

# Malta Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

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|---|-------|
| Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants         | 59.1  |
| Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants         | 142.5 |
| Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants | 35.6  |
| Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants        | 112.4 |
| Households with a computer (%)                            | 83.7  |
| Households with Internet access at home (%)               | 85.5  |
| Individuals using the Internet (%)                        | 80.1  |

## Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

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| 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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## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

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| Name of the telecom/ICT regulator                                       | Malta Communications Authority  |
| 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  |
| Legal document creating the regulator                                   | Malta Communications Authority Act (Chapter 418)  |
| Year separate regulator created   | 2001  |
| Regulator also regulates other utilities                                | • Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Postal services, electronic commerce,                                      |
| Regulator autonomous in decision making                                 | Yes   |
| Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]    | The Minister responsible for Communications   |
| Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source           | • Government appropriation, percentage: 26,<br>• Spectrum fees, percentage: 14,<br>• Regulatory fees, percentage: 60, |
| Reporting requirements of the regulator                                 | • Annual report to the public<br>• Annual report to Sector Ministry<br>• Report to other Ministry                     |

## Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

|   |   |
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| 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 |



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|--|---|
| <b>Entity in charge of universal service/access</b>                      | R |
| <b>Quality of service standards setting</b>                              | R |
| <b>Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations</b> | R |
| <b>Broadcasting (sound transmission)</b>                                 | O |
| <b>Entity in charge of broadcasting content</b>                          | O |
| <b>Entity in charge of Information Technology</b>                        | N |
| <b>Entity in charge of Internet content</b>                              | 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

### Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

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

M: Monopoly

P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)

C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)

N: N/A

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

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| <b>Definition of universal service/access exists</b>                     | Yes  |
| <b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>                           | Yes  |
| <b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>       |
| <b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Other services included in Universal service/access definition</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency services as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Services for impaired/ elderly</li> <li>• Directory services as part of universal service definition</li> </ul> |



**Operators under universal access/service obligation** • 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** • Direct subsidy from government

**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

**Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service** No

If Yes, please explain