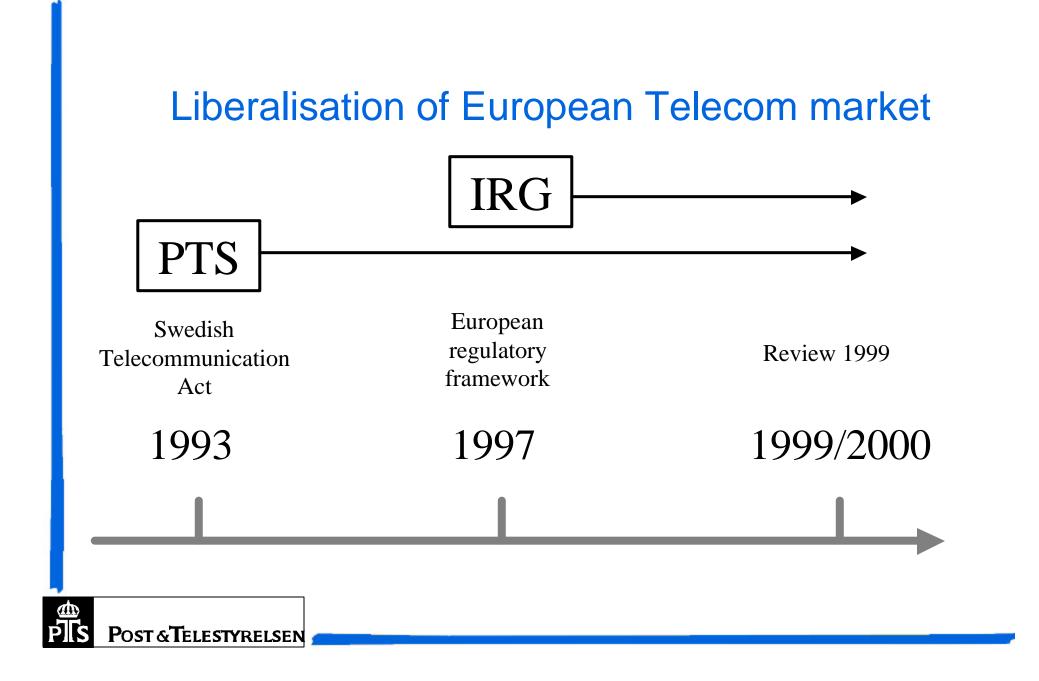
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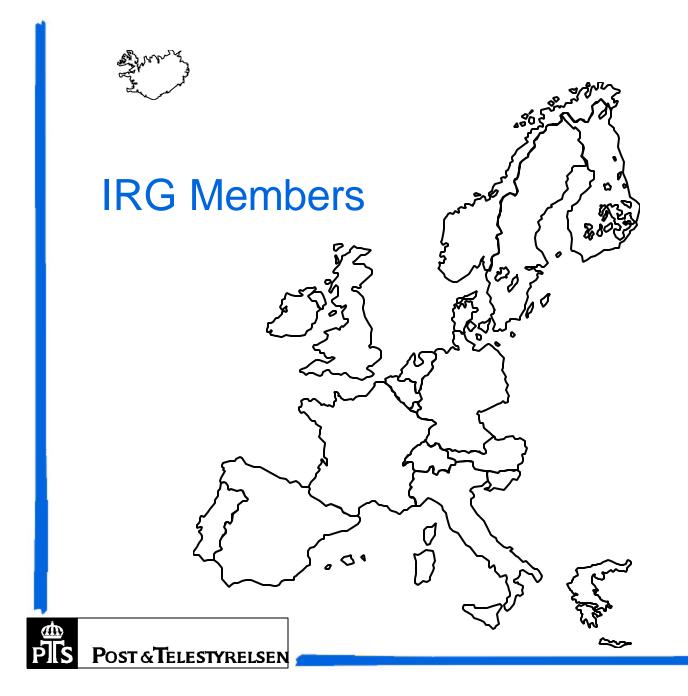
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IRG: NRA's that

- are regulating the telecom market nation-wide,
- are independent from their governments and
- are in an European country with a liberalised telecom market according to EU standards

