

Information Tools for Telecom End-Users: AGCOM's initiatives

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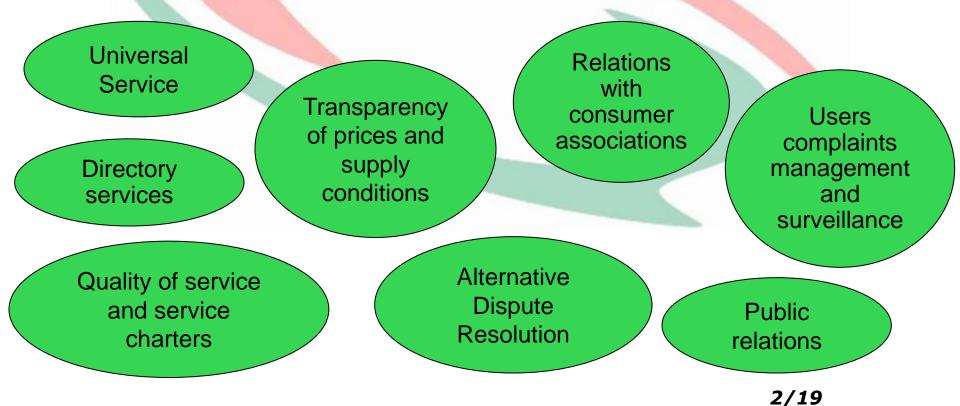


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• Consumer Protection Directorate performs the functions of regulation, supervision and sanction related to:





Consumer Protection

• "ex ante" protection:

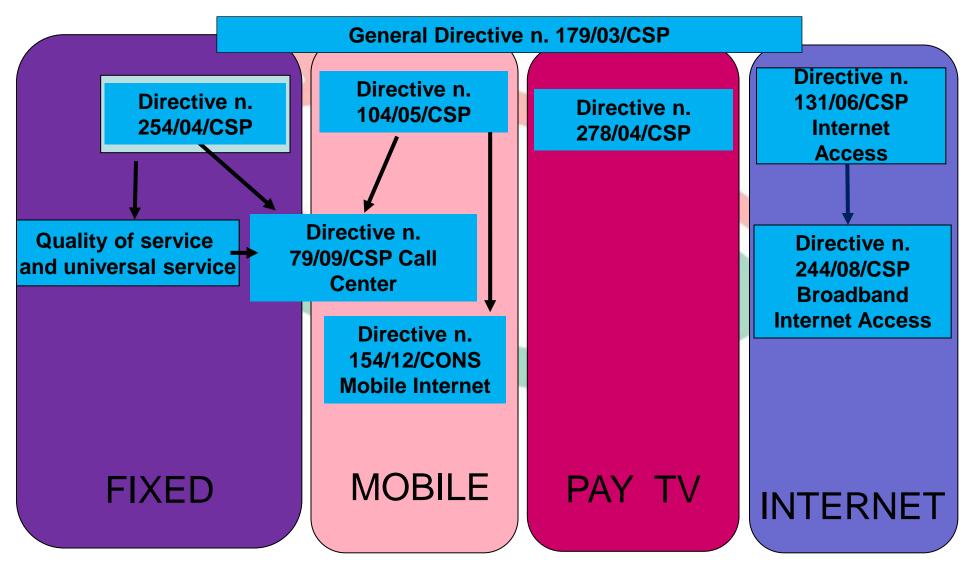
<u>REGULATION</u> (quality of service, service charters and universal service) <u>SELF-REGULATION & CO-REGULATION</u> (codes of conduct)

"ex post" protection:

<u>ENFORCEMENT</u> (complaint analysis; surveillance; sanctioning)

<u>ADR&S(alternative dispute resolution & settlement)</u>







Major AGCOM initiatives about quality of service

"Misura internet" Project and Nemesys software.

"Misura Internet" allows users to test, free of charge, through a special software called Nemesys, the performance of fixed Internet service. Since April 7, 2014 users who have obtained a certificate of quality of their internet access, through Nemesys, with lower values than those contractually promised by the operator of fixed telephony will electronically, can directly send their own complaint to the operator.

www.misurainternet.it

"Drive test" for mobile Internet access.

