

P 2 : CURRENT EVENTS

P 3 : QUALITY OF SERVICE - MOBILE NETWORKS

P 4 : PORTED NUMBERS

P 5 : EUROPEAN UNION

P 6 : CEPT MEETINGS

P 8 : EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNBUNDLED ACCESSES

□ DECISION ON RUO PRICES

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided in a 20 September determination that *PT Comunicações* (PTC) should within 20 days submit an integrated price proposal for the reference unbundling offer (RUO) for 2006, to be put into practice on 1 January. The regulator's aim is to make the market more predictable, providing operators with advance knowledge of conditions that will

take effect. With this procedure, the Authority seeks to encourage competition in the broadband market and stimulate investment by companies.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=296515>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=296513>

□ PRICE TABLE FOR LEASED LINE SERVICE

ANACOM decided in an 8 September determination that the *Grupo PT* should revise the wholesale and retail leased line price tables, taking into account the principle of price orientation to costs, and also the 26 percent minimum difference between wholesale and retail prices, as per the analysis of the leased line

markets (markets 7, 13 and 14). The price table proposals that respect the set principles will take effect on the first day of 2006.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=296834>

□ REFERENCE CONDUIT ACCESS OFFER

ANACOM approved in a determination dated 2 September the draft decision on modifications to introduce in the Reference Conduit Access Offer (RCAO) of the concessionaire *PT Comunicações* (PTC). Among other changes, noteworthy are the general reduction of prices compared to those in the PTC proposal, and the time limits for supplying services. As set out in the determination dated 17 July 2004, ANACOM reiterated that PTC should proceed to build, maintain and update a database that provides descriptive information about conduits

and associated infrastructure. In this regard, the company has been obliged to submit to the regulator a description of the database concept and a detailed and phased schedule for the respective operational process, as well as an exhaustive survey of the register of conduits and associated infrastructure.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=294733>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=294051>

□ TELEVISION SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION AND BROADCASTING

ANACOM approved on 1 September the decision on the service of distributing and broadcasting television signal, as per the Concession Bases for public telecommunications service (Decree-Law no. 31/2003 of 17 February). *PT Comunicações* must thus reduce the price for each one of the individual provisions

comprising that service by a minimum of 17 percent. The aim is to ensure orientation to costs. Also approved was the report on the hearing of interested parties regarding the respective draft decision.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=293532>

■ FIXED-MOBILE TRAFFIC

ANACOM decided in a 20 September determination not to oppose the entrance into force of the price table proposal presented by *PT Comunicações* (PTC) for fixed-mobile traffic, to take effect as of 1 October 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=297121>

In a 1 September determination, the decision on PTC retention in fixed-mobile traffic was approved. In this regard, PTC must gradually lower the retention value obtained in fixed-mobile traffic, so that same should approach costs and current European practices (see table).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=293487>

Maximum values set for retention

Dates	Maximum values
1 October 2005	7,50
1 January 2006	7,20
1 April 2006	6,90
1 July 2006	6,60
1 October 2006	6,30

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=162162>

■ CURRENT EVENTS

MINIMUM CONTENT OF CONTRACTS

In a 1 September determination, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the guidelines on the minimum content to include in contracts to provide electronic communications services.

The aim, as envisaged in the Electronic Communications Law (known as Regicom - Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February), is to harmonise the rules to include in adhesion contracts for the supply and provision of publicly available telephone service (mobile or at a fixed site), other electronic communications services and television distribution service. Companies that provide these services must now bring their contracts into line with the approved guidelines, within 90 working days counting from the notification date.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=293560>

MARKET ANALYSIS - THE MOBILE MARKET

ANACOM intends to publish by the end of 2005 the public consultation on market definition, assessment of significant market power (SMP) and the imposition of obligations in market 15 (access and origination of mobile network calls). The subsequent analysis will take into account competitive developments in the meantime, specifically with respect to retail price trends, the existence of network access agreements and the existence of innovative offers and diversified services.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146188&contentId=289010>

