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### **BIPT finds the 5 applications for the 4G auction to be admissible**

**Brussels, 19 October 2011 - BIPT has received 5 candidates to participate in the 4G auction before the deadline set for submission of the applications (14 October 2011). In the meantime, BIPT has found the 5 applications to be admissible.**

Five operators have responded to the call for candidates launched by BIPT on 1 June 2011 to participate in the auction of licences in the 2.6 GHz-band (4G licences). The 5 participants are listed below (in alphabetical order):

- Belgacom NV
- BUCD bvba
- Craig Wireless Belgium Inc.
- KPN group Belgium NV
- Mobistar NV

BIPT has verified the admissibility of the applications. Amongst other things it was verified whether the applications contained the requested data and documents and whether the deposit for participation had been made.

The auction will start on Monday, 28 November 2011. The results will be published as soon as the auction has ended. The acquired user rights are valid for 15 years starting from 1 July 2012.

The granting of 4G user rights is laid down by the Electronic Communications Act and in accordance with the 4G Royal Decree. The [www.auction2011.be](http://www.auction2011.be) website contains all useful information on the auction procedure.

Luc Hindryckx, Chairman of the BIPT Council: *"The interest shown by players who are not active on the Belgian market yet, is proof of the positive effect of the regulator's action, through the implementation of the regulatory framework, on the climate for investment in the electronic communications sector. The fourth-generation mobile services offer numerous perspectives exercising a positive influence on consumers, on economic growth and on the competitiveness of our companies. These five candidates will help to reach the goals set in the European Digital Agenda 2020, which aim to connect every European to the internet."*

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