

f) Local Loop Unbundling (LLU)

- The number of LLU lines was particularly low.
- Problems arose in the collocation and provision of related facilities.

g) Broadband Access

- The penetration of broadband lines in the population was extremely low.
- The penetration of ADSL (ADSL lines to main telephony lines) was extremely low.

7.2. International Partnerships

In 2004, EETT continued its actions at an international level, either by participating in regional conferences or in the framework of bilateral partnerships, and presented its work and individual suggestions in regulatory issues of electronic communications.

European Countries

For the second year, EETT participated in a regional conference organized by the Regulatory Authority of Montenegro on regulatory issues in telecommunications sector and in particular related to US implementation issues. Also, an initial partnership framework was developed with Serbian institutions, where a NRA is expected to be established. Moreover, it took part in a European meeting regarding the promotion of competition in electronic communications, a conference on mobile communications about repercussions on health, environment and the society, but also in a Balkan conference about LLU technologies.

Members of the Spectrum Directorate collaborated with experts of the German NRA (RegTP) on radio spectrum monitoring issues. Also, in the framework of preparation of the Spectrum Directorate for the successful completion of works during the Olympic Games in Greece, a delegation visited the NRA of

Portugal (ANACOM), which had gained significant experience in issues of radio spectrum monitoring during the European Football Championship in 2004.

Asia

In reply to an invitation of the Bahraini NRA (TRA), EETT signed a relevant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), based on which collaboration commenced on regulatory issues of the telecommunication market. Representatives of the two agencies exchanged information and practices in issues related to their daily regulatory field of action.

America

In 2004, EETT had the opportunity to collaborate with its partners from the United States of America (USA). Members of the Federal Communications Committee (FCC) visited EETT in spring, obtained information about its work and potential partnerships were looked into. Also, in the framework of the official visit of the FCC President at the IRG Plenary in Nicosia, the NRAs Presidents were informed about regulatory developments taking place in the two continents and focused on fields such as broadband, mobile termination fees and the future of spectrum auctions.

International Telecommunication Union

In 2004 EETT continued following up international developments in electronic communications and spectrum, mainly through its participation, in meetings of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). An EETT delegation from the Spectrum Directorate attended the works of the Regional Radio Communications conference (RRC 2004) which aimed at specifying the transition schedule from analog to digital radio-television services. Also, EETT, with the support of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC), participated in the shaping of

national positions for the World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly (WTSA), organized under the auspices of the ITU. Finally, EETT experts took part in ITU meetings related to competition and Interconnection.

7.3. Goals

EETT has set the following goals for 2005 as regards International and European Partnerships.

- Continuous participation in the shaping of telecommunications regulatory developments, especially through the ERG.
- Monitoring and continuous participation in the shaping of European developments in radio frequency spectrum sector.
- Continuous collaboration with the European Commission on issues of competence. Further development of EETT's presence in regional conferences and bilateral partnerships.