PUBLIC PAYPHONE SERVICE

Following up on the 15 July 2004 ANACOM decision on public payphone service, approved as per Regicom, *PT Comunicações* has published the Public Payphone Development Strategy Statement for the year 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=297207>

AMATEUR SERVICE

The information contained in the "list of call indicators of licensed amateur operators" has been updated on the ANACOM website. Available at <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=38761> (*in Portuguese only*). Also online is the document framing the licensing procedure for phonic repeater stations in the amateur service VHF bands (144 MHz-146 MHz) and in the UHF (430 MHz-440 MHz) bands.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=297593>
(*in Portuguese only*)

FWA CONSULTATION REPORT

ANACOM approved on 1 September the report on the consultation of fixed wireless access (FWA) operators, launched in the wake of the determination dated 14 December 2004. This report presents an action plan that should be carried out in two stages: the first, meant to adjust the current usage rights of licensed entities, ensuring that they are maintained as per the required terms, and the second, in which ANACOM shall define the procedures to assign FWA frequency usage rights.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=293540>

NEW POSTAL OPERATORS

ANACOM has granted, in a determination dated 27 September, *Iberenvios* -

Actividades Postais e Transporte and *Multitagus* - *Transporte e Serviços* authorisations for those same companies to provide non-reserved postal services not covered by the scope of universal service.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=297465>

REPORT - ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL CHANNELS

Taking into account the significant growth in the number of terminals pertaining to the analogue network of *REPART - Sistemas de Comunicação de Recursos Partilhados*, for the provision of trunking mobile service, ANACOM has in a 1 September 2005 determination, in line with provisions of the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), decided to authorise the assignment of 12 additional channels in the 450 MHz band.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=293551>

PRICE TABLE OBSERVATORY

In the two months following the 28 July public launch of the Price Table Observatory for mobile telephone service (MTS), the ANACOM simulator recorded a total of 26,536 accesses and 62,324 simulation operations effected, corresponding to a daily average of nearly 990 simulations. Available at: <http://www.anacom.pt/template23.jsp?categoryId=18552>.

2004 ACCOUNTS AND 2006-2008 ACTIVITIES PLAN

The ANACOM Activities Plan for the 2006-2008 triennium, containing this Authority's strategy goals, has been published. The plan was previously reviewed by the Advisory Council at its 12 July meeting, where the respective opinion was approved.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=162702> (*Portuguese version*)
Also published was the ANACOM Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2004, a document available online at <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=163622>.

ANACOM COMMENTS ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE

ANACOM has submitted to the European Commission (EC) a set of comments on revision of the scope of universal service, thus replying to the public consultation launched on 24 May 2005. The Commission's preliminary conclusions are to not include mobile services and broadband services in the scope of universal service, one of the consultation's key questions.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146188&contentId=290336>

ADHESION CONTRACTS

ANACOM approved in a determination dated 1 September the TMN adhesion contracts for WAP and my:TMN services, mobile telephone service and FIX service.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=81571>

LISBON METRO MOBILE TELEPHONE NETWORK

The contract between the three mobile operators (Optimus, TMN and Vodafone) and the Lisbon Metro for mobile communication service network coverage in the city's rapid transit system was signed on 27 September.

:: http://www.moptc.pt/?id_categoria=16&id_item=551 (*Portuguese version*)

JAZZTEL BECOMES AR TELECOM

Jazztel has informed ANACOM that it has changed its designation to AR Telecom - *Acessos e Redes de Telecomunicações*. <

□ PORTABILITY REGULATION PUBLISHED

The Portability Regulation approved by ANACOM on 22 July has already taken effect. The instrument was published in the official gazette *Diário da República* (II Series, with the no. 58/2005) of 18 August. The pages on this Authority's

portability webpage have consequently been updated.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=159262>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=292242> <

□ COMMUNICATION TO COLT TELECOM

In a determination dated 8 September, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM), decided that PT Comunicações must inform COLT TELECOM - *Serviços de Telecomunicações Unipessoal* as well as this Authority of the usage and remuneration conditions for use of the conduits it holds in various parts of

the city of Lisbon. Approved at the same time was the report on the prior hearing of interested parties regarding the corresponding draft decision.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=294050>

<

□ QUALITY OF SERVICE - MOBILE NETWORKS

ANACOM has for the first time proceeded to assess the quality of SMS (short message service) in the GSM mobile networks offered by the operators Optimus, TMN and Vodafone. Of the 51,538 message sending attempts, 99.9 percent were successfully carried out, with 99.7 percent of the SMS delivered to the destination terminal error-free and within the time frame defined for this service (equal to or less than 175 seconds).

