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## State of the art in mobile telephony in Central Europe and licensing

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## Current state of mobile telephony in CE countries

- **GSM networks are reaching saturation point.**
- **Operators are beginning to offer GPRS services and handsets are being tested.**
- **GSM Penetration is higher than expected**
- **SMS are extremely popular**
- **Governments look for money from 3G licenses**
- **Regulators prepare regulatory framework**



## Current state of mobile telephony in CE countries – cont.

- **Operators**
  - **1st operator: incumbent + foreign partner**
  - **2nd operator: power companies + foreign partner**
  - **3rd operator: financial investors**
- **Quick coverage of territory**
- **Pressure from shareholders on ROI**



## Current state of mobile telephony in CE countries – cont.

- **Operators strategies**
  - **1st operator: business customers + high prices**
  - **2nd operator: another market segment – young people**
  - **3rd operator: cheap services**



## **HUNGARY: *Digital mobile phone market, June 2002***

*source: HIF (Hungarian regulatory authority)*

**Number of digital mobile subscriptions:**

**5 855 313**

**Number of digital mobile subscriptions actually generating traffic:**

**5 654 937**

**Share of digital mobile subscriptions (%)**

| <b>Vodafone</b> | <b>Westel Mobil</b> | <b>Pannon GSM</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>10,81%</b>   | <b>50,68%</b>       | <b>38,51%</b>     |

(Active mobile SIM cards of the service provider/Total number of active mobile SIM cards)



## **HUNGARY: *Digital mobile phone market, June 2002***

### **Share of digital mobile subscriptions actually generating traffic (%)**

- **Vodafone** **10,94%**
- **Westel Mobil** **51,11%**
- **Pannon GSM** **37,95%**
- (Active mobile SIM cards of the service provider actually generating traffic /Total number of active mobile SIM cards actually generating traffic)



## **HUNGARY: *Digital mobile phone market, June 2002***

- **Shares of outgoing call minutes (%)**
  - **Vodafone** **13,37%**
  - **Westel Mobil** **47,29%**
  - **Pannon GSM** **39,35%**
- (Outgoing call minutes/Total outgoing call minutes)



## **HUNGARY: *Digital mobile phone market, June 2002***

**Trend of mobile subscriptions (in proportion to the previous month,  
%)**

May 01   June 01   July 01   August 01   Sept. 01   Oct . 01   Nov. 01   Dec. 01

**104,82   103,57   102,98   102,59   102,66   102,84   102,91   110,95**

Jan. 02   Febr. 02   March 02   April 02   May 02   June 02

**102,72   102,35   103,60   103,11   102,81   103,02**

Total number of digital mobile subscribers (current month)/Total number  
of digital mobile subscribers (previous month)





## **HUNGARY: *Digital mobile phone market, June 2002***

### Digital mobile subscriptions per 100 inhabitants

May 01   June 01   July 01   August 01   Sept. 01   Oct . 01   Nov. 01   Dec. 01

36.6   37.9   39.0   40.1   41.1   42.3   43.5   48.3

Jan.02   Febr.02   March 02   April 02   May 02   June 02

49.6   50.8   52.6   54.3   56.0   57.6

(Total number of digital mobile subscribers/Total population)x100



## Czech Republic: **Mobile market size – revenues in bilion Kc**

|             | 2000  | 2001  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Eurotel     | 27,2  | 30,6  |
| Radiomobil  | 17,7  | 21,1  |
| Czech mobil | 0,96  | 4,4   |
| Total       | 45,86 | 55,96 |

Exchange rate: 1 Euro = 35 Kc



## Czech Mobile market size

– number of customers in % of total market size

|             | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| Eurotel     | 55   | 50   | 46   |
| Radiomobili | 45   | 43   | 41   |
| Czech mobil | 0    | 7    | 13   |



