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□ ANACOM UPGRADES WEBSITE

The new website of the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has been online since 4 July, with improved graphics and additional functions. The solutions correspond to access and usability requirements and aim to serve all users, naturally including those with special needs. The section on technological and functional innovations now includes semantic classification and highlighting of tags, still in enrichment phase, imported from a new interactive and

dynamic internet model. ANACOM will continue to shift content with a view to having 20 percent of same integrated in the new paradigm by the end of 2008, whether graphically or editorially. Browsers using mobile equipment will be able to access the text version; the provision of a version with graphics adjusted for such equipment is envisaged by the end of the year. (+info)

■ PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

WHOLESALE MARKETS TO ACCESS NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AT A FIXED LOCATION AND TO ACCESS BROADBAND

ANACOM has approved the draft decision on determining the product markets and geographic markets, assessment of significant market power (SMP), and imposition, maintenance, amendment or withdrawal of regulatory obligations regarding the market for the wholesale provision of (physical) access to network infrastructure at a fixed location and to the market for the wholesale provision of broadband access (markets 4 and 5 of Commission Recommendation 2007/879/EC of 17 December 2007). This draft decision is in public consultation until 11 August; interested parties are asked to submit their comments in writing to the headquarters of this Authority, or electronically to mercados_blarg@anacom.pt. The draft was also submitted to the prior hearing of interested parties, and has been relegated for opinion to the Competition Authority within the legally required period. (+info)

NEW ACCESS NETWORKS

A public consultation is under way until 1 August concerning the regulatory approach to next generation access networks (NGAs); interested parties are asked to submit their comments in writing to ANACOM headquarters or electronically to consulta_nra@anacom.pt. The objective of this consultation is to initiate debate and gather contributions from all interested parties, in order to identify possible adjustments to make in the regulation of wholesale products vis-à-vis the expected evolution of access networks and to ensure a more in-depth and appropriate, transparent and consistent regulatory approach. Another aim is to gather updated information on eventual plans to evolve towards NGAs, allowing ANACOM to better quantify their market impact and enabling informed and prompt action to be taken, reconciling the encouragement of investment in these networks and maintenance of the level of market competition. (+info)

INTRODUCTION OF THE GSM-R SYSTEM

ANACOM has approved the draft decision concerning introduction of the GSM-R system and determination of the respective authorisation type, which is in public consultation until 14 July; interested parties are asked to submit their comments in writing to the headquarters of this Authority or electronically to GSM-R@anacom.pt. The approved document envisages the following: it authorises REFER TELECOM to operate the GSM-R system in the 876-880 MHz and 921-925 MHz frequency bands on the basis of general authorisation, in line with the provisions of the Electronic Communications Law (ECL); it subjects operation of the system to fulfilment of the conditions set out in ECL article 27 that are shown to be applicable, including the technical conditions contained in Decision ECC/DEC/(02)05; and it amends what the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) stipulates concerning electronic communications networks and services not accessible to the public, so as to designate and reserve the 876-880 MHz and 921-925 MHz frequency band for the GSM-R system. (+info)

GUIDELINES ON MINIMUM CONTENT IN ADHESION CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICES

By determination dated 4 June, ANACOM launched a public consultation on the draft decision concerning modification of the guidelines on the minimum content to include in contracts to provide electronic communication services with respect to the so-called 'loyalty periods'. Interested parties are asked to submit comments by 11 July in writing to this Authority's headquarters or electronically to cm_contratos@anacom.pt. Likewise approved was the draft decision on the modification of those same guidelines following the entrance into force of Law no. 12/2008 of 26 February, which amended the Essential Public Services Law (Law no. 23/96 of 26 July) and required all service providers to adjust adhesion contract models and to inform subscribers of the contract changes in question. (+info)

CURRENT EVENTS

ANACOM SEMINAR – STUDY AND PRESENTATION

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has posted online the “Study on the Corporate Consumption of Postal Services” produced by the KPMG consultancy firm for yet another gathering in the ANACOM Seminar series, held last 3 July in Lisbon, as well as the presentation given by company representative Jorge Santos. Comments or suggestions should be addressed to the ANCOM services, specifically the Office of Prospecting and Studies, which are likewise available to clear up any doubts. Note that this study, including the respective pretexts and conclusions, is the exclusive responsibility of its authors and does not commit or otherwise bind ANACOM to any position, even though it was ordered by this Authority. (+info)

