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□ CALL TERMINATION IN OPERATORS WITH SMP

In a determination dated 19 October 2005, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) ruled that all operators notified as having significant market power (SMP) – except the *Grupo PT* companies – in the market for call termination in the fixed location public telephone network (market 9) who do not comply with the price control obligation, under terms of the determination dated 17 December 2004, must within 10 working days establish and implement a new

price table that complies with said obligation. They must also submit to this Authority within 15 working days the respective duly grounded call termination price table. Also approved was the report from the hearing of interested parties, following on the decision of 28 July 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=304885>

□ PRICES OF COMMUNICATIONS TO PORTED NUMBERS

ANACOM approved on 19 October a set of recommendations addressed to the operators with portability obligations, in the wake of its monitoring actions in September and October of this year, which indicated deficiencies in the services that provide information about the prices of calls to ported numbers. As they are

not complying with provisions of the Portability Regulation (Regulation 58/2005, approved on 22 July 2005), the operators in question have been notified and must implement the recommendations within 30 days.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=304726>

□ TARIFF OBSERVATORY – NEW FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Tariff Observatory, a project developed and made available by ANACOM in collaboration with the three mobile telephone service operators, have been expanded with the introduction of written message (SMS) and multimedia message (MMS) services, which join the previously available voice

services. The following functions are now available to users of the simulator: monthly consumption (voice or message services); call or message comparison; price consultation (voice and message services); and virtual calls or messages.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template30.jsp?categoryId=60307> (in Portuguese only)

■ ANACOM PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS – VoIP AND POSTAL SERVICE

In a determination dated 4 November 2005, ANACOM approved the launch of a public consultation on the regulatory approach to voice services supported on IP (VoIP) technology, which encompasses a proposal to open a new numbering range – “30” – in the National Numbering Plan to accommodate the offer of general nomad use services. The aim is to gather contributions to ensure a regulatory approach consistent with the goals enshrined in law, as VoIP has raised questions specifically related to the promotion of competition, the incentive to develop services that are innovative, diverse and with quality, the defence of user interests and the effective use of numbering resources. Interested parties may submit comments until 21 December, preferably by electronic mail, to the address gt.voip@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=169407&contentId=307635>

Also under public consultation is the draft regulation containing the rules that the universal postal service concessionaire (the company *CTT – Correios de Portugal*) must obey when it reports to ANACOM the decision to close or reduce the working hours of postal facilities. This document, approved by determination of 4 October, includes the set of parameters based on which this Authority assesses such notifications. Also established were a number of procedural rules to be obeyed by the CTT and by third parties that may be called to participate in the decision-making process. Interested parties may submit comments until 23 November 2005, preferably by electronic mail, to estabelecimentos.postais@anacom.pt.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=300047>

■ CURRENT EVENTS

AZORES – FREE ACCESS TO NATIONAL TV

The protocol that allows free access by citizens resident in the Azores Autonomous Region to the four widespread unconditioned access channels available on the Portuguese mainland, as well as the gradual switch from analogue technology to digital technology, was signed on 5 November 2005. Free citizen access is likewise planned for the “RTP – Azores” regional channel or to another channel that eventually replaces same, and also to a channel providing information on programming.

CHANGES TO THE PTC REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER

By determination of 12 October, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the draft decision containing the specification for modifications to the reference interconnection offer (RIO) of *PT Comunicações* (PTC), in order to include capacity-based interconnection (flat interconnection rate) as opposed to the time-based interconnection model. The measure now adopted is framed under the decision of 17 December 2004, concerning the imposition of obligations in the wholesale markets for call origination and termination in the fixed location public telephone network on companies deemed to hold significant market power (SMP). Interested parties were legally informed of this draft decision and given 10 working days to comment in writing on same. The determination is an integral part of the consultation report launched by ANACOM on 29 July 2005.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=303396>