This measure aims to verify the performance of the four mobile networks currently available on the national territory (H3G, TIM, Vodafone, Wind), in relation to internet access. Since April 2, 2014 information regarding the prioritization of traffic data by the four mobile operators are also available on website <u>www.misurainternetmobile.it</u>



Misuralnternet Web Site Comparative statistical values



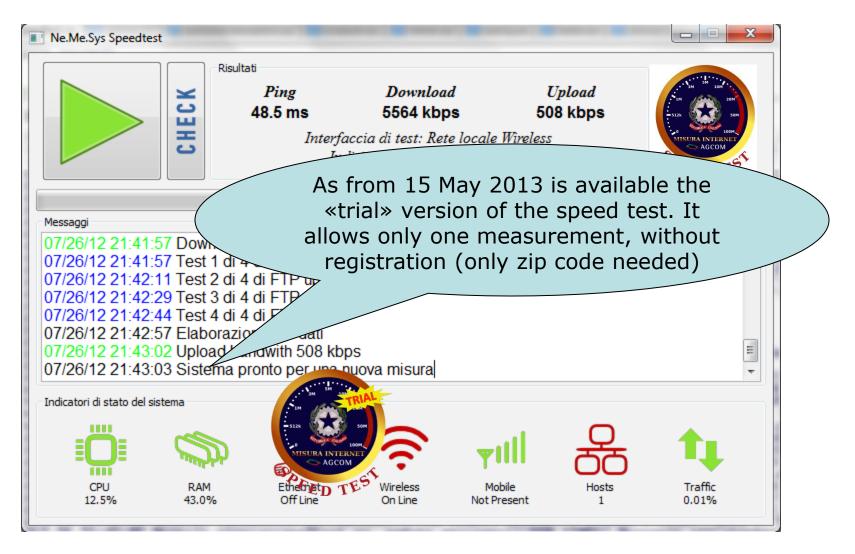
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necessario per il perseguimento della suddetta finalità e nel rispetto delle misure di sicurezza previste dalla legge.

Il conferimento dei dati è facoltativo, tuttavia, qualora il soggetto intenda procedere alla registrazione, la mendace compilazione dei dati contrassegnati come obbligatori renderà il documento privo di ogni effetto giuridico. I dati personali conferiti non saranno comunicati a soggetti terzi ne verranno resi pubblici e saranno trattati da personale qualificato in conformità e nel rispetto del disposto di cui all'art. 7 del D. Lgs. 196/03 in materia di accesso ai dati personali. In particolare i soggetti interessati potranno chiedere conferma dell'esistenza o meno dei propri dati personali, di chiederne la comunicazione in forma intelligibile, la rettifica, l'aggiomamento o la cancellazione, di opporsi alla prosecuzione del trattamento per motivi legittimi, ecc. Tali diritti potranno essere esercitati, ai sensi del suddetto art. 7, mediante richiesta scritta a mezzo di raccomandata con ricevuta di ritorno da indirizzarsi a Fondazione Ugo Bordoni, viale del Policlinico 147, 00161, Roma, o via e-mail, scrivendo all'indirizzo privacy@misuraintemetti, ovvero al seguente numero di fax: 0054237458.



Misura Internet Speed Test: Graphic User Interface





Towards Connected Europe: AGCOM cutting-edge tools

Main aspects of Connected Continent Legislative Package for telecom end-users protection.

Quality of Service

- 1. Operators required to supply (both public and contractual) information on the average speeds they actually provide to their customers during normal and peak times, data volume limitations, and on traffic management practices.
- 2. National regulators required to monitor quality of service and may impose minimum quality requirements, under Commission control.
- 3. Consumers can terminate their contract if there is a significant and non-temporary discrepancy between what they were promised and the service they actually get (e.g: speed).

... The MisuraInternet Project



Quality of the data connections from mobile networks



- Resolution 154/12/CONS has defined a plan of active measures in the field (drive test), in order to verify the performance of the four mobile networks currently available in the country.
- Two campaigns per year, since mid-2012
- More than 1000 measuring points per campaign, distributed, at an early stage, in twenty large cities (one per region).
- Tests provided in nomadic mode and outdoor.
- The statistical processing of the measurement results for each network will be published, in order to be available to users.
- The results of the first campaign of 2013, held from January 28 to May 24, 2013 were recently published on the website www.misurainternetmobile.it



Networks throughput			
KPI *	Experimental campaign	First campaign	Improvement
FTP Upload – throughput (Kbps)	1393	1515	+8,76%
HTTP Download – throughput (Kbps)	5043	6059	+20,15%
HTTP Browsing – Keplero page download time (sec)	5,652	4,597	+18,67%



Decision 331/09/CONS established the accreditation scheme for tariff comparison engines:

- Experience
- Independence
- Accessibility
- Transparency
- Accuracy
- Completeness



An evaluation group made by Consumer Protection Directorate experts analyzes all the accreditation requests making both a qualitative and a quantitative analisys.