WIMAX TRIALS – EXTENSION OF PERIOD

ANACOM has decided to extend until this coming 30 September the authorised period for technical trials set out in the action plan of the public consultation report concerning the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA) in Portugal, which originally stipulated 31 December 2007 as the deadline for conducting the WiMAX trials. This decision takes into account the interest shown by some entities in continuing the tests, the verified delays in the manufacturers’ provision of test equipment and also the fact that the process of allocating BWA frequency usage rights is still under way. (+info)

ACCESS TO THE NUMBER OF OPTIMUS SUBSCRIBERS

By determination dated 28 May, ANACOM decided to allow TMN to have access to information on the number of Optimus (now Sonaecom) subscribers during the period from 1998 to 2001. In order to ensure equal conditions among the three mobile operators, Sonaecom and Vodafone were also granted access to the number of subscribers of each of the competing companies up to the end of 2001. This procedure is due to a request presented by TMN with a view to acceding to the administrative process concerning the “Reimbursement of Amounts to Optimus”, approved by ANACOM in a determination dated 29 August 2007. The allocation takes into account the opinion issued by the Commission on Access to Administrative Documents (CADA) vis-à-vis a complaint by TMN, as this Authority denied it access to certain parts of information that revealed the number of Optimus subscribers during the 2001-2004 period. CADA ruled with regard to that data that during the period in question it could not be deemed a “company secret”. (+info)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

As part of its oversight and sanctions duties, ANACOM discovered that EST – *Empresa Serviços Técnicos*, Lda, had certified the conformity of a telecommunications in buildings infrastructure without same respecting the applicable technical specifications and requirements; a penalty of admonishment was thus applied to the company on 15 April. (+info, Portuguese only)

TV CABO AUTHORISED AS AN MVNO

By order dated 26 March, ANACOM approved per the terms of the Electronic Communications Law the issuance of a declaration allowing the company CATVP – *TV Cabo Portugal* to offer mobile telephone service in the mode of mobile virtual network operator (MVNO). (+info, Portuguese only)

ACTIVE OPERATORS/PROVIDERS

ANACOM recently released first quarter 2008 information concerning active operators and providers in the areas of electronic communications services, audiotext and postal services. (+info, Portuguese only)

ANACOM PUBLIC SPEECHES

ANACOM president José Amado da Silva was in Parliament last 2 July, where he was received by the Committee on Public Works, Transports and Communications. He provided the information requested in petition no. 96/X/3 concerning the debate over the provision of public and universal service in the postal service and fulfilment of the latter by the CTT (Portuguese postal service) administration. On 25 June the ANACOM president had been a guest speaker in the “Next Generation Access Workshop: high speed Europe... policies and strategies to boost fibre penetration”, held in Brussels and organised by the European Competitive Telecommunications Association (ECTA). José Amado da Silva also took part in the closing session of the conference on “The Consumer in the Information Society”, organised by the Association for the Promotion and Development of the Information Society (APDSI) and held last 19 June in Lisbon, and was one of the speakers in the panel on Competition and Regulation at the 7th Telecom and Media Forum held on 2 July, also in Lisbon. More recently, on 8 July, the ANACOM president spoke at the conference on Portugal in Fibre Optics, organised by the Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications (APDC).

ADHESION CONTRACTS

ANACOM approved by order dated 12 June the adhesion contract of NORTENET – *Sistemas de Comunicação* for the provision of internet access service.

(+info, Portuguese only)

TITLES GRANTED BY ANACOM

By order dated 26 March, ANACOM proceeded to issue the following ratings: the third rating for licence no. ICP-002/99-SFT (Sonaecom); fourth rating for licence no. ICP-014/TCM (Sonaecom); first rating for licence no. ICP-04/UMTS (Sonaecom); first rating for the frequency usage right ICP-ANACOM no. 08/2006 (Sonaecom); second rating for licence no. ICP-08/99-RPT (Sonaecom); first rating for licence no. ICP-01/98-RPT (Vodafone Portugal); and third rating for licence no. ICP-007/99-SFT (Vodafone Portugal). On 15 April order was also given for the first rating for licence no. ICP-01/UMTS (Vodafone Portugal).

