

Malta Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	58.1533
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	140.204
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	43.6731
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	110.53
Households with a computer (%)	82.9341
Households with Internet access at home (%)	84.3852
Individuals using the Internet (%)	81.4031

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Dr. Edward Woods
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Malta Communications Authority

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Office of the Prime Minister
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	C*
Cable Television	C*
Data2014	C*
Domestic fixed long distance	C*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2010	C*
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*
International Gateways	C*
International Fixed Long Distance	C*
Internet Services	C*
Leased Lines	C*
Wireless Local Loop	C*
Local Fixed Line Services	C*
Mobile	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*
Paging2005	C
VSAT	C*
DSL	C*

M: Monopoly
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)
N: N/A

Institutional Details (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	The Minister responsible for Communications
Legal document creating the regulator	Malta Communications Authority Act (Chapter 418)
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government appropriation, percentage: 26, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 14, • Regulatory fees, percentage: 60,
Regulator also regulates other utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Postal services, electronic commerce,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to the public • Annual report to Sector Ministry • Report to other Ministry
Year separate regulator created	2001

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2013]	5
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	Yes
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2011]	Three years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	73

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R
Entity in charge of price regulation	R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	O
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R
Entity in charge of numbering	R
Entity in charge of type approval	O
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R
Quality of service standards setting	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O
Entity in charge of Information Technology	N
Entity in charge of Internet content	R

S: Sector Ministry
 O: Other Ministry or Government body
 R: Regulatory Authority
 Op: Operator
 N: Not regulated
 M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2018)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition • Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Services for impaired/ elderly • Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated US Provider
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	Yes

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct subsidy from government
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	
Operational Universal Service Fund	No
If Yes, when?	
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	
USF financed by other sources	
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	
If No, name the entity responsible	

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2014)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates	O*	O: Pure LRIC in line with EC recommendation 2009
Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates	O*	O: Pure LRIC in line with EC recommendation 2009

LRIC: LRIC cost model
 FDC: FDC cost model
 B: Benchmarking
 O: Other
 N: None

NGN (Latest data available: 2018)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Other, please specify: Already implemented,

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services • Other please specify: With respect to ethernet services, LRAIC+ was used, whereas for fixed termination, pure LRIC was applied.,

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2012)

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services No

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services No

USO: Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations
I: Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits
B: Banning of services based on IP
No: No regulatory arrangements defined at present
O: Other