MODIFICATIONS TO THE “PT ADSL NETWORK” OFFER

By determination of 13 October, ANACOM approved a decision on the changes to the “PT ADSL Network” (“Rede ADSL PT”) wholesale offer introduced by *PT Comunicações* on 23 August 2005. Certain modifications were specifically determined, in effect from 24 October and concerning the extension to migration request providers of free of charge bandwidth modification, regardless of the bundling mode and whether or not involving a switch in service providers (transfer between providers) in effect during the same time period. It was also determined that the prices for local access to various service classes had to be changed, to take effect 20 days after the date of the determination.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=302005>

STUDIES ON COMMUNICATIONS

With the aim of encouraging studies on the situation of communications in Portugal, ANACOM asked the Portuguese academic world to submit proposals for scientific projects by 11 November. The studies should be applicable to the situation in Portugal, with the presentation of specific results, use scientifically recognised methods and appropriate data processing in order to quantitatively answer tangible questions, and be completed by 31 March 2006. Some of those that eventually receive awards may be presented at this Authority’s first annual conference, planned for May.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=305877>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=305756>

LAUNCH OF THE ITED BROCHURE

ANACOM has produced an information brochure on the rules regulating the installation of telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED is the Portuguese acronym), whose application has been mandatory as of 2005. This system is an effective contribution to speed the expansion of broadband, as buildings are endowed with broadband access from the start; no additional equipment is needed for them to make triple play (voice, data and image)

available.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=165843> (*Portuguese version*)

FOURTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The ANACOM Advisory Council met for the fourth time on 21 October 2005 in Lisbon. The meeting saw approval of the opinion on the 2004 Regulation Report; recommendations involving telecommunications infrastructures in buildings were also studied.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=307804>

NEW STANDARDISATION SECTION

The new Standardisation section is now available on this Authority’s website and contains information on relevant ANACOM activity at national and international level.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template2.jsp?categoryId=165902> (*in Portuguese only*)

The launch of this new section was timed to coincide with commemorations of World Standards Day on 14 October, whose theme topic this year was “Standards for a Safer World”. The day was thus marked by the international standardisation organisations: the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=301828>

MEASURES CONCERNING ZAPP PTT SERVICE

By determination of 20 October, ANACOM ruled that *Radiomóvel – Telecomunicações* and *Jazztel Portugal* should adopt measures related to the offer of Zapp PTT service.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=303811>

WORLD POST DAY

The speech by ANACOM President Pedro Duarte Neves at the 11 October ceremony commemorating World Post Day, held at the Portuguese Communications Foundation in Lisbon, is available for consultation.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=301776>

PT REQUEST FOUND GROUNDLESS

The Lisbon Administrative and Fiscal Court ruled on 5 August that the precautionary measure requested by *PT Comunicações*, to suspend the effect of paragraph f) of point 6 of the last paragraph of part I of the Annex to the determination approved by the ANACOM Board of Directors on 17 July 2004 and concerning the “offer of access to the *PT Comunicações* concessionaire conduits”, was groundless.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=162883>

COMPLAINT BOOK COMPULSORY

Decree-Law no. 156/2005, published on 15 September 2005, stipulates that the presence of a complaint book is compulsory in the facilities of electronic communication service and postal service providers, among others. The measure is to take effect on 1 January 2006. The complaint book should be provided immediately and free of charge whenever requested; the sign with the information that “this establishment has a complaint book” must use easily readable letters and be placed so as to be clearly visible to users, and also include the complete identification and address of the body to which the respective user should submit the complaint.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146189&contentId=296309>



□ 15TH APDC CONGRESS

The 15th Congress of the Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications, with the theme topic of “The Future of Telecommunications – a network society and a knowledge-based economy”, takes place on 8-10 November at the Lisbon Congress Centre. Scheduled speakers for the panel on the “Evolution of Regulation in the Internal Market” on 9 November include the president of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM), Pedro Duarte

Neves, and the electronic communications policy director of the European Commission's Directorate General for Information Society and the Media (DG INFSO), Bernd Langeheine. This authority's participation is also extended to parallel sessions, with a presentation on the voice over internet protocol (VoIP) and, on the last day, an exhibition and live demonstration of the Tariff Observatory.

