

## **2003 Target rates for different teledensity groups**

In 1998, the Focus Group adopted a methodology for calculating the Target rates. Target rates were based on the average of the 20 per cent of published settlement rates in each category.

The same methodology is used for calculating the target rates with data collected in year 2003. The following summary of settlement rates and indicative target rates, for the different teledensity groups, is given for historical reference purpose.

The table shows the new target rates if the Focus Group calculated these values using the data collected in 2003.

**Annex Table: Summary of settlement rates, and indicative target rates, for different teledensity groups**

*Expressed in SDRs per minute. Teledensity (T) is telephone lines per 100 inhabitants*

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G
Definition	Teledensity $T \leq 1$	Teledensity $1 < T \leq 5$	Teledensity $5 < T \leq 10$	Teledensity $10 < T \leq 20$	Teledensity $20 < T \leq 35$	Teledensity $T \leq 1$	Teledensity $T > 50$
No. of countries/territories	32	36	23	30	37	32	34
Number of replies from countries/territories	8	7	5	10	6	4	3
Average settlement rate (Target rates)	<b>0.084</b>	<b>0.068</b>	<b>0.112</b>	<b>0.085</b>	<b>0.075</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.021</b>
Minimum settlement rate in countries/territories	A: 0.03 B: 0.042 C: 0.05 D: 0.08 E: 0.08 F: 0.10 G: 0.12 H: 0.17	A: 0.0151 B: 0.03 C: 0.03 D: 0.06 E: 0.09 F: 0.10 G: 0.15	A: 0.07 B: 0.09 C: 0.11 D: 0.13 E: 0.15	A: 0.045 B: 0.0545 C: 0.06 D: 0.065 E: 0.08 F: 0.08 G: 0.103 H: 0.140 I: 0.140 J: 0.1858	A: 0.025 B: 0.04 C: 0.07 D: 0.08 E: 0.105 F: 0.13	A: 0.01167 B: 0.02 C: 0.03 D: 0.05	A: 0.0127 B: 0.02 C: 0.03
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.084</b>	<b>0.068</b>	<b>0.112</b>	<b>0.0853</b>	<b>0.075</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.021</b>

- Note:
1. Target rates are based on the average of the minimum settlement rates collected in each category (20 %).
  2. The data used to define teledensity groups is valid for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003.
  3. Each country/ territory is treated as single data item. Where there are multiple operators, the average is taken.
  4. For small island-states, which are defined as having a population of less than 3000 000 inhabitants, distant from a continental mainland, off the main cable routes and therefore reliant on satellite communications, the indicative target rate of **0.112 SDR** per minute may be used. The countries/territories within this category may choose to adhere to this target or to the one relevant to its teledensity.
  5. For Least Developed Countries, which are recognized by the United Nations, the indicative target rate of **0.0814 SDR** per minute may be used. The countries/territories within this category may choose to adhere to this target or to the one relevant to its teledensity.