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OBBERCOM – STUDY ON DIGITAL TV

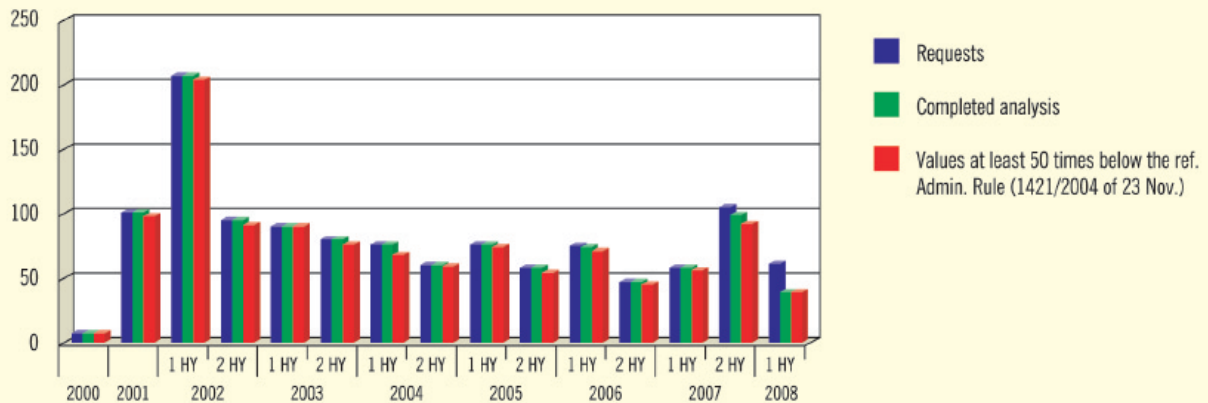
OberCom – the Communication Observatory – recently released a study on digital television literacy in Portugal, specifically concerning the population’s knowledge and understanding of digital television and the services associated to this new form of television transmission. The report is the first in a series of Flash Reports that OberCom will publish about the current television situation in Portugal in the context of digital TV implementation. (+info, Portuguese only)

TAP LAUNCHES ON BOARD MOBILE PHONE SERVICE

TAP Airlines has launched the first commercial trial of mobile telephone use on board aircraft. The system, provided by OnAir, a SITA and Airbus company specialising in mobile communications, allows passengers to make or receive voice calls and send SMS messages and electronic mail by using their own mobile phones. To do so they only have to have a normal international roaming agreement with their operator of origin. This service is available on an A319 aircraft, CS-TTL “Almeida Garrett”, that operates on medium haul routes and which on 1 July carried out from Lisbon to Munich the first flight with this newly available service. (+info, Portuguese only)

EVALUATION OF NON-IONISING RADIATION

	2000	2001	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008
			1 HY	2 HY	1 HY	2 HY	1 HY	2 HY	1 HY	2 HY	1 HY	2 HY	1 HY	2 HY	1 HY
Requests	7	101	207	95	90	80	76	60	76	58	75	47	58	105	61
Completed analyses	7	101	207	95	90	80	76	60	76	58	74	47	58	99	39
Values at least 50 times below the ref. Administrative Rule (1421/2004 of 23 Nov.)	7	98	204	91	90	76	68	59	74	54	71	45	56	92	39



NEW PT GROUP OBLIGATIONS IN MARKET 12

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved by determination dated 26 June the decision on the evaluation of ways to implement the obligations it maintains for the PT group in market 12 (wholesale supply of broadband access) of Commission Recommendation 2003/311/EC of 11 February 2003. This decision basically involves updating the determination dated 3 October 2007, which approved the methodology for evaluating margin squeezing in the PT group's broadband offers – 1:50 contention offers. ANACOM particularly eliminated the need for the PT group companies to inform this Authority about the conditions to practice in retail, including eventual promotions, at least

10 working days before they take force. This notification will henceforth be made after that date, i.e., within five working days after that date and suitably grounded. A decision was also made to update the retail costs considered in the methodology to evaluate margin squeezing; the existence of additional traffic profits was also considered. This analysis does not jeopardise the conclusions eventually resulting from the ongoing market analyses, particularly in markets 4 and 5 of the European Commission Recommendation on relevant markets (Recommendation 2007/879/EC of 17 December 2007). (+info)

SERVICE QUALITY IN THE RUO – DECISION ON SONAECOM-PTC DISPUTE

By determination dated 4 June, ANACOM approved the final decision on the dispute pitting Sonaecom against PT *Comunicações* (PTC), concerning the payment of compensations for non-compliance with the quality of service levels stipulated in the reference unbundling offer (RUO) for the response to requests

to verify eligibility in 2006. Under terms of the approved decision, a decision was made on a general basis to reject the requests put forward by Sonaecom. Also, the report from the prior hearing of the interested parties on the respective draft decision, approved by determination of 16 April, was approved. (+info)

ACCESS TO THE PTC CONDUITS DATABASE

ANACOM approved last 11 June the draft decision on the price for access to the conduits database of PT *Comunicações* (PTC), which requires PTC to modify the reference conduit access offer (RCAO), taking into account the maximum price for access to the indicated RCAO database. It was also determined that