:: http://xvcongresso.apdc.pt/_pt/innersection.aspx (*Portuguese version*)



□ REPORT ON TARIFF TRANSPARENCY

The final report on retail price tariff transparency (with implementation of number portability), co-ordinated by ANACOM, is now available for consultation on the website of the European Regulators Group (ERG).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=302165>



□ BROADBAND STUDY

According to a study by Arthur D. Little disclosed by the Competition Authority, the rate of broadband penetration in Portugal should reach about 50% by 2010. This country – which the study indicates as having a penetration rate on the order of 14.5% – is currently part of the designated “European

followers” group, which also includes France, Spain and Germany, among others. More information at http://www.autoridadedaconcorrenca.pt/vlimages/050715_AD%20Broadband%20Benchmark%20Report_pub.pdf.



□ STATE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION BODY

Portugal will soon have a State Electronic Certification Body (ECEE) – an authority meant to ensure secure authentication mechanisms for electronic data transfer involving state services. Establishment of the ECEE, approved by Coun-

cil of Ministers Resolution no. 171/2005, published on 3 November, will be monitored by a working group in which ANACOM is a member.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=306526>



□ STATE BUDGET FOR 2006

The Government has presented a proposed State Budget for 2006 which sets out, in the chapter on the Ministry of Public Works, Transports and Communications, the funds and policies for the areas of postal and electronic communications services. Regarding the latter, highlights among the goals described in the document include the widespread use of broadband, the launch of Digital Terrestrial

Television (DTT), the definition of the development strategy for digital audio broadcasting (DAB) and the implementation of land mobile service coverage in public transports. In postal services the gradual and controlled continuation of the process of liberalising same is expected. The Government's proposal may be consulted at <http://www.dgo.pt/oe/2006/Proposta/index.htm> (*in Portuguese only*).



□ APDSI LAUNCHES INFORMATION SOCIETY GLOSSARY

The Association for the Promotion and Development of the Information Society (APDSI) has publicly presented an “Information Society Glossary”, which aims to help systematise and divulge the most correct terminology to use in the area of information and communication technologies. The document may be down-

loaded from the APDSI website, which also urges contributions and suggestions to be submitted before the end of the year.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=303813>



□ KNOWLEDGE LIBRARY – NEW PORTAL

The new portal of the Knowledge Library, an initiative of the National Scientific Computation Foundation (FCCN) launched in April 2004 is now online, in Portuguese only.

:: <http://www.fccn.pt/files/documents/PRbon.pdf>

:: <http://www.b-on.pt/>



□ PORTUGAL CONDEMNED BY EU JUSTICE

The European Court of Justice has ruled in favour of the European Commission, condemning the Portuguese State for not ensuring the transposition of article 4-D of Directive 90/388/EEC of the Commission, of 28 June 1990, concerning competition in markets for telecommunication services, as per the text set out in Directive 96/19/EC of the Commission, of 13 March 1996. It concerned violation of the non-discrimination principle vis-à-vis the specific system applied exclusively to the concessionaire *PT Comunicações, SA*: exemption from municipal licensing and exemption from municipal fees. Note that with the entry into force