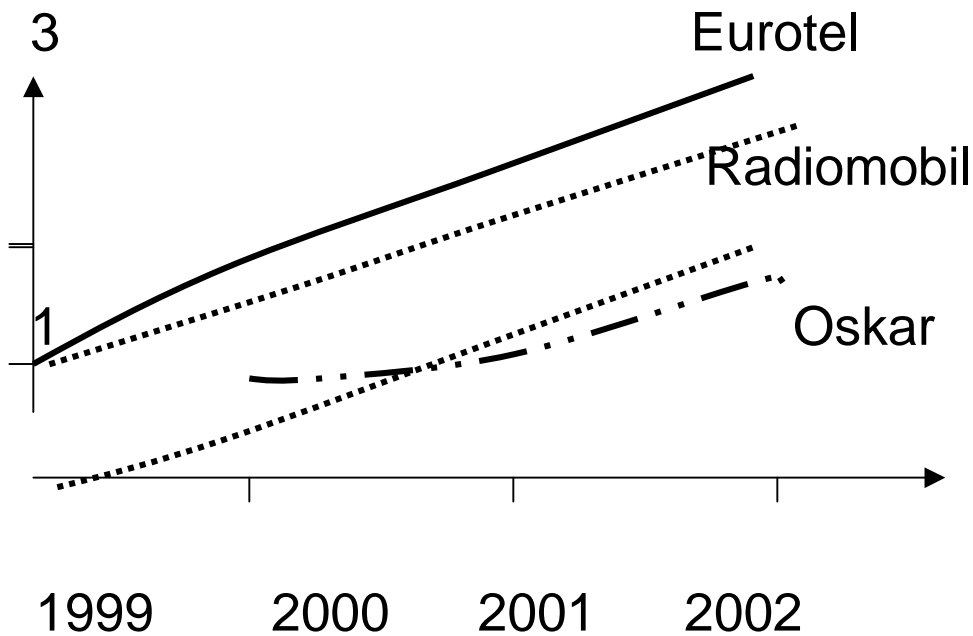
## Czech Mobile market - advertising expenses (in million Kc)

|             | 2001 |
|-------------|------|
| Eurotel     | 997  |
| Radiomobil  | 856  |
| Czech mobil | 624  |



# Czech Mobile market – development in the number of customers (in milion)

**mobile penetration (2002): 80%**



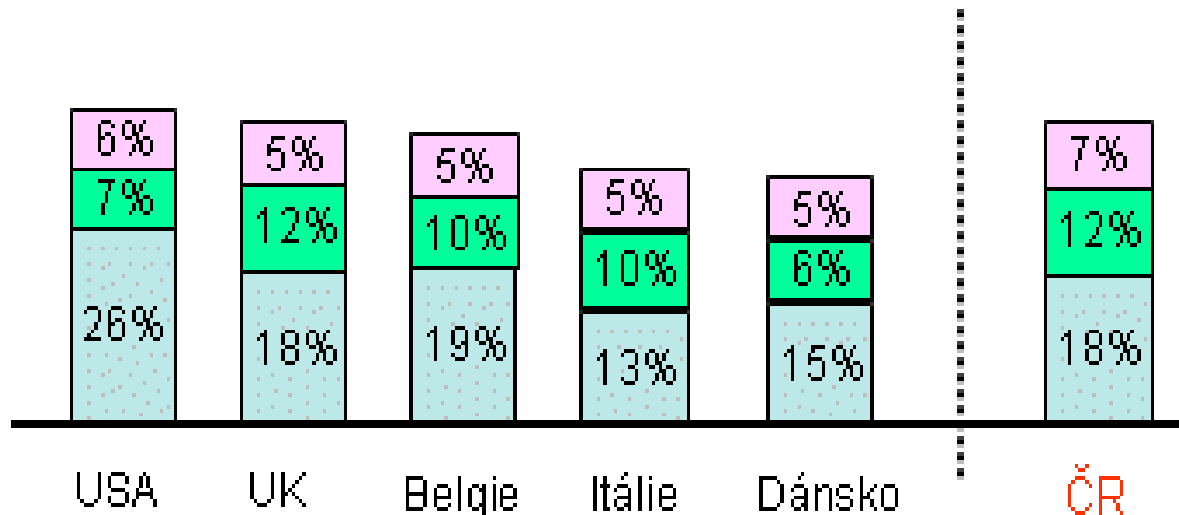


## Czech Republic: Demand for 3G services

(source: Agency Gfk, sample of 1000 inhabitants, age 15 - 79 years)

