

## C. The National Telecommunications & Post Commission (EETT)

### 1. Introduction

Pursuant to Law 2867/2000, EETT is established as an Independent Administrative Authority enjoying administrative and financial independence. Its main responsibility is to supervise, control and regulate both the telecommunications market and the postal services market in Greece.

The establishment and operation of EETT are regulated by legislative acts, in full compliance with the constitutional principles concerning organisation and staffing of Independent Administrative Authorities<sup>93</sup>. An important factor enabling EETT to effectively exercise its regulatory and supervisory role to the benefit of consumers and the market is its smooth internal operation to high professional standards, and the employment of suitable personnel capable to respond to the obligations of the Authority's task.

EETT is primarily composed of the Commission members, the Special Experts and the Permanent Personnel. The Commission consists of nine members, selected by the Conference of the Presidents of the Parliament and appointed by virtue of a Decision of the Minister of Transportation and Communications. The President, the Vice-President for the Sector of Telecommunications and the Vice-President for the Sector of Postal Services are appointed as full-time public functionaries whose office is incompatible with the exercise of any public function or professional activity other than teaching.

These persons are recognised authorities and are distinguished for their professional qualifications in the technical, financial or legal field. Law 2867/2000

guarantees the independence of EETT, providing that its members enjoy full personal and operational independence in performing their duties and are obliged to observe the principles of objectivity and impartiality.

Sub-section 2.1. presents information on EETT's Special Experts and Permanent Personnel.

### 2. Organisation

The implementation of Presidential Decree (PD) 387/2002<sup>94</sup> on the internal structure of EETT and the qualifications and selection method for its Heads of Department, is expected to play an important role with regard to the enhanced organisation and efficient operation of EETT. This PD has helped set out an organisational structure that is appropriate for EETT.

More specifically, the following are established: (a) the organisational structure of EETT; (b) the allocation of responsibilities among Departments; and (c) the qualifications required and the method in which responsibility positions are filled. EETT intends to promptly implement the above-mentioned PD.

#### 2.1. Staffing and Development

During 2002 EETT continued the recruitment of suitably qualified personnel, capable of responding to its increased needs. Assignment of the personnel to sectors of activity was carried out as determined in the PD under publication on the organisation of EETT.

<sup>93</sup> Article 101 A of the Constitution as last amended (Resolution of the Seventh Revisionary Parliament of the Hellenes, FEK Issue 84/A/17-04-2001).

<sup>94</sup> PD 387/2002 (FEK Issue 335/A/31-12-2002) on the "Internal structure of the National Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT), qualification and selection method for Heads of Department and other relevant provisions".