The Authority also assessed the mobile telephone service provided in the Azores

and Madeira. The indicators for network coverage, mobile telephone service accessibility and audio quality in the major urban areas (Ponta Delgada, Angra do Heroísmo and Funchal) and along the main road arteries on all islands of the two chains were studied. The data collected indicate poor performance for network coverage and service accessibility.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=295345>

<

□ INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION ACTION

ANACOM apprehended 3,024 radio and telecommunication terminal equipment items during the months from June through August. Samples from the subject equipment are undergoing laboratory analysis. Should non-compliance with the applicable technical requirements be verified, those responsible may be charged

with the offence stemming from the respective market placement; the equipment may also be withdrawn from the market and the European Commission notified.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=34658> (in Portuguese only)

<

□ SPECTRU - REGISTERED TRADEMARK

The National Patent and Trademark Office (INPI) has granted a national trademark registry title to the name Spectru, the designation of ANACOM's monthly

newsletter.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146188&contentId=289925>

<

□ ARCEP INTERVIEWS THE PRESIDENT OF ANACOM

ANACOM President Pedro Duarte Neves has been interviewed by "La Lettre", the newsletter of the French regulator of the communications sector - the *Autorité de Régulation des Communications Electroniques et des Postes* (ARCEP).

More details at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146188&contentId=291051>.

<

□ MAJOR PLANNING OPTIONS FOR 2005-2009

Parliament has approved the Major Planning Options for 2005-2009, in which the Government sets out governing policy for the four year term. A set of objectives for the areas of information society, electronic communications and

postal services have been defined, some of which are to be implemented in 2005-2006.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=292805>

<

□ WORLD POSTAL DAY

World Postal Day was commemorated on 11 October. The celebrations, which took place at the Portuguese Foundation for Communications (FPC) and were attended by the ANACOM president, included the inauguration of the postal

route of the FPC museum's permanent exhibition on "Overcoming Distance - the History of Communications in Portugal".

<

□ NEW MEDIA REGULATOR

Parliament has approved the instrument creating the Media Regulatory Body (ERC - *Entidade Reguladora para a Comunicação Social*) and disbanding the High Authority for the Media (*Alta Autoridade para a Comunicação Social*).

The measure awaits promulgation and publication in the *Diário da República*.

:: http://www3.parlamento.pt/PLC/Iniciativa.aspx?ID_Ini=20855 (in Portuguese only)

<

■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

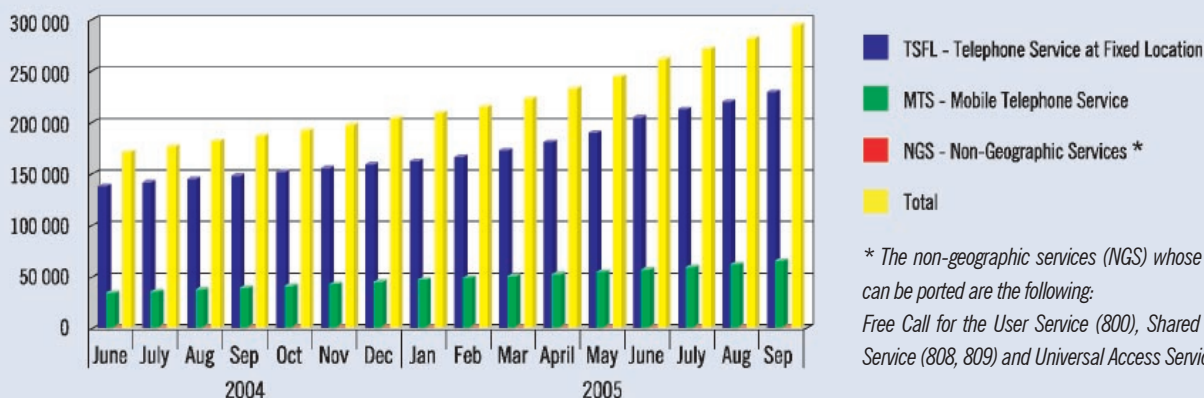
- **Decree-Law no. 169-A/2005** (I Series-A of the *Diário da República* of 3 October) - Modifies Law no. 30/2003 of 22 August, which establishes the model for financing public radio and television broadcasting services.
- **Decree-Law no. 156/2005** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 15 September) - Makes compulsory the provision of a complaints book by all suppliers of goods and services, including providers of electronic communication services and postal services.
- **Law no. 52/2005** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 31 August) - Approves the Major Planning Options for 2005-2009.
- **Regulation no. 58/2005** (II Series of the D.R. of 18 August) - Publishes the Portability Regulation approved by ANACOM on 22 July.