PTC should maintain the two systems for providing information on conduits and associated infrastructure until the price eventually set in wake of the final decision takes effect. (+info)

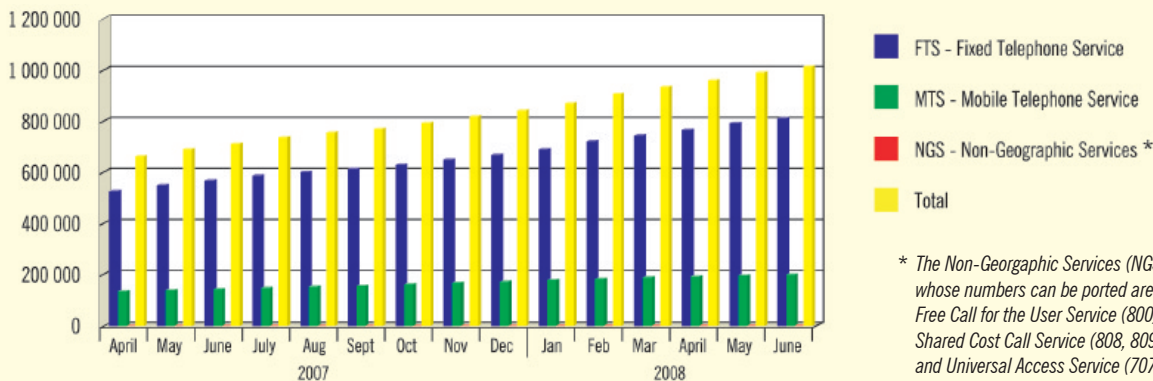
NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Law no. 26A/2008** (Series I – *Diário da República* of 27 June) – Amends the VAT Code approved by Decree-Law no. 394-B/94 of 26 December and goes ahead with the seventh modification of Decree-Law no. 347/85 of 23 August.
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 99/2008** (Series I – D.R. of 24 June) – Authorises the procedure for the provision of TETRA digital trunking technology radio terminals meant for use by the SIRESP.

The government meeting in Council of Ministers on 3 July approved a Resolution determining that the promotion of investment in next generation networks (NGNs) is a strategic priority for the country in the electronic communications sector.

PORTED NUMBERS

	2007									2008					
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
FTS	524 953	547 550	565 420	585 147	599 021	609 907	626 721	646 358	664 684	686 915	718 491	740 597	762 153	788 388	807 578
MTS	134 882	139 132	143 432	148 347	153 496	156 490	162 791	167 806	172 214	178 331	183 233	188 603	191 838	196 583	200 708
NGS*	624	644	653	683	692	693	719	729	739	754	768	767	773	779	803
TOTAL	660 459	687 326	709 505	734 177	753 209	767 090	790 231	814 893	837 637	866 000	902 492	929 967	954 764	985 750	1 009 089



TERMINATION IN MOBILE NETWORKS – PRICE CONTROL OBLIGATION

By determination dated 2 July the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the decision on specification of the price control obligation in the wholesale markets for voice call termination in individual mobile networks (market 16 of Commission Recommendation 2003/311/EC of 11 February 2003), setting the maximum prices for voice call termination in mobile networks to be applied by the three national mobile operators, all duly notified with signi-

ficant market power (SMP). This decision, to be in force from 15 July on, will be revised in the second half of 2009, taking into account eventual developments in the context of the European Regulators Group and European Commission, while also bearing in mind the evolution of the structural problem identified in these markets, concerning traffic imbalances and tariff differentiation between on-net and off-net calls. (+info)

STUDY ON MARKET IMPACT OF NGNS

The study promoted by ANACOM and produced by Ovum Consulting on the impact of next generation networks (NGNs) on the Portuguese electronic communications market has been released. The report is divided into 13 chapters and covers various topics, such as the characterisation of existing networks in Portugal, NGNs in the international context, characterisation of the demand for NGN-based services, costs and investments, operator co-mingling, impact on info-exclusion, interconnection models, impact on cost assessment from a

regulatory standpoint, impact on building access conditions from a regulatory standpoint, analysis of NGN profitability and recommendations. It must be stressed that this Ovum study, although conducted at the request of this Authority and counting with its respective involvement, does not necessarily reflect ANACOM's positions with respect to each of the matters dealt with therein. Various electronic communication service providers also contributed to the study. (+info, Portuguese only)

CO-OPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN ANACOM AND INACOM

During an ANACOM visit to Angola on 3-4 July a technical co-operation protocol was signed by this Authority and its Angolan counterpart INACOM. The trip also served to review the co-operation between the two bodies in recent years, based on which existing needs were identified and scheduled, presented and contracted in an Indicative Co-operation Programme (ICP) for the next three years. Based on the ICP, an Annual Co-operation Plan (ACP) for 2009 was also determined, which includes various actions, namely: spectrum management and oversight; quality of service and regulation; advanced personnel training; mana-

gement of skills and human resources; communicative and procedural computer development; and digital terrestrial television (DTT)/broadcasting plans. As part of the visit to INACOM, the ANACOM delegation was also received by the Angolan minister for postal services and telecommunications. Other issues were also covered at this meeting, such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Excellence Centre for the Portuguese-speaking African countries, the creation of a Regulators Association in the space of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) and the e-school programme.

