

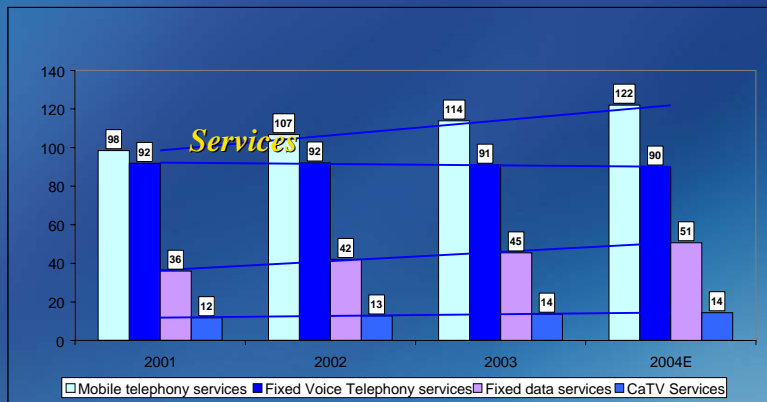
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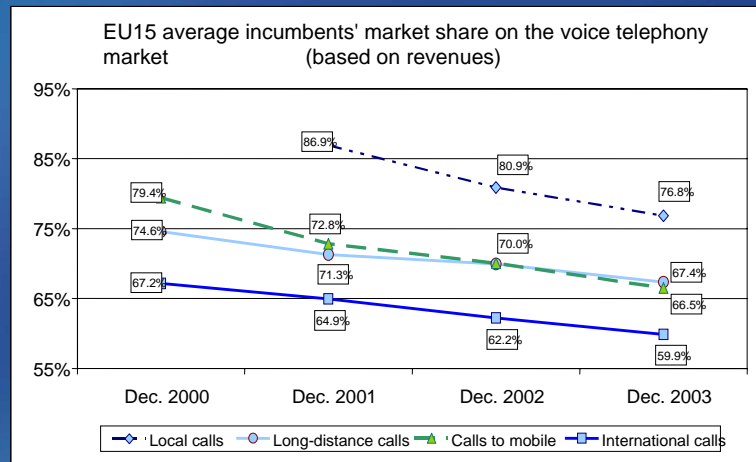
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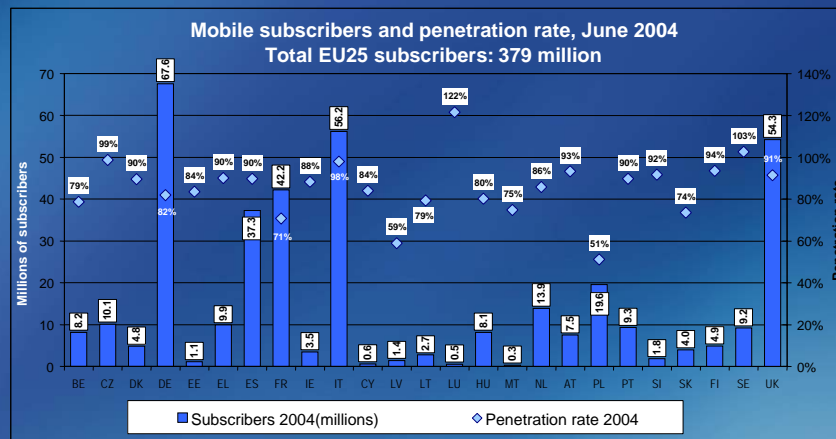
Market Breakdown (€ billion)