<

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

PORTED NUMBERS

	2004							2005								
	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
TSFL	137 197	141 052	144 322	147 375	151 040	154 649	158 623	161 760	165 721	171 897	179 963	189 237	204 052	211 759	219 092	228 731
MTS	33 463	35 032	36 837	38 579	40 240	42 136	44 480	46 659	48 496	50 175	51 822	54 108	56 470	58 608	61 547	64 764
NGS*	264	261	264	266	269	271	277	282	294	293	294	303	310	312	320	329
TOTAL	170 924	176 345	181 423	186 220	191 549	197 056	203 380	208 701	214 511	222 365	232 079	243 648	260 832	270 679	280 959	293 824



* The non-geographic services (NGS) whose numbers can be ported are the following:

Free Call for the User Service (800), Shared Cost Call Service (808, 809) and Universal Access Service (707).

EUROPEAN UNION

ROAMING IN EUROPE - EC LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The European Commission (EC) launched on 4 October a new internet website meant to provide consumers with information on price tables for roaming service. This instrument will enable users to make clear choices whenever they use their mobile phones abroad, increasing tariff transparency and competition in mobile services.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=299789>

REGISTRY OF THE .EU TOP-LEVEL DOMAIN

The first phase of registering the .eu internet top-level domain is set to start on 7 December, the European Registry of Internet Domain Names (EURid - the independent European organisation chosen by the European Commission to oversee said domain) has announced.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=299805>

RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY

The EC published on 29 September a communication on spectrum policy priorities for the digital switchover in the scope of the next Regional Radiocommunications Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=299625>

EC RECOMMENDATION ON COST ACCOUNTING

The EC disclosed on 19 September a draft Recommendation on the need to implement and harmonise rules for the systems of accounts separation and cost accounting used by the electronic communications operators deemed by the national regulatory authorities to hold significant market power.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=297466>

DATA RETENTION DIRECTIVE

The EC adopted on 21 September a proposed Directive on the retention of communications traffic data. This project seeks to harmonise the setting of obligations in this area, applicable to all providers of publicly available electronic communications networks and services, for the purposes of prevention, inves-

tigation and detection of serious criminal offences such as terrorism and organised crime.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=296882>

EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW

The EC's first annual report on progress obtained with regard to European contract law and review of the community acquis on consumer protection is now available for consultation.

:: http://europa.eu.int/comm/consumers/cons_int/safe_shop/fair_bus_pract/cont_law/progress05_en.pdf

INFRASTRUCTURE FEES

The European Court of Justice has decided that the fees imposed by local/national authorities on telecommunications infrastructures do not go against European legislation, in a case involving the municipalities of Fléron and Schaerbeek versus the two major Belgian operators: Belgacom Mobile (Proximus) and Mobistar.