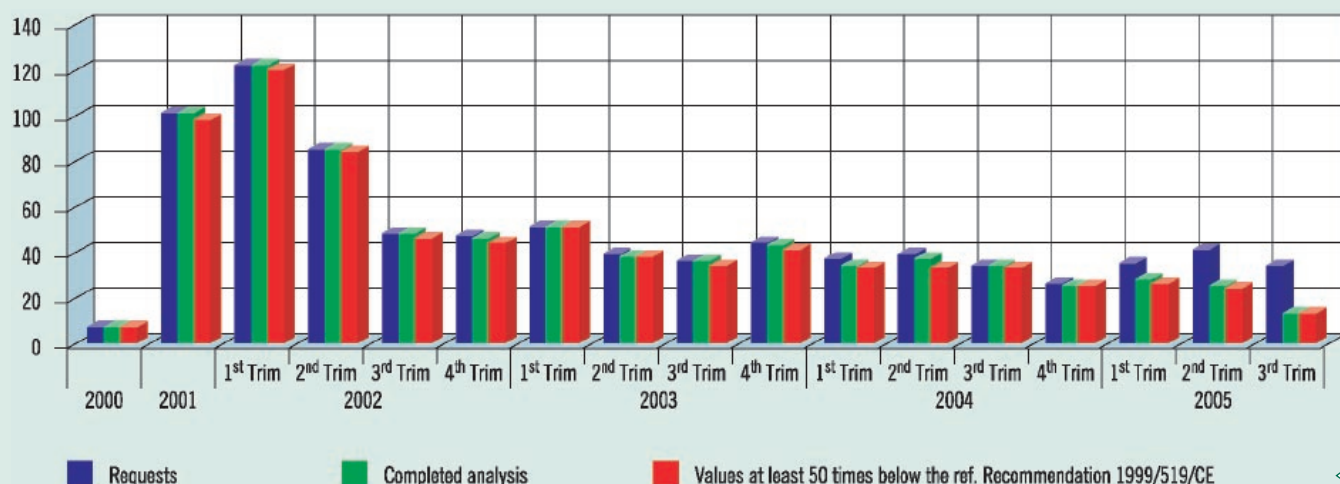
of the Electronic Communications Law (Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February) the Portuguese State enshrined a non-discriminatory regime with regard to municipal fees owed for rights of way by creating a Municipal Fee for Rights of Way (TMDF).

:: [http://curia.eu.int/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=EN&Submit=Rechercher&\\$docrequire=alldocs&numaff=C-334/03&datefs=&datefe=&nomusuel=&domaine=&mots=&resmax=100](http://curia.eu.int/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=EN&Submit=Rechercher&$docrequire=alldocs&numaff=C-334/03&datefs=&datefe=&nomusuel=&domaine=&mots=&resmax=100)



EVALUATION OF NON-IONISING RADIATION

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LUSO-SPANISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS INNOVATION FORUM

The Luso-Spanish Telecommunications Innovation Forum (FLEIT 2005) was held on 27-28 October in Lisbon, with the theme topic of "The Internationalisation of Telecommunications". In his speech, the Minister of Public Works, Transport and Communications, Mário Lino, underscored that "Portugal has one of the highest rates of broadband penetration per PC". He also covered the techno-

logical and business challenges brought on by technologies such as Voice over IP (VoIP) and Wimax (radio technology allowing broadband internet access).

:: http://www.moptc.pt/?id_categoria=16&id_item=560 (in Portuguese only)

:: http://www.fleit.net/PT/index_pt.html (Portuguese version)

CO-OPERATION WITH THE PALOPs

Two of the four training sessions planned for 2005 as per the responsibilities of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) regarding bilateral co-operation with the respective authorities in the Portuguese-speaking African Countries (PALOP is the Portuguese acronym) and East Timor have already been held in Lisbon.

The first training session, on institutional and administrative relations, was held on 10-14 October, attended by nine officials from various members of the

Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP). The second was held on 17-21 October attended by 8 PALOP representatives and covered issues involving rules and regulation in the telecommunications sector. Two more training sessions are planned before the end of the year, on Spectrum Management (6-17 November) and Financial and Administrative Management (21-30 November).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=59876>

WORKSHOP FOR AICEP UPPER MANAGEMENT

The Portuguese Communications Foundation hosted on 24-28 October the 15th workshop for upper management of the Association of Postal and Telecommunications Operators from the Portuguese-speaking Countries and Territories

(AICEP), with the generic theme topic of "Competition and Contention".

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=60250>

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATED

The recently launched Web@x index benchmarks the internet accessibility of Portuguese public administration and is an initiative of the ACESSO programme implemented by UMIC (Agency for the Knowledge Society). This system assesses the homepage conformity of public administration websites with

respect to the criteria set by W3C (consortium that oversees World Wide Web standards).

:: <http://www.acesso.unic.pt/webax/index.php> (Portuguese only)

□ EUROPEAN UNION

.eu TOP-LEVEL DOMAINS RESERVED

The list of domains that the various European Union (EU) member states have reserved for their exclusive use under the .eu top address has been published. Besides the name "Portugal" in various EU languages, the names of Portuguese districts and their respective capitals are also reserved. More information available at: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2005/L_266/L_26620051011en00350049.pdf.