very interested: 7%  
interested: 12%  
maybe interested: 18%

the rest is not interested or do not know





## Czech Republic – Demand for 3G Services

- e-mail 67 % (37% very int. %, 30% interested )
- maps, travel, traffic information 66% (25% very int., 41% interested)
- banking: 64% (27% very interested, 37% interested)
- reservation services 60% (24% very interested, 36% interested)
- traffic information 57% (25% very int., 32% interested)
- local information (navigation, guide) 55% (19% very int., 36% int.)
- content download (music) 41% (15% very int., 26% interested)
- multimedia mail (video clips) 48% (19% very int., 29% interested)
- games and gambling 23% (11% very int., 12% interested)



## If If you have possibility to choose only one 3G service ...

1. email: 12%
2. personalized videoclips: 10%
3. banking: 9%
4. traffic info: 8%
5. reservation services: 7 %
6. maps and travelling: 6%
7. shopping: 6%
8. on-line games: 4%
9. weather: 3%
- download of videoclips: 2%
- download of music: 2%
- do not know: 33%





## Will you use m-commerce?

definitely yes: 27 % (out 37 % interested in 3G services)  
I will see: 51 %  
definitely not: 18%

### preferred way of payment:

- through bank account: 41%
- credit card: 23%
- through phone bill: 13%
- prepaid limit: 10%



## GPRS in Czech republic

|                      |       |                     |            |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------------|
| Operator             | Oskar | Eurotel             | Paegas     |
| Program              | Basic | WAP Mobile Internet | GPRS Basic |
| Monthly payment [Kč] | 0     | 0                   | 0          |
| 1 KB of WAP data     | 0,40  | 0,50                | 0,50       |



**Eurotel plans to build its 3G network over the next five years**

**Eurotel must at least start offering commercial high-speed mobile services in Prague by the start of 2005.**

**Eurotel : gaming is potential killer app: IQ Map, mobile version of “Millionaire, xGenGo – the mobile adventure game in fictional land, „NOMOR” allowed group players to decide how to react in certain situations**

**T-Mobile: Creativity and interactivity - gaming, but by using the latest technologies - Java game applications -ClickFun**

**ClickFun applications: basic ringtones, logos and animated screensavers to be sent to a mobile phone, a new generation of SMS messages**



## Eurotel structure of customers





| EBITDA                             | 2001           | 2002           | Change |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| total revenue                      | 14,668 mld. Kč | 13,862 mld. Kč | -5%    |
| revenue from services              | 13,060 mld. Kč | 12,979 mld. Kč | -1%    |
| Sale of phones and activation fees | 1,608 mld. Kč  | 0,883 mld. Kč  | -45%   |
| Net profit                         | 3,335 mld. Kč  | 3,164 mld. Kč  | -5%    |



| <b>EBITDA</b> | customers<br>% | Revenue<br>% | EBITDA<br>% |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Eurotel       | 46             | 50           | 57          |
| Radiomobil    | 41             | 38           | 42          |
| Český Mobil   | 13             | 12           | 1           |

(end of March 2002)



## Mobile versus fixed

Czech Telecom (2000)

total revenue: 42 bn USD (up 10%)

EBITDA: 664m USD (up 3,6%)

Net income 159m USD (up 3%)

Eurotel revenues: 298 m (up 52%)

