

NATIONAL REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY IN POLAND

OFFICE OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
REGULATION

# Governmental Institutions in Telecommunications

- **Ministry of Economy**
  - since July 2001 after abolishment of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
  - Policy maker in telecommunications
  - Responsible for legislation
- **Office of Telecommunications Regulation (OTR)**
  - Established on 7 October 2000 on a base of new Telecommunications Law adopted on 21 July 2000 and entered into force on 1 January 2001)
  - Responsible for telecommunications regulation

# Competencies of OTR (1)

- - duties relative to the regulation of telecommunications activities and frequency management, as well as the monitoring of compliance with the requirements of electromagnetic compatibility, provided for by the present Act and provisions issued in pursuance thereof,
- - collaboration with the minister competent for posts and telecommunications in drafting legal acts within the competencies of the President of the OTR,
- - assessment of the operation of the market of telecommunications services and of the telecommunications equipment market,

# Competencies of OTR (2)

- - intervention in matters related to the functioning of the market of telecommunications services on its own initiative or brought to its attention by the parties concerned, in particular by users and operators, including the making of decisions on these matters within the scope provided for by the present Act,
- -creating conditions for the development of the domestic radiocommunications service by securing the necessary frequency assignments for Poland and access to satellite-orbital resources,
- - duties related to national defence and security,

# Competencies of OTR (3)

- -co-operation with international telecommunications organisations and competent foreign national authorities, within the competencies of the President of the OTR,
- -ruling on the professional qualifications in telecommunications laid down in separate legal provisions,
- - inspiring and supporting scientific research.

# Structure of OTR (1)

- Central Office located in Warsaw
- 16 Regional Offices in provinces cities

# Structure of OTR (2)

## Top Management

- **President of OTR**

- appointed for a 5-year term by the President of the Council of Ministers
- a „central-level” administration authority
- an executive authority competent for telecommunication activities, frequency management and the monitoring of compliance with electromagnetic compatibility requirements

- **Vice Presidents** (appointed and dismissed by the by the President of the Council of Ministers at the request of the President of OTR)

- **Director General** (head of staff including civil servants working at the OTR )