OECD – ECONOMIC REPORT ON PORTUGAL

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has released its most recent economic report on Portugal, the "OECD Economic Surveys – Portugal 2008", which considers that, despite the progress made, there is still substantial room to improve efficiency and competition in the telecommu-

nications sector. The OECD holds that it is important to continue encouraging competition among networks and companies and defends, for example, actions to increase the independent ownership of copper-wire and cable networks following the Portugal Telecom spinoff. (+info)

□ EUROPEAN UNION

CONSULTATION ON TERMINATION RATES

The European Commission (EC) launched on 26 June a public consultation on the regulation to apply to voice call termination rates in the fixed and mobile networks, whose reply deadline is 3 September. Interested parties are asked to submit their contributions to info-termination@ec.europa.eu. The consultation is based on an EC draft recommendation on the regulatory processing of fixed and mobile termination rates in Europe, which includes clear principles about the cost information to be taken into account by the national sector regulators when setting termination rates, as well an efficient methodology for determining costs and a symmetric regulation. The Commission bore in mind the positions of the European Regulators Group (ERG) with a view to advancing towards a more coherent regulation of termination rates. (+info)

ECC – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) has submitted for consultation, following the work conducted by the Numbering, Names and Addressing working group (WG NNA), the proposed ECC/Report 126 on “Fixed Mobile Convergence with Survey of Numbering Related Issues”, which also presents a number of conclusions and recommendations on the subject. Interested parties may send their comments directly to the European Radiocommunication Office (ERO) by 19 August.

COUNCIL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS

Luxembourg hosted last 12-13 June the European Union Council of Ministers of Transports, Telecommunications and Energy. Regarding telecommunications, the Council discussed revision of the regulatory framework for electronic communications and took note of the Slovenian presidency’s three reports on the progress of the preparatory work. As for the use of spectrum freed by the switchover from analogue to digital broadcasting, the Council urged the member States to co-operate in the work on co-ordinating spectrum use in the UHF band. The EC was formally asked to begin the necessary consultations and studies to determine a coherent basis for the non-exclusive and non-compulsory co-ordination of spectrum use. The Council also endorsed conclusions concerning revision of the i2010 initiative and asked the member States to adopt IPv6 and set ambitious broadband penetration goals, besides urging the EC to begin in October 2009 the process of reworking that action plan for the information society. Lastly, the ministers agreed to extend for the period of three years the

mandate of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA). (+info)

ERG PLENARY MEETING AND IRG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 25th plenary meeting of the European Regulators Group (ERG) was held last 29-30 May in Vilnius (Lithuania) and reached various conclusions on key elements for strengthening the European single market for electronic communications, specifically in matters of international roaming, mobile termination charges, geographic market segmentation and spectrum. The same city hosted on 29 May the General Assembly of the Independent Regulators Group (IRG), chaired by the Hungarian regulator, which saw the presentation of reports on proposals for the new regulatory framework for electronic communications, and of the new IRG website developed by ANACOM.

EC DECISION HARMONISES THE 2500-2690 MHz BAND

The European Commission adopted last 13 June a decision on harmonisation of the 2500-2690 MHz frequency band for terrestrial systems able to provide electronic communication services in the European Union, per the principle of more flexible radio spectrum usage. This decision ensures the existence of coherent technical conditions to supply services such as, for example, mobile internet access, setting a six-month deadline after it takes effect for the member States to designate and make available, on a non-exclusive basis, the 2500-2690 MHz band for terrestrial electronic communication systems, responding to convergence of the mobile, fixed and broadcasting sectors and expanding broadband access. It also establishes the possibility that transition periods may be required that can include agreements on sharing radio spectrum. (+info)

FRANCE ASSUMES HELM OF EU COUNCIL

France assumed last 1 July the presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), following Slovenia. The French presidency’s website is already online and provides information in French, English, Spanish, German and Italian, besides including two calendars: one with the main meetings currently scheduled until the end of the year, and another with main events in the month of July. The website also provides other information, specifically on press services and the French presidency’s logo, including its respective meaning. Regarding the sector, plans call for a Council of Telecommunications Ministers to be held on 27 November. (+info)

