/pm/03207/index.html>

The new prices in effect since 1 April for the offer of local loop are meant to increase competition in this market segment.

:: <http://www.regtp.de/en/aktuelles/pm/03223/index.html>

SWITZERLAND - *Office Fédéral de la Communication (OfCOM)*

April 30 was the deadline to reply to the consultation on the future licensing of broadband wireless networks, namely WiMAX.

:: <http://www.ofcom.ch/en/medieninfo/medienmitteilungen/bakom/artikel/01594/index.html>

MALTA - *Malta Communications Authority (MCA)*

The regulator launched on 2 March a call for applications for the award of three third generation mobile telephony licences; three operators have put themselves forward.

:: <http://www.mca.org.mt/news/show.asp?id=237>

:: <http://www.mca.org.mt/library/show.asp?id=626&lc=4>

Two other calls for applications were launched on the same date, to award eight digital terrestrial television and broadband wireless access (BWA) licences.

:: <http://www.mca.org.mt/news/show.asp?id=239>

:: <http://www.mca.org.mt/news/show.asp?id=238>

BRAZIL - *Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)*

The new ANATEL president, Elifas Gurgel, took office on 11 April.

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_11_04_2005.PDF

The regulator has released the quality ranking for fixed telephony, a service whose claims rate has dropped by 19 percent in the last year.

:: [http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_22_04_2005\(3\).PDF](http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_22_04_2005(3).PDF)

(Portuguese version)

CHINA - *OpenNet Initiative (ONI)*

The OpenNet Initiative (ONI) study carried out jointly by the universities of Harvard, Cambridge and Toronto, "Internet Filtering in China in 2004-2005: a country study", indicates that the Chinese are the world's leaders in internet censorship.

:: http://www.opennetinitiative.net/studies/china/ONI_China_Country_Study.pdf

■ DETERMINATIONS ADOPTED BY ANACOM - 1ST QUARTER 2005

Date	Decision	Link
17.03.2005	Markets 7, 13 and 14 (draft decision)	http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=146024
25.02.2005	Market 10 (draft decision)	http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=145023
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