:: [http://curia.eu.int/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=EN&Submit=Rechercher&\\$docrequire=alldocs&numaff=C-544/03&datefs=&datefe=&nomusuel=&domaine=&mots=&resmax=100](http://curia.eu.int/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=EN&Submit=Rechercher&$docrequire=alldocs&numaff=C-544/03&datefs=&datefe=&nomusuel=&domaine=&mots=&resmax=100)

IMT-2000 CONSULTATION

Replies to the EC consultation on IMT-2000 systems are now available for consultation, under the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC). As per its powers, ANACOM has submitted a contribution. At national level, TMN also sent comments.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=297543>

SPORTS CONTENT

The EC has published its final report on the sector consultation regarding the supply of sports content by third generation networks. Available at: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/competition/antitrust/others/sector_inquiries/new_media/3g/final_report.pdf.

□ EUROPEAN UNION (continuation)

DTT WORKSHOP

Brussels hosted a 27 September workshop concerning a political approach to digital terrestrial television (DTT) in the context of communications markets. The event was organised by the European Commission (EC). The report by the Analysys consultancy and the annexes on the situation in the member States are available for consultation at:

:: http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/ecom/doc/info_centre/studies_ext_consult/dttv/final_report_on_dttv_for_ec260805.pdf

:: http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/ecom/doc/info_centre/studies_ext_consult/dttv/annexes_to_final_report_on_dttv_for_ec260805.pdf

INDIA JOINS THE GALILEO PROGRAMME

The European Union (EU) and India have reached agreement for that Asian country to participate in the Galileo programme to set up a European satellite radionavigation system. The agreement will enable the provision in India of high level Galileo services and positively stimulate co-operation between the EU and India in high technology industry.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1105&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

EC ALERT ON THE eCALL PROJECT

The EC has urged in a communication of the need for member States to renovate communications infrastructures in order to accompany the positive response of industry vis-à-vis the manufacture of automobiles with the eCall emergency call system.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1137&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

FIDIS PROJECT

The International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) has begun work producing an identity management (IdM) standard based on deliverables from the Network of Excellence FIDIS (Future of Identity in the Information Society), an EU project supported by the 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development.

:: http://www.fidis.net/iso-iec_project.0.html

INFORMATION SOCIETY - TENDERS

The EC's Information Society and Media Directorate-General has launched new tenders for various studies regarding the information society.

:: http://europa.eu.int/information_society/eeurope/i2010/studies/index_en.htm

NEW EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WEBSITE

The new internet website of the European Parliament (EP), a 1.5 million euro project, went online on 13 September after a year of preparation. The EP thus hopes to communicate more efficiently with the 457 million European citizens. The site is divided into five categories (News, Parliament, Your MEPs, Activities and EP Live) and was designed for three user profiles: general public, experts in European affairs and researchers.

:: http://www.europarl.eu.int/news/public/default_en.htm

LAUNCH OF NESSI - THE NEW EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM

The launch of the Networked European Software and Services Initiative (NESSI) was announced on 7 September. The initiative seeks to provide a unified view of European research in service architecture and software infrastructures that will define technologies, strategies and usage policies.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=294539>

i2010 CONFERENCE

The i2010 Conference was held on 6 September in London; the respective reports presented are available at https://registrations-online.com/i2010/pages.aspx?itm=content&pageid=Conference_Papers. The speech by the European Commission for Information Society and Media, Viviane Reding, may be consulted at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/05/486&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS - TASKFORCE

Brussels hosted the first meeting of the Electronic Communications Taskforce of the European Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). Viviane Reding's speech is available for consultation at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/05/515&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

□ OECD

2005 REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS PUBLISHED

Profits have returned to the communications sector, though internet-related technological developments are imposing changes on the role and business model of traditional telecommunications companies and creating pressure for

new approaches to regulation. Noteworthy in this regard is the 2005 Communications Report recently published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=299974> <

■ OJEU

- **Prior notification of a concentration (2005/C236/04)** - Case no. COMP/M.3920 - France Télécom/Amena. Published on 24 September.
- **Call for action proposals (2005/C223/09 and 2005/C223/10)** - To finance under the Safer Internet Plus programme and the eContentplus programme. Published on 10 September.
- **Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (2005/C221/06)** - On the proposed regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the realisation of two stages for the deployment and commercial operating phases of the European satellite radionavigation system (Galileo). Published on 8 September. <

