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BIPT launches an information website regarding the auction of the 3G and 4G licences

Brussels, 7 February 2011 - BIPT launched on Friday 4th February the website www.auction2011.be. The website gives more information to the parties who are considering participating in the auction of the 3G licences and the 4G user rights. The 3G licences will be auctioned in June 2011 and the 4G licences in the fall 2011.

The granting of user rights is laid down by the Act of 13 June 2005 on electronic communications and in accordance with the 3G and 4G Royal Decrees. Memorandums are published on the website www.auction2011.be which gives useful information to all interested parties.

In 2001 four licences were already put up for auction in the 2.1 GHz band (3G licences). Since then three operators have been granted a 3G licence in Belgium: Belgacom, Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium. One or more new 3G licences will be auctioned to acquire the spectrum that corresponds to the 3G licence that was not granted in 2001. On this occasion, a new 3G operator can also acquire spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz band. The auction will take place according to the following indicative timetable.

Call for applications	15 March 2011
Submission of applications	29 April 2011
Notification of the admissibility of the applications	16 May 2011
Start of the auction	6 June 2011

In a second stage, licences will also be auctioned for the first time in the 2,6 GHz band (4G licences). Currently no operator has a 4G licence in Belgium. The auction will take place according to the following indicative timetable.

Call for applications	1 June 2011
Submission of applications	15 September 2011
Notification of the admissibility of the applications	30 September 2011
Start of the auction	About mid-October 2011

Luc Hindryckx, Chairman of the BIPT Council: *"The rates of mobile Internet in Belgium rank among the highest in Europe. The entry of a fourth mobile operator will bring a new dynamism to the market: innovation will be stimulated and rates will be more accessible to consumers."*

For more information:

Any further enquiries relating to the memorandums and the auction process should be addressed in writing and sent by post, fax or e-mail directly to BIPT and should be marked: "Question auction 2011":

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