AUDIOVISUAL – FINAL REPORTS PUBLISHED

The final reports of the working groups that participated in the Audiovisual conference held by the European Commission (EC) in Liverpool on 22 September have been published on the website dedicated to European audiovisual policy. The documents will be used to support the EC in revision of the Television Without Frontiers directive, planned for the end of 2005.

:: <http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/avpolicy/revision-tvwf2005/2005-conference.htm#2>

COMMISSION DEBATES THE CHALLENGES OF 112

The European Commission gathered representatives of 25 Member States with powers in the area of civil protection and electronic communications at a conference on the European single emergency number – 112. Representatives of states from the European Economic Area (EEA) and candidate states also took part. The main goals were to ascertain the status of the service's implementation and operations, identify eventual challenges and share the best practices of countries with respect to 112 calls.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=300805>

eCALL: FOUR COUNTRIES SIGN EC PLAN

Four new countries – Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Slovenia – have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the integration of an automatic emergency call system in all cars produced from 2009 on, a measure set out in the eCall plan, a project created by common agreement between the EC and the automobile industry. The use of eCall technology and the development of a safe and efficient emergency service by means of the European 112 single emergency number are part of the EU strategy for the "2010 European Information Society".

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=303783>

EC PROPOSES DECISION ON PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

The EC has proposed that the European Council adopt a framework decision on personal data protection processed under police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters. The aim is to strengthen personal data protection and enable a more effective exchange of information between police services and judicial authorities in the various member states. The need for personal information to only be transferred to third states or international bodies that guarantee appropriate protection of that data is stressed.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146190&contentId=300388>

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST NINE MEMBER STATES

The European Commission announced on 13 October that it had filed infringement proceedings against nine member states for failure to comply with European rules in the electronic communications sector.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1269&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

EITO RELEASES 2005 FORECASTS

The European Information Technology Observatory (EITO) has released its forecasts for 2005. The market for information and communication technologies in the European Union should grow by 2.9 percent until the end of 2005, moving 614 billion euros.

:: http://www.eito.com/download/Press%20release%20EITO_Update_19_10.pdf

STATISTICS ON eGOVERNMENT IN THE EU

Some 45 percent of individuals aged between 16 and 74 in the 25 European Union countries visited the websites of public bodies to obtain information on the institutions during the first quarter of 2004. The figure rises to 51 percent in the case of companies. The relevant data was published by the EU Statistics Office, Eurostat, in a report available for consultation at: http://epp.eurostat.ec.eu.int/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-NP-05-035/EN/KS-NP-05-035-EN.PDF.

BROCHURE ON ICT CONVERGENCE

A brochure on the multi-disciplinary approach to research carried out by the Department of Communication and Network Technologies of the European Commission's Directorate General of Information Society and Media has recently been published.

Available at: ftp://ftp.cordis.lu/pub/ist/docs/dir_d/infosod_general_brochure.pdf.

NEW EBUSINESS WATCH REPORTS

The eBusiness Watch observatory, an initiative of the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, has published its most recent studies on the area of business deals in the so-called Digital Economy: "A Guide to ICT Usage Indicators", at http://www.ebusiness-watch.org/resources/documents/TR01_Indicators_2005_web.pdf; and "e-Business Interoperability and Standards – A Cross-Sector Perspective and Outlook", at http://www.ebusiness-watch.org/resources/documents/TR03_Interoperability_2005_web.pdf.

DIGITAG RELEASES STUDY

A study by the Canalys consultancy, cited by DigiTAG, indicates that more than 50 million homes have digital television service in the western Europe.