Decision 22/10/CONS: accreditation of the tariff comparison company Supermoney.eu



Work in progress: Italian Broadband Map



An unified geographic information system, available online for end users, with commercial broadband offers of Italian operators. Users will input an address or a telephone number and they will get a list of all the wired and wireless broadband services available Input: Via ISONZO 21, Roma In their zone. Fixed Networks

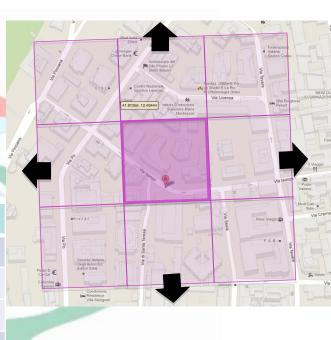
Operator	DL Speed	Technology	Network
Fastweb	Up to 20 Mbits	ADSL 2+	ULL
Telecom Italia	Up to 20 Mbits	ADSL 2+	
Wind Infostrada	Up to 8 Mbits	ADSL	ULL
TeleTu	Up to 8 Mbits	ADSL	Bitstream

Mobile Networks

Operator	DL Speed	Technology
TIM	Up to 42 Mbits	HSDPA+
Vodafone	Up to 384 Kbits	UMTS
3	Up to 14.4 Mbits	HSDPA

Wireless

Operator	DL Speed	Technology
Linkem	Up to 7 Mbits	WiMAX
Aria	Up to 7 Mbits	WiMAX





Users guide to electronic communication services





Initiatives for disadvantaged categories

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AGCOM has paid particular attention to disadvantaged categories, promoting a specific regulatory action (Resolution no. 514/07/CONS) to enable disabled users access "equivalent" to normal users' access. Mobile operators must provide a specific plan for deaf users that includes at least 50 free SMS per day. The price of each service available to these users must not exceed the best price for the same service, including special promotions. Fixed Internet access services operators give to blind users least ninety (90) hours per month of free Internet navigation or, in the case of flat-rate plans, a discount of 50% of the monthly rent.



Sanctioning and dispute resolution between operators and users

"Ex post" protection

Disputes resolution between users and operators

Sanction proceedings for breach of consumer protection rules



Supervision and inspection activities



Consumer Protection Directorate is responsible for complaints management and the surveillance about the possible violation by operators of electronic communications.

Measures put in place to facilitate an efficient management of complaints and the interaction between users and AGCOM :



Effects of computerized management of complaints and reports:

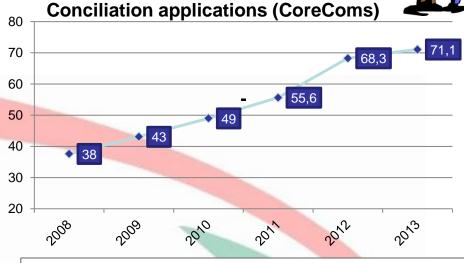
- reduction of items (about 60.000 in 2008 => about 16.000 in 2013)
- strengthening the level of protection for end-users

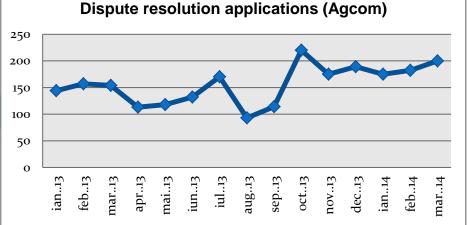


Dispute Resolution



- Resolution n. 173/07/CONS Two phases Compulory conciliation trial Dispute Resolution Decentrated model •Co.Re.Com. Commerce Chambres
 - Parithetical organisms





Effectiveness improvement: from 60% in 2008 to 71% in 2013

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Thanks for your attention! Federico Flaviano