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## BELGIAN INSTITUTE FOR POSTAL SERVICES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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### **BIPT receives 1 offer for the delivery of recognised newspapers and recognised periodicals**

**Brussels, 18 May 2015 - Today, BIPT received 1 offer for the concession regarding the delivery of recognised newspapers and recognised periodicals. The offer comes from bpost. It will now be further examined and evaluated as to its regularity, financial basis, price and quality.**

The delivery of recognised newspapers and periodicals constitutes a service of general economic interest, which is currently entrusted to bpost. Since 1 January 2011 the Belgian postal market has been completely liberalised and no more postal services are reserved for bpost. In a European Commission Decision of 2 May 2013 regarding the services of general economic interest provided by bpost it was decided that the delivery of recognised newspapers and periodicals had to be assigned by means of a concession procedure.

In that context BIPT published a notice of concession and call for tenders regarding the delivery of recognised newspapers and recognised periodicals in 2014. BIPT received 3 candidacies, namely from bpost, BD (Belgische Distributiedienst) and AMP (Agence et messagerie de la Presse). On 6 February 2015 the Council of Ministers accepted the 3 candidacies received.

The candidates were invited to submit an offer based on the specifications sent to them and containing the technical specifications for the award as well as the award criteria, within a maximum period of 90 calendar days, i.e. no later than 18 May 2015 (11 a.m.). Today, BIPT has received 1 offer, namely from bpost.

A jury will examine this offer and evaluate it as to its regularity, financial basis, price and quality in view of preparing the further decision process.

The concession agreement will be concluded for a 5 year period year maximum.

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