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Telecommunication statistics in Lithuania

On 1 October 2004 a co-operation agreement No. STAT-73(2004) was signed between the Communications Regulatory Authority (RRT) and Statistics Lithuania. Pursuant to this agreement, the RRT undertook a commitment to produce provisional quarterly and annual reports to Statistics Lithuania on telecommunication activities (electronic communication) carried out that according to the general rules are to be provided by economic entities engaged in telecommunication activities.

Before signing the agreement Statistics Lithuania had been collecting quite a number of telecommunication infrastructure indicators in order to fill in the Eurostat COINS questionnaire. Accordingly, quarterly and annual surveys have been conducted.

The RRT having reconciled with Statistics Lithuania has worked up and approved the forms of quarterly and annual reports.

Quarterly reports contain the following indicators:

1. Mobile communication;
2. Fixed communication;
3. Networks interconnection;
4. Leased lines;
5. Internet and broadband communication;
6. Data transmission;
7. Cable TV and MMDS services;
8. Other telecommunication's services.

Annual reports contain the following indicators by counties:

1. Fixed telephone network and (or) provision of its services;
 - 1.1. Number and capacity of main lines;
 - 1.1.1. Digital automatic telephone exchanges;
2. Number of base stations of mobile networks.

The RRT is responsible for electronic communication. The RRT, as institution applying harmonized regulation of the communications market in the European space, took part in and made its contribution to considering general problems and seeking ways of their solution in different European organizations.

On 19 November Statistics Lithuania will send to Eurostat filled COINS tables. Data will be provided for end of 2006. The RRT has filled data on telecommunications 2006 by ITU request and sent it to ITU already.

Short presentation of telecommunications services in Lithuania in 2006:

- Mobile telecommunications services were provided by 3 operators (private companies "Omnitel", "Bitė Lietuva", "Tele 2") as well as by 4 suppliers of services providing services by "Bitė GSM" network. 5 enterprises traded in services provided by other suppliers. The number of active SIM cards of public mobile telecommunication – 472 million, i.e. 139,4 subscribers per 100 inhabitants. 9033.6 million Short Text Messages (SMS) and 4.0 million Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) were sent in 2006;

- 52 enterprises were engaged in public fixed telephone (24-owners of lines). Number of main telephone lines (without pay-phones, include ISDN equivalent lines) – 792,4 thous., i.e. 23,4 lines per 100 inhabitants;
- the internet access was provided by 115 providers. Number of Internet subscribers - 1.534 million, 1.116 million of which used WAP;
- Number of cable services providers – 50. Cable television services were used by 322.2 thousand subscribers.

Not all definitions on telecommunications of Eurostat and of ITU are harmonized.

Statistics Lithuania also collected short-term statistics indicators from enterprises providing telecommunication services.

Publications:

Statistics Lithuania:

Indicators of transport and communications enterprises (monthly),

Transport and communications (annual),

Economic and Social Development in Lithuania (quarterly),

Statistical Yearbook of Lithuania (annual),

Counties of Lithuania (annual),

Information technologies in Lithuania (annual),

Communications Regulatory Authority:

Quarterly reports on the telecommunications sector

Annual reports on the telecommunications sector

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