



REPORT
on Regional ITU Seminar on
Costs and Tariffs in Telecommunication/ICT for CIS
Odessa, Ukraine, 24-26 October 2012

The Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs in Telecommunication/ICT, which was organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications took place in Odessa, Ukraine on 24-26 October 2012.

The seminar was dedicated to the following important issues:

- current trends in the telecommunication/ICT development in the world and CIS;
- the strategic aspects of the development of effective regulatory mechanisms;
legislative environment of cost and tariff regulation in the telecommunication/ICT;
- organizational and procedural aspects of the ICT cost and tariff regulation the region: main challenges and solutions in determination of tariffs for regulated telecommunications services (wholesale and retail);
- peculiarities of determination and setting of tariffs on unregulated telecommunication/ICT services;
- international roaming and problems in tariff setting in international connection of mobile operators networks;
- economic aspects and costing of NGNs in a broadband environment ;
- key aspects of extension of cooperation aimed at implementation of effective mechanisms of tariff setting in the telecommunications / ICT.

The seminar was attended by representatives of ITU Member States, ITU Area Office for the CIS, the ITU experts, as well as by representatives of public organizations and private companies from 12 countries.

At the opening ceremony, welcome speeches were given by: Pyotr Vorobiyenko, Rector of A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications; Orozobek Kaiykov, Head of ITU Area Office for the CIS; Yury Kravets Yury, Chairman of the Odessa Regional Territorial Office of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine; Lyubov Tkachenko, Head of Mutual Settlement Division of the National Commission for State Regulation in the field of Communications and Informatization; Igor Smirnov, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Regional Council for Information and Communication.



Opening of the seminar and a group photograph of the participants of the seminar on Costs and Tariffs in Telecommunication/ICT

At the seminar, 19 presentations were made by experts from ITU, universities, research institutions, public organizations, and private companies. The presentations were made within the framework of the 5 sessions:

- 1) Current trends of telecommunication/ICT development in the world and in the CIS countries.
- 2) Strategic aspects of building effective regulation mechanisms.
- 3) Regulatory and legal support of price and tariff regulation in the telecommunications/ICT.
- 4) Organizational and procedural aspects of the ICT price and tariff regulation in the region: main challenges and solutions of the determination of tariffs for regulated telecommunication services (retail and wholesale).
- 5) Economic aspects and costing of NGNs in a Broadband environment.



The speakers of the seminar on Costs and tariffs in telecommunication/ICT

Within the framework of the seminar, current problems of prices and tariffs in the telecommunications/ICT, as well as their possible solutions were considered.

The seminar was held in Russian and English, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

At the end of the workshop, the ITU certificates were presented for participants.



Presentation of the ITU certificates to participants of the seminar on Costs and tariffs in telecommunication/ICT

Conclusions and Recommendations of the Seminar on Costs and Tariffs in telecommunication/ICT

Participants noted:

- 1) The seminar relevance.
- 2) The practical significance of the reports for the ministries and agencies, regulators, telecommunications companies, universities and other organizations – the seminar materials can be used by participants in their professional activities.
- 3) The importance of research aimed at improvement of existing and creation of new effective mechanisms for tariff setting in the telecommunication/ICT (in terms of services, subject to uninsurable and mandatory government regulation), the working out of transparent approaches to separate accounting, elaboration of effective mechanisms of tariff determination for international roaming, as well as consideration of strategies and tactics for tariff setting for innovative services in telecommunications/ICT.
- 4) The necessity to consider problems of tariff setting for digital television broadcasting during next seminars and workshops.
- 5) The necessity to improve the legislative framework for cost and tariff regulation in the telecommunication/ICT.
- 6) The importance of international cooperation to exchange experiences in the field of tariff setting.
- 7) The practical use of the exchange of views and experiences, which took place during the seminar.
- 8) The necessity to continue holding the ITU seminars, forums and conferences on tariffs in telecommunications / ICT.

Participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the leadership and staff of A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications, as well as to the seminar partners for excellent organizational arrangements and execution of the event.