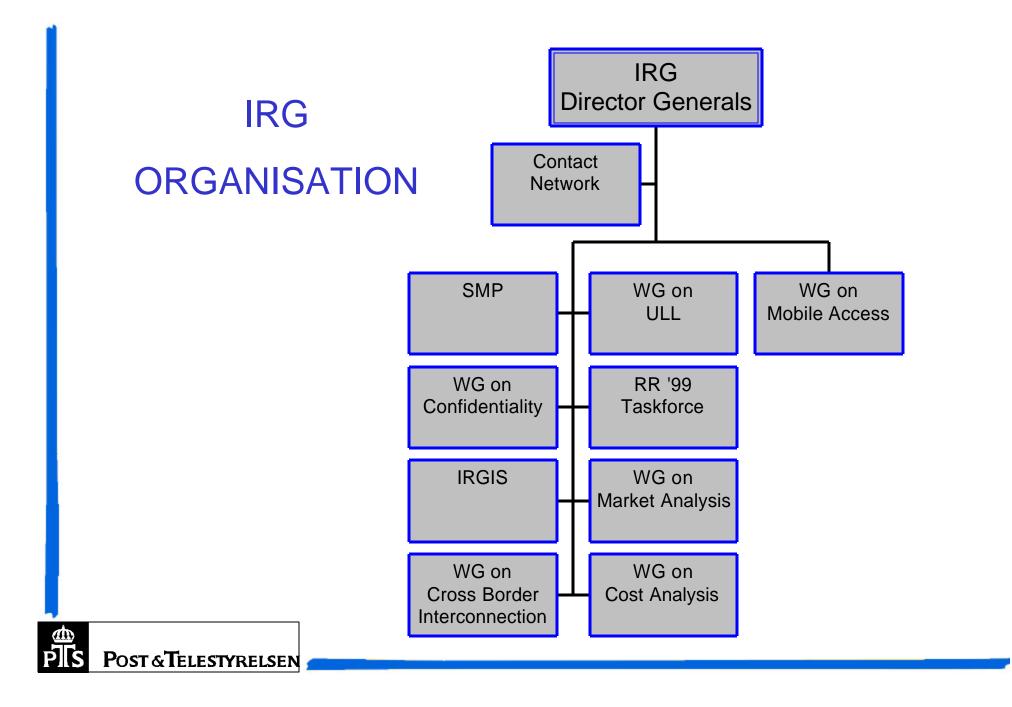


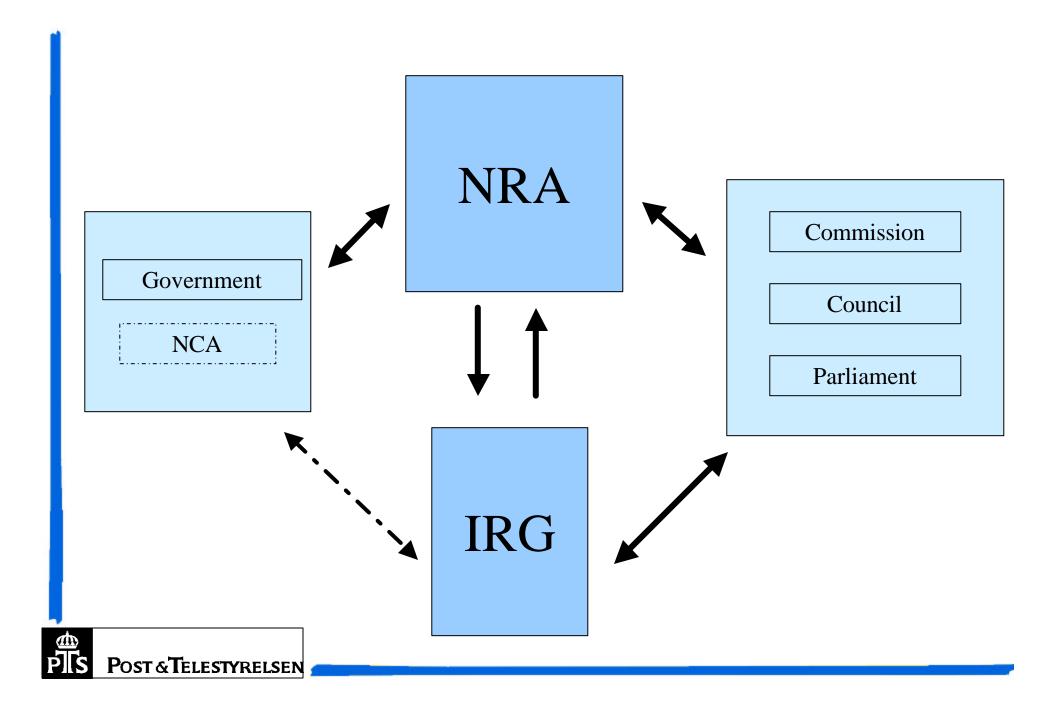


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IRG aims at

- harmonising the regulatory practice in Europe,
- based on practical experience,
- by means of exchanging views and opinions and
- when appropriate, formulating common positions and practices





IRG work; Regulation on unbundled access to the local loop

- IRG is fully committed to doing what it can to contribute to a successful implementation of the Regulation, working together with the Commission and all other interested parties.
- IRG believes that the exchange of experience among IRG members and development of common views on essential issues will in practice contribute to a harmonised implementation.
- IRG intends to develop and publish its common understanding of the principles of implementation and best practice, based on NRAs' practical experience
- the initial view of the IRG members can be expected to be ready when the Regulation comes into effect.

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