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### 1 candidate for the fourth 3G licence

**Brussels, 29 April 2011 - On 15 March 2011 BIPT launched a call for candidates in order to acquire user rights in the 2,1 GHz band (a 3G licence). Today BIPT received 1 candidacy.**

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. Apart from the immediate availability of the spectrum in the 2.1 GHz band, one new 3G operator can moreover acquire spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands to use as of 27 November 2015.

A call for candidates was launched on 15 March 2011. Operators interested were invited to enter their application by 10 a.m. this morning at BIPT's offices.

BIPT received 1 candidacy. BIPT will now look into that candidacy. A notification on the admissibility of this candidacy will follow in the weeks to come.

In the fall licences will also be auctioned in the 2.6 GHz band (4G licences). No operator holds a 4G licence in Belgium today.

The granting of user rights is laid down by the Electronic Communications Act and in accordance with the 3G and 4G Royal Decrees. The website [www.auction2011.be](http://www.auction2011.be) contains all useful information on the auction procedure.

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