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

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

ASSEMBLY

The second and last CEPT presidency under the Romanian presidency was held in Mamaia, Romania, on 14 September 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110940&contentId=299688>

WG ECONOMIC ISSUES

The first meeting of the new CERP working group on economic issues took place on 26 September in Zurich, Switzerland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109961&contentId=299691>

CPG PT1

The Lithuanian capital Vilnius hosted the 19-21 September 2005 fifth meeting of project team PT1 of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG07).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110339&contentId=299697>

ECC PT SE19

The 31st meeting of project team SE19, which covers fixed service (FS) issues, was held on 24-26 August 2005 in Oslo, Norway.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110379&contentId=299698>

ECC PT SE7

The French city of Maisons-Alfort hosted the 20-22 September 2005 meeting of the group PT SE7 (responsible for land mobile service issues).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109952&contentId=299692>
The group had previously met on 17-18 August in Helsinki, Finland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109952&contentId=299695>

CPG PT3

The extraordinary meeting of project team PT3 of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG PT3) was held on 29-31 August in Copenhagen, Denmark.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109944&contentId=299701>

CPG PT4

Project team PT4 of the Conference Preparatory Group (CPG) met on 6-7 September 2005 in Rome, Italy.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110359&contentId=299702>

ECC PT1

The 18th meeting of project team 1 of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC PT1) took place on 6-8 September in Maisons-Alfort, France.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109955&contentId=299704>

ECC TG3

The 11th meeting of working group ECC TG3 - UWB (ultra wide band) was held on 12-16 September 2005 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110399&contentId=299706> <

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

□ EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ETSI)

OCG ECN&S GROUP

The 10th meeting of ETSI's Operational Co-ordination Group - Electronic Communications Networks and Services (OCG ECN&S) took place on 23 August in the French city of Sophia Antipolis.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=159502&contentId=299646>

TISPAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The TISPAN Technical Committee (which covers the switch from the lines network to packet-based networks) of ETSI met on 12-16 September 2005 in Portoros, Slovenia.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=165662&contentId=299667> <

□ EUROPEAN REGULATORS GROUP (ERG)

The 14th meeting of the European Regulators Group was held on 22 September in Copenhagen, Denmark.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109881&contentId=299822> <

□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

PLENARY SESSION

The IRG plenary session took place on 22 September in Copenhagen, Denmark.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110120&contentId=299821>

PT ON INTERNATIONAL ROAMING RETAIL TRANSPARENCY

The Italian city of Naples hosted the 22 August first meeting of the subgroup of the IRG's End Users WG, set up under the Tariff Transparency (TT) project, which

concerned retail international roaming.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=165663&contentId=299669>

WG IRG SMP

The IRG working group on Significant Market Power (SMP) met on 22 September in Tallinn, Estonia.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110122&contentId=299671> <

□ EUTELSAT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The 14th meeting of the EUTELSAT IGO Advisory Committee was held on 2

September 2005 in Paris, France.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=129979&contentId=299714> <

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

NEW OVERSIGHT GROUP

The New Council Oversight Group (NCOG) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), with the mandate revised in this year's Council session, met for the second time on 1 September.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110021&contentId=299673>

STUDY GROUP 13

Study Group 13 of the ITU's Standardisation Sector (ITU-T) met from 26 August to 8 September 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110045&contentId=299675> <

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

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

Statistical data have been published on portability in fixed networks and in mobile networks, pre-selection, ADSL lines and local loop access, updated to 31 August.

:: http://www.cmt.es/cmt/centro_info/publicaciones/pdf/nota_ag05_2.ppt

Information concerning online commercial transactions carried out in Spain using electronic card payments during the first quarter of 2005 is now available.