:: <http://www.digitag.org/DTTNews/article.php?id=1066>

ONLINE COPYRIGHT

The Commission has adopted a Recommendation on the supervision of online copyright with respect to musical work. The measure is considered a step forward in perfecting the European copyright management system in online services, a necessary improvement as there are currently no copyright licences that cover the whole EU space.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1261&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en> <

■ OJEU

- **Commission Decision (2005/752/EC)** – Establishes an electronic commerce experts group. Of 24 October and published on 26 October.
- **Commission Decision (2005/709/EC)** – Concerning state aid implemented by France for France Télécom. Of 2 August 2004 and published on 14 October.
- **Regulation (EC) no. 1654/2005 of the Commission** – Amends Regulation (EC) no. 874/2004 which lays down public policy rules regarding the implementation and functions of the .eu top-level domain and the principles governing registration. Published on 11 October.
- **European Commission Recommendation (2005/698/EC)** – On accounts separation and cost accounting systems under the regulatory framework for electronic communications. Dated 19 September and published on 11 October.

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

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

PLENARY SESSION

The 12th meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) was held in Cascais on 24-28 October, with nearly 30 administrations represented.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109940&contentId=307330>

WG NNA

The fifth meeting of the Numbering, Names and Addressing group (WG NNA) of the Electronic Communications Committee was held on 4-5 October in Paris.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=138642&contentId=306165>

WG ITU

The CEPT working group responsible for basically policy and strategy issues involving the ITU (WG ITU) met on 13-14 October in Bratislava, Slovakia.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=111242&contentId=307306>

ECC PT2 TRIS

ECC/PT2-TRIS met on 28-29 September in Vilnius, Lithuania, where two reports were approved: one on access to emergency services via VoIP, and another on a new interconnection model, based on the new network architecture (NGN).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=154002&contentId=306167>

WG FM

The German city of Koblenz hosted on 26-30 September the 55th meeting of the Frequency Management working group (WG FM).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109948&contentId=306188>

WG RA

The Regulatory Affairs working group (WG RA), which is responsible for regula-

tory questions concerning electronic communications, met for the sixth time on 26-30 September in Helsinki, Finland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109946&contentId=306183>

WG SE

The 42nd meeting of the Spectrum Engineering working group (WG SE) was held on 3-7 October 2005 in the Czech city of Hradec Kralove.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109953&contentId=306191>

WG RRC06

The French city of Tours hosted on 4-6 October the 4th meeting of the RRC06 group, which covers issues concerning preparations for the second session of the Regional Radiocommunications Conference (RRC-06).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=133103&contentId=306192>

WG FM PT22

The group WG FM PT22, concerned with spectrum monitoring, held a meeting on 11-14 October in Sarajevo, organised by the Bosnian administration (CRA).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=111499&contentId=306205>

PT PP06

CEPT project team PT PP06, charged with preparing the next Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), met on 11-12 October in Bratislava, Slovakia.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=135683&contentId=307316>

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

□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

PT REVISION 2006

The project team on Revision 2006 met on 7 October in Dublin and 24 October in Budapest. It was set up to study regulatory issues with respect to revision of the current regulatory framework for electronic communications.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=169182&contentId=307286>

WG SMP

The working group on Significant Market Power (SMP) met on 17 October in Berne, Switzerland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110122&contentId=307293>

WG FN

The Fixed Networks working group (WG FN) met on 17-18 October in Bonn, Germany.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=114099&contentId=307297>

WG MM

The Mobile Market working group met on 13-14 October in Lisbon.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110124&contentId=307304>

□ INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANISATION (IMSO)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The 12th meeting of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite

Organisation (IMSO) was held on 3-4 November in London.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=85990&contentId=307363>

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

STUDY GROUP – SG 1 (SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT)

The working party on Spectrum Engineering Techniques (WP1A) of Study Group 1 (SG1) of the Radiocommunications Sector (ITU-R) met on 26-30 September 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110042&contentId=306209>

STUDY GROUP – SG 6 (TELEVISION)

Geneva hosted the 5-14 October 2005 meeting of the Terrestrial Broadcasting working party (WP6E) of ITU-R. Various documents were approved, among them

the proposed new Recommendation to protect broadcasting systems in frequencies below 80 MHz.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110042&contentId=306212>

COUNCIL WG TO REVISE THE FINANCIAL REGULATION

The first meeting of the ITU Council working group charged with preparing the organisation's draft financial and strategy plans for the 2008-2011 period was held in Geneva on 27-28 October.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=113739&contentId=307351>

□ UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU)

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The annual session of the UPU Council of Administration (CA) was held in Berne, Switzerland, on 5-21 October, where the various project teams, action

groups and commissions gathered. Portugal was represented at two levels, by ANACOM and the CTT – *Correios de Portugal* (Portuguese postal service).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110200&contentId=306177>

■ NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

A tender has been launched to award licences in the 420 MHz and 900 MHz bands for the offer of broadband data services via mobile access (wireless).

