

Abstract of Presentation – Licensing IMT 2000: objectives and reality

Portugal is an interesting case both in Europe and internationally as concerns the explosion of the telecommunications market, the level of participation of both public and private entities in the sector and more importantly as regards the very advanced penetration of mobile telephony in particular.

Where Portugal was only recently one of the poor cousins of Europe in telecommunications with few lines, long waiting lists, poor quality of service and an inflated public operator with too much personnel, it is now an example of good and successful entrepreneurship both within the country and abroad. This has been made possible, amongst others, by a well-managed, properly defined and correctly implemented regulatory regime and policies which have been carried out by the independent regulator in the sector.

A good example of this framework is the licensing of IMT 2000.

Apart from giving an overview of the procedural issues as related to the licensing of IMT2000 in Portugal, this presentation will also show the importance of defining the global sector objectives as related to the service to be licensed, thereby comparing Portugal to other countries.

The presentation will also assess the current situation as compared to the aspiration of governments and the commitments made by the licensees.