:: http://www.cmt.es/cmt/centro_info/publicaciones/pdf/comercio-e/1T05.pdf

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

The programme to extend broadband to rural and isolated areas has arrived in Andalusia, the Valencian Community, Murcia, Aragon and Cantabria. Approval is expected in October for projects in the two remaining communities: Castilla La Mancha and La Rioja.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/9/bandaancha290905.htm>

The Spanish Government plans to launch by the end of the year the public consultation on designation of the company that provides universal service.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/9/nptitularesdiscursos.htm>

The study on "Homes with One Single ICT: Fixed Telephone/Mobile Telephone" has been published, which confirms strong growth in the number of mobile phones per dwelling.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/9/estudiomoviles010905.htm>

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

A tender has been opened to carry out a study to assess the quality of postal service. The candidature file is available at <http://www.arcep.fr/boamp-cposte-041005.pdf>.

A public consultation on the draft decision concerning the local loop valuation method and the way to make the costs applicable to complete unbundling compatible is under way until 31 October.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/publications/c-publique/05-0834.pdf>

The European Commission has approved the French regulator's proposal on the regulation to be applied to voice over internet (VoIP) telephony.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1146&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=pt>

UNITED KINGDOM - *Office of Communications (Ofcom)*

Following a public consultation, the British regulator has accepted the proposals

of the British Telecom Board, opening the way for a new regulatory approach to accessing the historic operator's infrastructures.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/09/nr_20050922

The digital television penetration rate in the United Kingdom reached 63 percent in the second quarter of 2005.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/09/nr_20050915

IRELAND - *Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)*

The Irish regulator has published its radio spectrum management policy for the 2005-2007 triennium.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR150905.pdf

The second quarter 2005 report on the Irish electronic communications market is available for consultation. Noteworthy is the growth of broadband.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR200905.pdf

The conditions Eircom should comply with under the universal service obligations have been published.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR070905.pdf

Three candidate companies are vying for the fourth 3G licence to be awarded by ComReg.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR090905.pdf

GERMANY - *Bundesnetzagentur (Federal Network Agency)*

The German regulator has decided to lower the fees paid to Deutsche Telekom AG (DT AG), by companies that prepare telephone lists and directories, for the provision of data on telephone service subscribers. The measure reflects a European Court of Justice decision stipulating that the costs of supplying this information can be charged, but not expenses related to setting up and maintaining databases.

:: <http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/2993.pdf>

BRAZIL - *Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)*

Telephone accesses in Brazil have reached 118 million. Mobile telephone service totals 78.95 million subscribers, double the 39.3 million for fixed telephone service.

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_29_09_2005ad.pdf

The Brazilian regulator's new internal regulation continuing the agency's reorganisation has been approved.

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_22_09_2005.pdf

Anatel has for the first time authorised trials of digital radio, specifically the In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) system.

:: [http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_12_09_2005\(2\).pdf](http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_12_09_2005(2).pdf)

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_16_09_2005.pdf

:: [http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_26_09_2005\(1\).pdf](http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_26_09_2005(1).pdf) <

□ 19TH UPAEP CONGRESS

The 19th Congress of the Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal (UPAEP) was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 10-16 August. The Congress was preceded

on the 9th by a Colloquium on Postal Reform and Technical Co-operation.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=165683&contentId=299682> <

