



Portuguese 5G auction rules are out

ANACOM released yesterday the rules for the auction on access to the 5G spectrum that will be launched this month.

ANACOM, the Portuguese telecoms regulator, released yesterday the rules of the auction procedure for 5G spectrum and other relevant bands (700 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz, 2.6 GHz and 3.6 GHz) (5G Regulation). It also announced that the auction will be launched this month of November.

The 5G Regulation lays down the conditions for access to the spectrum that will be made available to the market, the procedural rules for the auction and the conditions that will be associated with the use of the spectrum that will be awarded to operators.

Although there are some differences, these conditions do not differ substantially from those in the draft regulation released in March this year that raised strong negative reactions from three mobile operators in Portugal. NOS has already announced that they will take the case to court and to the European Commission to stop the 5G Regulation from becoming effective.

Yesterday, the 5G Regulation was published in the official gazette. The Portuguese Government approved the 5G Regulation as released by ANACOM, which means that if NOS does not succeed in their intentions, the auction will be closed in January and the first commercial 5G offers may be in the market in the beginning of 2021.

We will publish in the coming days an in-depth analysis on the 5G Regulation. In the meantime you can read [here](#) our review of the ANACOM draft regulation published in February.

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