■ OJEU

- **Decision no. 626/2008/EC** – Of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June, concerning the selection and authorisation of systems that offer mobile satellite services (MSS). Published on 2 July.
- **Decision 2008/477/EC** – Of the Commission of 13 June, concerning harmonisation of the 2500-2690 frequency band for terrestrial systems able to supply electronic communication services in the Community. Published on 24 June.
- **Directive 2008/63/EC** – Of the Commission of 20 June, concerning competition in the markets for telecommunications terminal equipment. Published on 21 June.
- **Decision 2008/432/EC** – Of the Commission of 23 May, which amends Decision 2006/771/EC of the Commission concerning harmonisation of radio spectrum with a view to its use by short range devices. Published on 11 June.
- **Opinion (2008/C151/08)** – Of the European Economic and Social Committee, concerning the “Proposed Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council that Revokes Directive 87/372/EEC of the Council regarding the Frequency Bands to Allocate for the Co-ordinated Introduction of Pan-European Public Cellular Digital Terrestrial Mobile Communications in the Community”. Published on 17 June.

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

ASSEMBLY

The CEPT Assembly met last 5-6 June in Malta, where it sought to establish a strategy to help deal with the sector's current challenges. It was nevertheless quite divided about one of the pillars of that strategy – the organisation's future leadership. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC – PLENARY MEETING

The 20th meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) was held last 23-27 June in Kristiansand, Norway, attended by representatives of 34 administrations, 11 observers, the European Radiocommunication Office (ERO) and the European Commission. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC TG4

The Croatian city of Dubrovnik hosted last 17-19 June the ninth meeting of ECC

TG4, whose main goal was to organise and determine the group's future work, in the wake of the European Commission's second mandate concerning the digital dividend. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC TG3

The 23rd meeting of working group ECC TG3 – UWB (Ultra Wide Band) took place last 28-30 May in Helsinki. [\(+info\)](#)

CERP – PT UPU

The UPU Issues project team (PT) of the European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP) met last 24 June in Paris, where the main agenda point was co-ordination of the European countries' positions on proposals to be submitted to the 24th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). [\(+info\)](#)

□ **INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)**

PT RA – The IRG PT on Regulatory Accounting (RA) met last 12-13 June in Malta. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

PT ERG-RSPG

The first meeting of the joint PT of the European Regulators Group (ERG) and the

Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG), PT ERG-RSPG, was held last 30 June in Stockholm. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)**

COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GROUP

Geneva served as venue last 25 June for the second meeting of the ITU Council Management and Budget Group (MBG). [\(+info\)](#)

ITU-R/STUDY GROUP 1 – WP1A

Geneva hosted last 18-24 June a meeting of Working Party 1A (WP1A) of the Radiocommunications Sector (ITU-R), about Spectrum Engineering Techniques. [\(+info\)](#)

ITU-R/STUDY GROUP 1 – WP1B

Working Party 1B (WP1B), on Spectrum Management Methodologies and Economic Strategies, likewise met in Geneva last 18-24 June. [\(+info\)](#)

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY FORUM

The first meeting of the group of experts to prepare for the 2009 World Telecommunications Policy Forum (WTPF 09) met on 24 June in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

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

ICCP

Following the OECD ministerial meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy, Seoul hosted last 19 June the 55th meeting of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communication Policies (ICCP). [\(+info\)](#)

MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET ECONOMY

Seoul hosted last 17-18 June the OECD ministerial meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy. [\(+info\)](#)

□ **TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION**

WITH THE HUNGARIAN CENTRE FOR SPECTRUM MONITORING AND CONTROL

The Budapest offices of the Hungarian National Communications Authority (NHH) hosted last 16-20 June a co-operation activity in which three ANACOM technical officials took part. Along with NHH personnel, they were involved in various spectrum monitoring and control activities at the Spectrum Monitoring

and Control Centre in Budapest. The second phase of this annual activity will take place in Portugal, probably in September, with a team from Hungary taking part in the Spectrum Management Division's daily activity in the area of monitoring and control.