□ ANACOM/ANATEL CO-ORDINATION COMMISSION

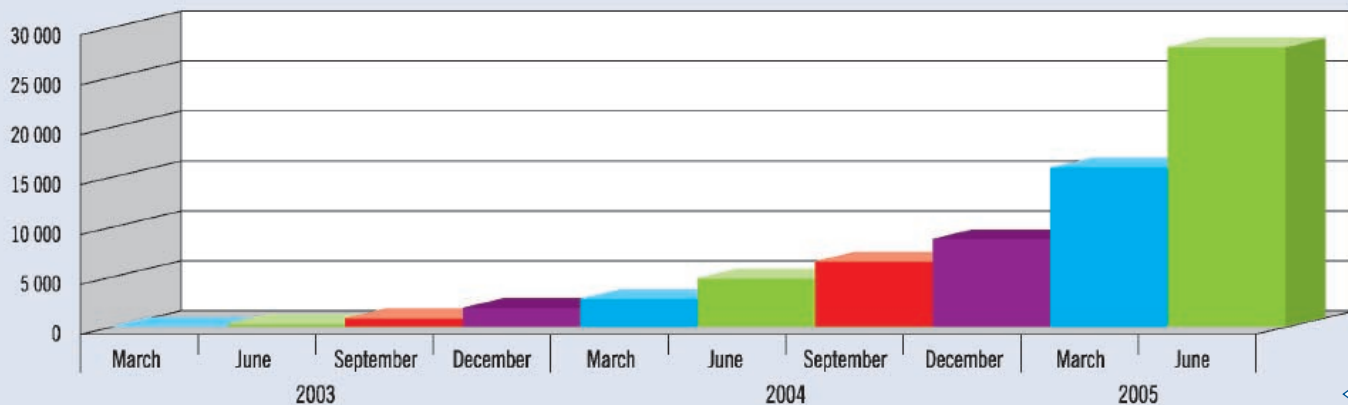
Knowledge of consumer interests is a vital part of the regulators' activity: this was one of the main conclusions of the 9th meeting of the ANACOM/ANATEL Co-

ordination Commission, held on 28-30 September 2005 in Fortaleza, Brazil.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=299606> <

■ EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNBUNDLED ACCESSSES

2003				2004				2005	
March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March	June
54	295	842	1 867	2 759	4 845	6 515	8 780	15 916	27 987



□ ITED - DEVELOPMENTS

In a 1 September determination, ANACOM designated ELEVAR - *Associação de Apoio Técnico* as an ITED (Portuguese acronym for Telecommunications Infrastructure in Buildings) training entity, making the company the first to receive such accreditation. On 15 September the regulator granted identical certification to FORINO - *Associação para a Escola de Novas Tecnologias*. These designations are valid for three years from the date of their respective approval.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=293929>
(in Portuguese only)

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=295232>
(in Portuguese only)

Provisional suspension from the registry of the certifying entity *Vasconcelos & Filho, Lda.*, has been approved for a period of three months.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=774&contentId=294720>
(in Portuguese only)

ANACOM has been developing a set of actions, among which is the "ITED Buildings Initiative" - constructions planned in line with the new prescriptions and technical specifications. The northern city of Viseu hosted on 14 October the inauguration of one such building. The potentials of ITED buildings were demonstrated on the occasion by members of this Authority's technical staff.

■ IN OCTOBER 2005

CEPT

- ECC
- WG SE (3-7)
- WG/ RR-06 (4-6)
- WG FM/ PT22 (10-14)
- PT PP-06 (11-12)
- WG ITU (13-14)
- Plenary session (24-28)
- WG SE/PT7 (26-27)

EC

Radio Spectrum Committee - RSC (5)

IRG

WG Mobile Market (13-14)

Galileo

MoU Management Committee (10-11)

IMSO

- Advisory Committee (3-4)

ITU

- Radiocommunications Sector
- WP6E (5-14)
- Council
- NCOG (25)

UPU

- Council of Administration
- WG Acts of the Union (5-7)
- WG and Commissions (13-21)
- Plenary session (17-21)

OECD

- ICCP (6-7)

URSI

- 28th Assembly (22-29)

Co-operation

- Training session on Institutional and Administrative Relations (10-14)
- Training session on Sector Rules and Regulations (17-21)

EVENTS

- *e-2005, eChallenges Conference*, Ljubljana, 19-21
- *TechNet Europe 2005, AFCEA Europa*, Lisbon, 20-21

- *4th SOPCOM - Rethinking the Media: new contexts for communication and information*, Santiago University Campus of the University of Aveiro, 20-21

- *CoNEXT 2005*, Toulouse, 24-27

- *GSM Central & Eastern Europe*, Zagreb, 25-26

- *6th Annual Telecoms Regulation and Competition Law*, Brussels, 25-28

- *Contact Centres Portugal 2005*, Lisbon, 26-27

- *I3E 2005 - International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)*, Poznan, 26-28

- *CAPSI05, 6th Conference of the Portuguese Information Systems Association (APSI)*, Auditorium of the High School of Technology and Management, Bragança, 26-28

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template2.jsp?categoryId=51309>