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR201005.pdf

The strategy for 2005–2007 has been published.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR051005.pdf

The report on the service quality of An Post (the Irish national postal operator) during the second quarter of 2005 has been published.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR220905a.pdf

A licensing scheme has been announced for companies interested in supplying commercial services by means of land mobile service radiocommunications networks.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR220905.pdf

UNITED KINGDOM – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

The city of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom hosts the 10–11 November conference on “Next Generation Regulation – Delivering Competition Communications”, an event organised by Ofcom in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). ANACOM President Pedro Duarte Neves is part of the panel on “EU Framework – investment in next generation networks”.

:: <http://www.eu2005.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1107293391098&a=KArticle&aid=1119517310155>

Ofcom has published the report on its technological research and development programme. The full version is available at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/research/technology/overview/techrandd200405/randd0405.pdf>.

Conclusions of the document on radio sector review have been published, with consideration of the future of commercial radio. Contributions and opinions on the proposal to develop the digital audio broadcasting (DAB) system are also sought.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/10/nr_20051019

The British regulator has proposed approving the wholesale line rental offer provided by British Telecom (BT), which should become publicly available in January 2006.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/10/nr_20051006

It also announced its intention to proceed with a new auction of radio spectrum in the 412–414 MHz bands along with the 422–424 MHz frequencies.

:: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/news/2005/10/nr_20051013

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

ARCEP has published the list of replies to the tender to award regional Wimax (radio technology that enables broadband internet access) licences.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/c05-53.htm>

A public consultation has been launched on the costing model for local loop unbundling, covering three markets: residential, business and rural areas.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/c05-50.htm>

The regulator's most recent data, dating to 30 September, reveals the existence of 2.51 million lines with (total and partial) unbundling of the local loop.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/observatoire/blr/tabordsept05.htm>

GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (Federal Network Agency)

The German regulator has urged Deutsche Post AG (DPAG) to end its anti-competitive practices affecting mail consolidators, whereby it refuses to receive mail that does not conform with its numbering system.

:: <http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/3873.pdf>

The German regulator has approved the prices for postal services in the year 2006, which will take effect on 1 January.

:: <http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/3797.pdf>

ANGOLA – Instituto Angolano das Comunicações (INACOM)

The price regulation report for the first quarter of 2005 has been published.

:: <http://www.inacom.ao/pre%20E7ario/RELAT%20D3RIO%20CPT.pdf>
(Portuguese version)

CANADA – Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

The Canadian regulator has decided that all suppliers of voice over IP (VoIP) services must notify their current and future customers about the availability, features and limits of 911 (emergency number equivalent to 112 in the European Union) service.

:: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/NEWS/RELEASES/2005/r051020.htm>



□ WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society is scheduled for 16–18 November in Tunis. The main concern of this United Nations (UN) initiative is to reduce the digital divide separating the developed from the non-industrialised developing countries. The nearly 10,000 participants are drawn from UN agencies, governments and leaders of 45 countries, the private sector

and civil society. The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) is also taking part, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Public Works, Transports and Communications and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

:: <http://www.itu.int/ws/sis/>



□ DISABILITY AND INTERNET ACCESS

The conclusions of the 9th SIDAR (Iberian-American Seminar on Disability and Network Access) Workshops to be held in Bilbao on 7–9 November will serve as the basis for the document on universal digital inclusion to be presented at WSIS by the 2nd World Summit of Cities and Local Authorities on the Information Society (IT4ALL). The work will be produced by the IT4ALL Technical Secre-

tariat, together with Portugal's UMIC – Agency for the Knowledge Society, the Inter-American Institute on Disability, the SACI Network of Brazil and the Executive Board of the Foundation Sidar – Universal Access.