□ **WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY – 2008 REPORT**

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) recently published the 2008 report on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), prepared based on information provided by various players involved. It refers to activities from late 2005 up to mid-2008 and aims to disclose an inventory of activities undertaken by the governments and other interested parties to implement the WSIS Declaration of Principles and Action Plan, besides reviewing the state of progress on building the information society. [\(+info\)](#)

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- The regulator has allocated the number 116111 to a youth support line that can be accessed from fixed and mobile networks. The line was allocated via public auction and should allow children who need protection to express their concerns and, in case of emergency, find a competent contact person. **(+info)**

BRAZIL – Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- Mobile telephone service (MTS) counted 2,815,604 new subscribers in May 2008, for growth of 2.20 percent and a total of 130.6 million MTS subscribers in Brazil, of whom 105.7 million (80.95 percent) are prepaid accesses and 24.9 million (19.05 percent) postpaid modes. The MTS penetration rate is 68.23 percent, which compared to the 55.68 percent in May 2007 makes for an annual rise of 22.54 percent. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

- The regulator conducted on 27 June in Brasilia the first of three public hearings on the proposed General Plan to Update Telecommunications Regulations in Brazil (PGR) and revision of the General Plan for the Grant (PGO) of public telecommunications services. **(+info, Portuguese only)**

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

- The regulator recently released statistical and financial information on broadcasting distribution companies (cable, satellite (DTH) and multipoint system services), which indicate that the cable companies billed more than 7 billion dollars in 2007 (nearly 4.4 billion euros). **(+info)**

DENMARK – IT- og Telestyrelsen (ITT)

- ITT has released its study on the prices of data services (SMS, MMS and others) in international roaming. The analysis follows the entrance into force of the European roaming regulation, which was only applicable to calls but also contained the obligation for the European Commission to assess whether or not the regulation should be extended to data services, with a view to serving as the basis for a future decision. **(+info)**

SPAIN – Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

- The regulator has announced the creation of a new model for mobile portability, which will centralise in one single entity (managed by the operators themselves and similar to the one for fixed number portability) all mobile number porting cases. Plans call for the new entity to begin operating on 30 June 2009. **(+info, Spanish only)**

- The CMT has signed a protocol with the Spanish competition authority (Comisión Nacional de la Competencia (CNC) with a view to preventing duplicated actions, ensuring the consistence of regulatory decisions, increasing legal security and fostering competition in the markets for electronic communications and audiovisual services. **(+info, Spanish only)**

- Some 118,110 new broadband internet accesses were recorded in April 2008. Such connections now top 8.5 million, for annual growth of 17.9 percent.

(+info, Spanish only)

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

- The regulator has released its activities report for 2007, which has been posted online. **(+info)**

- As part of the tri-annual assessment of regulation in the fixed telephony markets, and after approval by the Competition Council, the regulator notified the European Commission and placed in public consultation until 27 July its draft decision on the regulation to apply in the 2009-2011 triennium.

(+info, French only)

- Likewise placed in public consultation was the draft decision on the ARCEP analysis of the broadband access and high speed access markets. The deadline to submit comments is 18 July. **(+info, French only)**

The NETHERLANDS – Onafhankelijke Post en Telecommunicatie Autoriteit (OPTA)

- The Dutch regulator has disclosed its position on the obligations of suppliers of voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services with respect to final users. **(+info)**

IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The regular has disclosed its radio spectrum management strategy for the 2008-2010 period. **(+info)**

- The regulation to apply to the Irish country code top-level domain (.ie) has been placed in public consultation. Interested parties are asked to submit their comments by 8 August. **(+info)**

- ComReg has made public the response sent to the consultation on postal sector liberalisation launched by the Ministry of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. **(+info)**

UNITED KINGDOM – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- The 2007/2008 annual report has been posted online. **(+info)**

- Ofcom has released a decision on modifications of the financial information the incumbent operator British Telecom must submit in order to respond to changes in the regulatory, technological and competitive environment. **(+info)**

- The regulator has launched a second public consultation, under way until 21 August, on use of the spectrum resulting from the switchover from analogue to digital television, also known as the digital dividend. **(+info)**

- The terms of reference for the market impact assessment (MIA) of the local video service proposed by the BBC television station have been made public. Plans call for the MIA results to be published on 18 November. **(+info)**

SWITZERLAND – Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)

- The regulator has disclosed updated guidelines for advertising and sponsorship, developed for use by radio and television technical personnel as daily work tools. **(+info)**

OECD – SEOUL DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET ECONOMY

The countries that took part in the ministerial meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) held last 17-18 June in the Korean capital Seoul signed a joint statement, titled the Seoul Declaration, in which they assume a number of commitments on the Future of the Internet Economy. The document indicates goals, such as, for example, facilitating convergence between digital networks, devices, applications and services, specifically by means of the regulatory environment and upholding the open, decentralised and dynamic nature of the internet, and encouraging creative development, use and application of the internet. **(+info)**