# Structure of OTR (3)

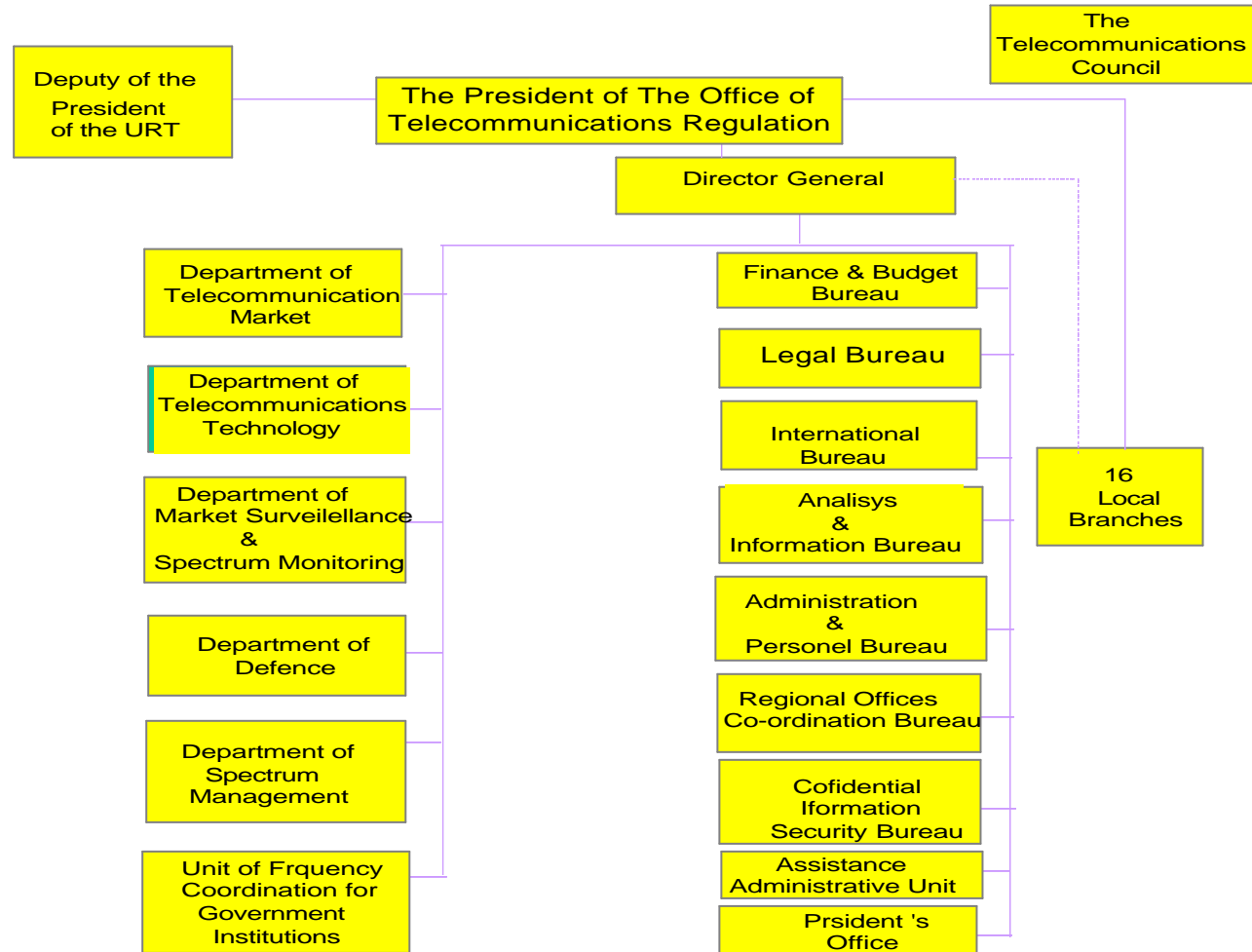
## Central Office

### Departments and organisational units

- 1) President's Office
- 2) Department of Telecommunications Market Regulation
- 3) Department of Telecommunications Technology
- 4) Department of Spectrum Management
- 5) Department of Market Surveillance & Spectrum Monitoring
- 6) Department of Defence
- 7) Finance & Budget Bureau
- 8) Legal Bureau
- 9) International Bureau
- 10) Analysis & Information Bureau
- 11) Administration & Personnel Bureau
- 12) Regional Offices Co-ordination Bureau
- 13) Confidential Information Security Bureau
- 14) Unit of Frequency Co-ordination for Government Institutions



# Structure of OTR (4)



# Structure of OTR (5)

- 16 Regional offices of OTR
  - settled in the province cities
  - competencies:
    - Keeping records, issuing admenting and wtihdrawing of radio permits in region,
    - Handling consumer regional complaints on interruption and significantly restirction of the provision of universal service,
    - Monitoring the compliance with the provision, decision and rulings on telecommunications and posts,
    - Others (analises on market, monitoring of the radiocommunications servicies development, etc.)

# Telecommunications Council

- The Telecommunications Council acts as a consultative and advisory body to the President of the OTR in matters of telecommunications activities, frequency management and compliance with electromagnetic compatibility requirements
- The Telecommunications Council is made up of 15 persons. The members of the Council are appointed and dismissed by the President of the Council of Ministers.

# Staffing and financing of the OTR

- The OTR staff includes civil servants.
- The total number of employees is 750 (including the Regional Offices staff).
- The OTR is financed by the state budget.
  - There is no influence from the Ministry of Treasury (responsible for holding State's shares)
  - Supplementary funds available are used to finance the process of granting permits and certificates, tendering procedures, purchase of monitoring equipment, research, bonuses for the URT employees.

# Co-operation with other Polish administrative bodies

- Co-operation with the Minister competent for telecommunications
- Co-operation with the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
- Co-operation with National Broadcasting Council
- Co-operation with other administrative institutions

# International Cooperation

The ORT is responsible for co-operation with international telecommunications organisations and competent foreign authorities independently of other Polish government agencies

- ITU, CEPT, ETSI, satelitar organisation (like EUTELSAT, INMARSAT, INTELSAT).
- European Institutions related to negociation process and adjustment Polish regulaiton to EU requirements (implementation of Phare projects).
- National Regulatory Authorities (especially with members states of EU, like Oftel – British NRA, Post & Telestyrelsen – Swedish NRA, Reg TP – German NRA.

# Foreign assistance to the OTR (1)

- **Phare'99 programme**
  - Project „*Approximation of Polish Telecommunications and Postal Market Regulation to the Requirements of the EU Internal Market*”
  - Project „*Certification and Standards*”
- **Phare 2000 programme**
  - Project „*Telecommunications Universal Service*”
  - Project „*Certification Phase II*”
- **Phare 2001 programme**
  - Project „*Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Standardisation Strengthening*”
- **Phare 2002 programme**
  - Project „*Market surveillance and Mutual Recognition*”

# Foreign assistance to the OTR (2)

## Phare'99 project

- Twinning co-operation with British regulator Oftel and Swedish regulator PTS.
- The aim of the project – harmonisation of Polish telecommunications, radiocommunications and postal market regulation with the requirements of the European Community Acquis.
- The project components
- Progress in the project realisation



# Foreign assistance to the OTR (3)

## Phare'99 project

- The project components:
  - Legislative framework for the adoption of the Acquis
  - Structure and organisation of the Regulatory Authority
  - Interconnection
  - Universal Service Policy
  - Licencing Regime and allocation of scarce resources
  - Billing Systems
  - Establishing a numbering plan
  - Development of policies to promote competition
  - Development of the terminal equipment market
  - Pricing Policies

# Foreign assistance to the OTR (3)

## Phare'99 project

- The project components (cont):
  - Creation of Market Surveillance Systems
  - Monitoring Methods of equipment and radio spectrum
  - Promotion, Information and International Strategy
  - Development of a consumer protection strategy including procedures for handling consumer complaints
  - Co-operation with other Polish organisations
  - Dealing with emergency situations
  - Broadcasting and Multimedia

# Foreign assistance to the OTR (4)

## Phare'99 project

- The project main tools:
  - PAA
  - Seminars,
  - Workshops,
  - Presentations,
  - Secondments,
  - Reports, analyses, experises, studies
  - Experts' advisory support

# Thank you for your attention

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