Structure of revenue:

fixed call revenues: 43,8%

mobile call revenues: 19,6%

subscriptions: 12,8%

internet: 13,6

other: 10,2 %

CT wanted to buy 49% of Eurotel shares for 1.475 bn USD



## Poland: Future of UMTS postponed

- The UMTS tender was cancelled
- All three Polish mobile operators ([PTC](#), Polkomtel and [Centertel](#)) received licences just before the end of 2000 (a total of E1.95bn until the year 2019).
- A fourth [licence](#) was to be issued this year by auction.
- The cost of building each of the three UMTS networks is estimated at about E1.4bn between 2002 and 2008.
- Planned date of UMTS introduction in Poland 2005
- [PTC](#), Polkomtel and [Centertel](#) are defined as 'significant operators' (operator holding over a 25 per cent market share)





## Polish mobile subscriber numbers reach 10m

- Polish mobile subscribers reached a total of 10m by the end of 2001
- an increase of about 4.1m users from 2000.
- this has almost overtaken fixed-line subscriptions, which stood at 10.5m by the end of the year.
- This figure represents a penetration rate of 26 per cent.
- it is a marked increase on the 14 per cent penetration rate reached at the end of 2000.



## Slovakia

Capital: Bratislava

Territory: 49 036 km<sup>2</sup>

|                                    | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Population (thous.)                | 5 393 | 5 398 | 5 403 |
| GDP Growth (%)                     | + 4,4 | + 1,9 | + 2,2 |
| GDP per capita (US\$)              | 3 775 | 3 485 | 3 609 |
| Postal and Telecom Share on GDP(%) | 2,93  | 3 ,00 | 2,66  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 15,6  | 20,1  | 18,6  |
| Annual Inflation Rate - Average(%) | 6,7   | 14,2  | 12,0  |
| Average Exchange Rate SKK/US\$     | 35,24 | 41,42 | 46,20 |

Sources: National bank of Slovakia, Statistical office SR



## Slovakia - public mobile networks

|  | 1993  | 1994  | 1995   | 1996   | 1997    | 1998    | 1999    | 2000      |
|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Total number of mobile subscribers         | 3 125 | 5 946 | 12 315 | 28 658 | 196 642 | 473 173 | 664 072 | 1 109 888 |
| Total number of digital mobile subscribers | NA    | NA    | NA     | NA     | 165 325 | 440 220 | 867 559 | 1 277 449 |



|                                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>% of coverage of territory</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>75</b>   | <b>79</b>   | <b>81</b>    | <b>81</b>    |
| <b>% of coverage of inhabitants</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</b>   | <b>88</b>   | <b>96</b>   | <b>98</b>    | <b>98</b>    |
| <b>mobile penetration (%)</b>       | <b>0,06</b> | <b>0,11</b> | <b>0,23</b> | <b>0,53</b> | <b>3,65</b> | <b>8,77</b> | <b>12,30</b> | <b>20,54</b> |



# **IMT 2000 – licensing policies**

## **LICENSING CONDITIONS HAVE VARIED ACROSS COUNTRIES**

- SELECTION PROCEDURES HAVE VARIED: AUCTIONS, BEAUTY CONTESTS AND „HYBRID“**
- NUMBER OF LICENSES AWARDED HAVE VARIED**
- PRICE PAID FOR LICENSES HAVE VARIED GREATLY**
- INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICE ROLL OUT CONDITIONS HAVE VARIED**
- NATIONAL ROAMING CONDITIONS HAVE VARIED**



## IMT 2000 – licensing policies (cont.)

EU statistics (year 2000)

- 47 licenses issued
- 25 for GSM incumbent operators – out of it 14 in auctions
- 22 for new entrants

Incumbent GSM operators were more successful in auctions



# Summary of the 3G Licensing Situation in Europe

- Total fixed payment of the 3G licenses is reaching €130 billion - almost €120 billion comes from auctions
- At the country level, total payment for the licenses has varied from €4 000 in Finland to €50.8 billion in Germany
- The highest single license fee is €10.2 billion (Vodafone, UK)
- The first commercial 3G network has been launched in 2001 ( Isle of Man and Monaco)
- Charges for the licenses per inhabitant has varied from €0.0008 in Finland to €650 in UK



## Issues to Be Considered

- Spectrum pricing
  - – Impact of high license payments
  - – Problem of up-front licensing charges
  - – Key issue is not the debate of auctions vs. Beauty contests if the government wants to make money – its about timing





## Issues to Be Considered (cont.)

- What price would maximize the efficient use of
- spectrums and end users benefits concurrently with sound development of the ICT sector as a whole ?
- How many licenses should be awarded?
  - Availability of spectrum
  - Real competition between applicants
- How to treat incumbent and new entrant operators:  
Equally/Discrimination?