■ DETERMINATIONS ADOPTED BY ANACOM – 2ND QUARTER 2008

Date	Decision
26.06.2008	Implementation of PT group obligations in market 12 (+info)
26.06.2008	Markets for the wholesale supply of access to network infrastructure at a fixed location and broadband access (draft decision) (+info, Portuguese only)
18.06.2008	Public consultation on the regulatory approach to next generation access networks (NGAs) (+info)
12.06.2008	NORTENET adhesion contract for the provision of internet access service (+info, Portuguese only)
04.06.2008	RUO – Settlement of dispute between SONAECOM and PTC for non-compliance with quality of service levels (final decision) (+info)
04.06.2008	GSM-R system – introduction and authorisation type (consultation) (+info)
04.06.2008	Modification of guidelines on the minimum content of adhesion contracts for electronic communication services (consultation) (+info)
28.05.2008	Supply of new electronic communication services by RADIOMÓVEL (final decision) (+info)
28.05.2008	Access by TMN to information on the number of OPTIMUS subscribers (1998-2001) (+info)
21.05.2008	Impact of the Essential Public Services Law on the communications sector (+info)
19.05.2008	PT Comunicações adhesion contract for the provision of ADSL VoIP service (+info, Portuguese only)
16.05.2008	Modifications to RIO 2008 (final decision) (+info)
08.05.2008	Introduction of mobile communication services on board aircraft (consultation) (+info)
06.05.2008	Declaration to UNITELDATA for the provision of electronic communication services (+info, Portuguese only)
30.04.2008	Evaluation of the ways to implement the obligations maintained for the PT group with respect to market 12 (draft decision) (+info)
30.04.2008	Mux B through F bids (DTT tender) (+info)
30.04.2008	RUO and RAO – dispute between SONAECOM and PTC on quality of service (+info)
24.04.2008	PT Comunicações bid for Mux A (DTT tender) (+info)
16.04.2008	RUO – settlement of dispute between SONAECOM and PTC on non-compliance with quality of service levels (+info)
16.04.2008	Revocation of the frequency usage right of BROADMEDIA (FWA) (+info, Portuguese only)
16.04.2008	Formal adjustment of the RADIOMÓVEL licence to provide SMR (+info)
16.04.2008	RUO – settlement of dispute between PTC and Tele2 on energy consumption (final decision) (+info)
16.04.2008	RTP titles regarding the use of frequencies for analogue television broadcasting (+info)
14.04.2008	PT Comunicações adhesion contracts for the provision of electronic communication services (+info, Portuguese only)
10.04.2008	PT Prime adhesion contract for the provision of electronic communication services (+info, Portuguese only)
03.04.2008	ANACOM understanding on the spinoff of ZON Multimédia and the impact on market analyses (+info)

□ 2008 ANACOM CONFERENCE – 18 SEPTEMBER

The second ANACOM conference will be held on 18 September in the Culturgest Grand Auditorium in Lisbon. This year's theme topic is universal service, an issue now in the spotlight and which has generated a great deal of reflection at national and community level vis-à-vis revision of the regulatory framework for electronic communications now under way at community level, and of the postal market liberalisation envisaged for 2011. In this regard ANACOM is seeking to

encourage debate on the main subjects in focus in the context of universal electronic communications service and universal postal service, and the protection of users of those markets. To that end an extensive panel of national and international speakers is planned. Participation in the conference is free of charge and open to all interested parties, though subject to prior registration up to 16 September via conf@anacom.pt. (+info)

■ IN JULY 2008

MEETINGS

CEPT

ECC
- WG FM PT 45 (2-3)
- WG SE PT 7 (29-30)
WG ITU
- PT WTSA (10-11)

ITSO

Election campaign
(23-11/8)

EU

RSC (8-9)
RSPG (7)

ITU

Telecommunications Standardisation
Sector
- TSAG (2-9)

UPU

24th Congress (23-13/8)

EMERG (1)

BILATERAL CO-OPERATION

INACOM (2-5)
ANATEL/CPLP (8-12)
INCOB (20-24)

EVENTS

- Conference "Portugal in Fibre Optics – the importance of the next generation networks" (ANACOM sponsorship), Lisbon, 8
- 7th Telecom and Media Forum (ANACOM sponsorship) Lisbon, 2
- 4th International Conference on Wireless and Mobile Communications (ICWMC 2008) Athens, 27-1/8
- Access-IT Awards 2008 London, 18
- 2008 Wireless & Mobile Expo and Conference Toronto, 15-16
- Broadband World Forum Asia Hong Kong, 15-18

(+info, Portuguese only)