[PT] Four Licenses for Third Generation Mobile Phones

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On 29 September 2000, seven companies (TMN, Optimus, Oniway, Telecel, Leadcom, Titancon and Mobijazz) applied for four UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunication System) licenses. The Comissão de Análise do Concurso (bidding commission) has 45 days to analyse the proposals and the commercial offer of third generation mobile telecommunications is expected to start early 2002.

UMTS is the European version of IMT 2000 (International Mobile Telecommunications) and it represents important technological advances when compared with second generation mobile systems (GSM and DCS) and first generation mobile telecommunications (analogue technology).

UMTS will provide all multi-media services that are now available by fixed internet and a range of new ones deriving from its mobile character. A considerable number of audiovisual services such as tele-education, tele-medicine, video-conferencing, entertainment and news are also expected to be on offer. The Instituto das Comunicações de Portugal (Portuguese Communications regulatory body) states that the main criterion for a successful application is its contribution to the development of an Information Society.

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