:: <http://www.jornadas.sidar.org/2005/concluye>



□ JAPAN PRIVATISES POSTAL SERVICE

The Japanese Parliament has approved a set of laws aiming to privatise Japan Post, the world's biggest financial group, with assets of approximately 2,777 bil-

lion euros at the end of fiscal year 2004, according to the group's Report and Accounts.



■ OPERATORS/PROVIDERS OF 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	10
- Publicly accessible networks	9	9
- Networks not publicly accessible	2	1
Public Communications Networks	25	20 c)
Providers of Electronic Communications Services		
UMTS Mobile Services	3	3
Mobile Telephone Service (MTS)	3	3
Fixed Telephone Service (FTS)	22	14
Trunking Mobile Service (TMS)	2	2
Data Transmission Services (DTS)		
- Internet Access Service (ISP)	40	30
- Internet Voice Service	9	n.a.
- Other services Data d)	39	18
Public Payphone Services	15	11
Virtual Calling Card Service e)	34	17
Videoconference Service	1	1

a) Situation at 30 September 2005

b) Situation at 30 June 2005

c) Of the 20 operational entities, 11 show activity at the level of establishing and supplying network to third parties, while nine only show activity for the establishment of own network.

d) Other data services (except internet)

e) Includes entities authorised to provide virtual calling card service in the FTS context.

n.a. – not available

Providers of Postal Services

	No. of authorised entities a)	Operational entities b)
Express Mail Services	33	12
Services Not Covered by the Express Mail Category	6	4

a) Situation at 30 September 2005

b) Situation at 30 June 2005

Full consultation of the authorised and operational operators/providers at <http://www.anacom.pt/template10.jsp?categoryId=1738>.



■ IN NOVEMBER 2005

EC

RSPG (23)

CEPT

ECC

- CPG PT4 (15-16)
- CPG PT1-06 (21-23)
- TG3 UWB (30-2)

CERP

- Plenary session (16-18)

ERO

- ERO/ETO Joint Council

WG ITU

- PT WTDC06

ETSI

General Assembly (22-23)

EUTELSAT

Advisory Committee (23-24)

Galileo

MoU Management Committee (28-29)

IMSO

Advisory Committee (15-16)

IRG

Contacts Network (3-4)

IRG/Regulatel (10-11)

IRG/ERG

Plenary session (24-15/12)

ITU

WSIS (16-18)

Standardisation Sector

- TSAG (7-11)

Radiocommunications Sector

- RAG (31/10-4)

- WP 4 9S (14-21)

- WP 8D (21-22)

- WP 9B (22-30)

EVENTS

- **UIT 6th Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR)**, Yasmine Hammamet, 14-15
- **Workshop "Europe at the Crossroads: Deliverable Lisbon Strategy for Sustainable Growth"**, Maastricht, 14-15
- **VoIP World Congress 2005**, Lisbon, 14-17
- **BPM & Business Intelligence**, Lisbon, 16
- **World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)**, Tunes, 16-1
- **Hacking, Threats and Computer Security – International Conference & Seminars**, Lisbon, 21-25
- **27th IDATE International Conference: Content Industries & Broadband Economics**, Montpellier, 22-24
- **Local Public Administration**

Workshops "Digital Cities and Regions: what remains to be done?", Tomar, 23

- **Carriers World Central and Eastern Europe 2005**, Budapest, 23-24
- **27th IDATE International Conference: Content Industries & Broadband Economics**, Montpellier, 22-24
- **9th Portuguese Workshops on Protection Against Radiation**, Lisbon, 24-25
- **Conference "Interoperability, the Backbone of e-Business"**, Utrecht, 28-29
- **9th National Meeting of Telecommunications Sector SMEs**, São Miguel (Azores), 30 November to 2 December
- **ECTA Regulatory Conference 2005**, Brussels, 30 November to 2 December