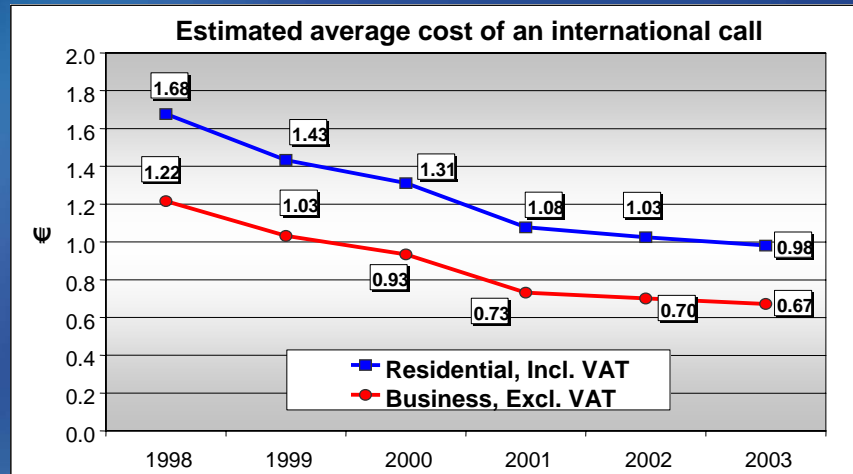
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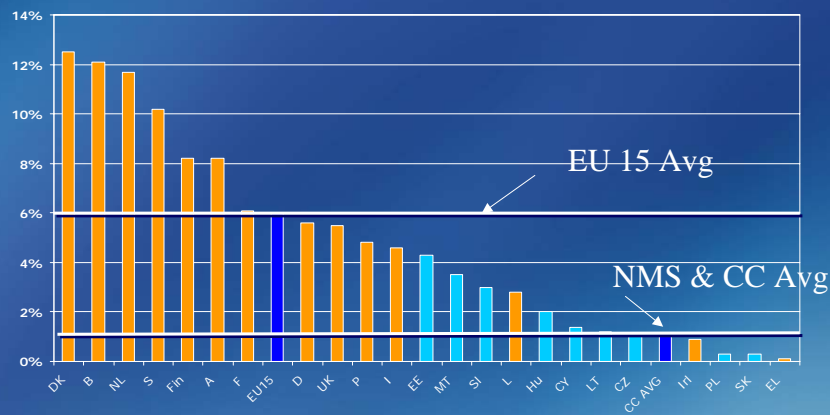
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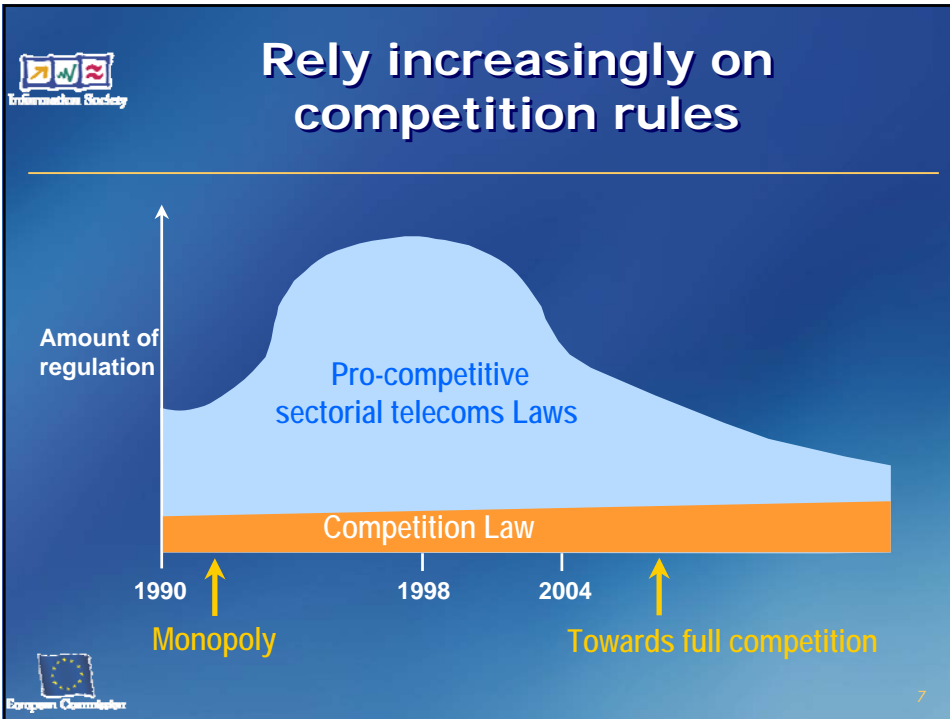
Clear benefits to consumers



Broadband subscriptions/100 pop

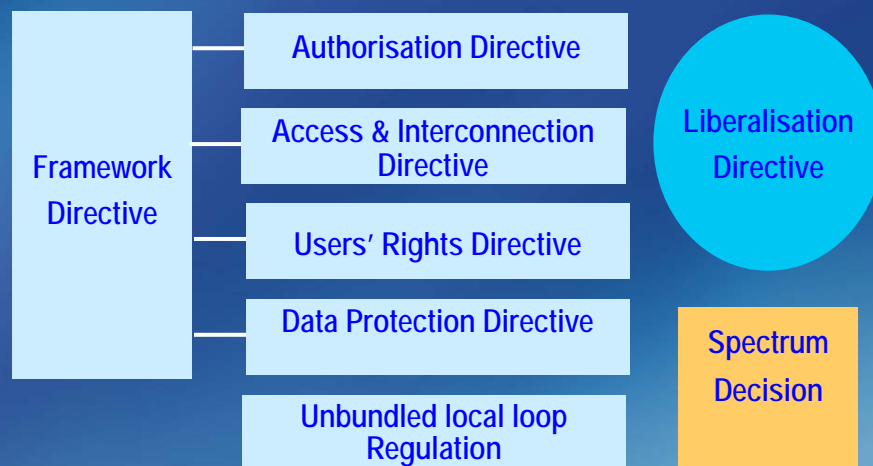


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- Creating a legislative framework which will:**
- Attract investment, by
 - encouraging market entry
 - providing legal certainty
 - restraining companies with market power
 - keeping regulation to the minimum necessary
 - Promote choice and competition.
 - Safeguard users interests, where market forces do not.
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The new package



National Regulatory Authorities

Effective implementation of regulation requires :

- independence from government / operators
- power, resources, skills
- systematic appeals mechanisms
- rapid decision-making / dispute resolution

General Authorisations and Access: Key issues

- Length of procedures
- Conditions attached to general authorisations and rights of use
- Administrative charges
- NRA power to impose obligations for access

Users' Rights Directive Key issues

- Scope of Universal Service Obligations (USO)
- Designation of USO provider
- Affordability
- Financing of USO
- End user rights



For more information...

On the new legislation :

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/topics/telecoms/regulatory/new_rf/index_en.htm