## Licence prices

| <b>year</b> | <b>price per POP and 2x5MHz (Eur)</b>                           |
|-------------|---|
| <b>2000</b> | <b>10 000, 60 000, 14 000, 50 000,<br/>8 000, 4 000, 2 000,</b> |
| <b>2001</b> | <b>5000, 4000, 10 000, 8000, 18 000,<br/>7 000, 5000,</b>       |



## Licence prices

| <b>Population (M)</b> | <b>price per POP and 2x5MHz (Eur)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1 – 5</b>          | <b>less then 10</b>                   |
| <b>6 – 10</b>         | <b>less then 15</b>                   |
| <b>11 – 20</b>        | <b>less then 15</b>                   |
| <b>21 – 40</b>        | <b>less then 15</b>                   |
| <b>41 – 60</b>        | <b>less then 50</b>                   |
| <b>61 – 80</b>        | <b>less then 60</b>                   |

**The smaller country the less price**



## Licence prices

| Price as % of GDP | GDP (billion \$) |
|-------------------|------------------|
| less then 0,05    | 1 – 500          |
| Less then 0,1     | 501 – 1500       |
| Less then 0,25    | 1501 – 2 000     |

The higher GDP the higher price



## Licencing – who will be the winner?

- Auction in big countries:
  - 95% global players, 5% regional players
- Auction in small countries:
  - 65% global, 20% regional, 15% local
- Beauty contest in big country:
  - 55% global, 10% regional, 35% local
- Beauty contest in small country:
  - 30% global, 35% regional, 45% local



## Czech Republic postpones 3G licence tender

The Czech Republic has decided to postpone awarding its third UMTS licence until mobile operators become more interested in starting a third-generation network,

Two 3G licences were given to RadioMobil for E121m – owned by Deutsche Telekom and Ceske Radiokomunikace – and Eurotel for E112m – owned by Cesky Telecom, Verizon Communications and AT&T Wireless in 2001.

hungary

**Hungarian government puts off 3G licence auction in 2001**  
**UMTS tender could be opened by end of year 2002**



## Slovakia: **Profinet becomes Slovakia's third mobile operator**

The only bidder won a licensing tender for the right to provide GSM and UMTS services.

- It is obliged to pay SKK1.5 bn (E38m)
- It must launch GSM services within six months of the activation of its licence and UMTS services no later than 30 months after it has access to the 3G frequencies. The UMTS licences will be valid for 20 years.
- Profinet is required to build a mobile network covering 20 per cent of the population through the public telecoms network within 18 months of the licence entering into effect.
- Orange and Eurotel also won licences to offer 3G UMTS services (each of the 3G licenses is to cost SKK1.499bn (E37.5m). )
- comparison: in the Czech Republic 3G licences were sold for around \$100m (E110m) in Dec 2001.



# Regulatory Framework for 3G Licensing

\_ Frequency planning and assignment are tasks for the NRA

Harmonization measures concerning the introduction of IMT 2000

- a) Licensing Directive (97/13/EC)
- b) UMTS decision (128/1999/EC)
- c) Other relating legislation





# IMT 2000 - Challenges

**IMT 2000 = the mobile component of the Information Society**

- **digital convergence of media, data & telecom**
- **a multi-national, multi-sector system**
- **Many different protocols (MPEG, WAP, IP, etc.)**
- **A wide range of terminals, products & services**
- **Shorter product development times & more complex products**



## Conclusions

- Evolution from 2,5G to 3G necessary
- No killer app till today
- Supply and technology constrains
- Content = Potential source of revenue
- New business models
- Integration of Internet and mobile