

COMMUNICATION MARKETS MONITORING SYSTEM

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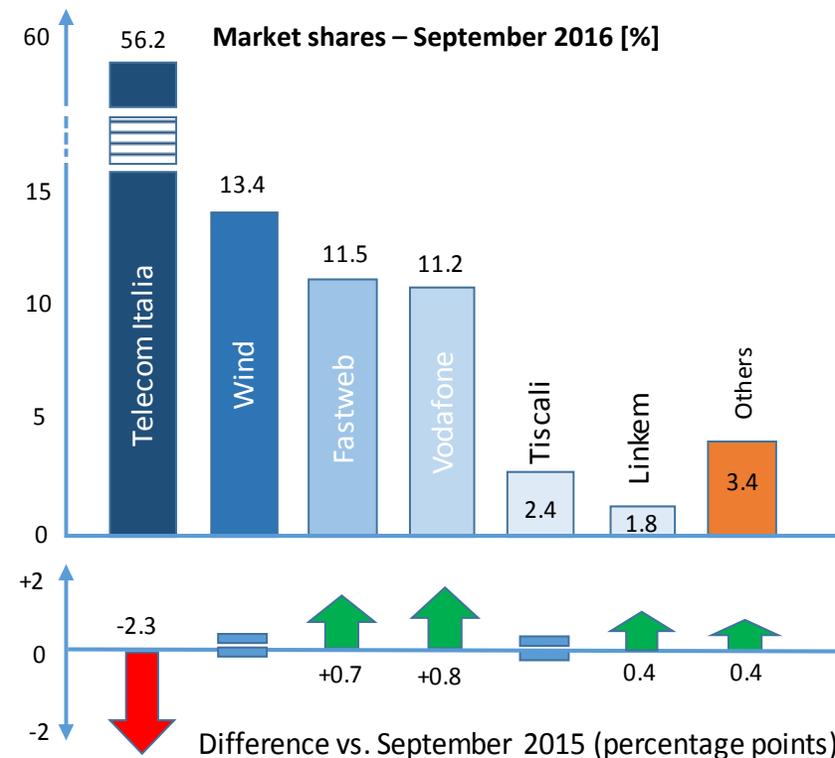
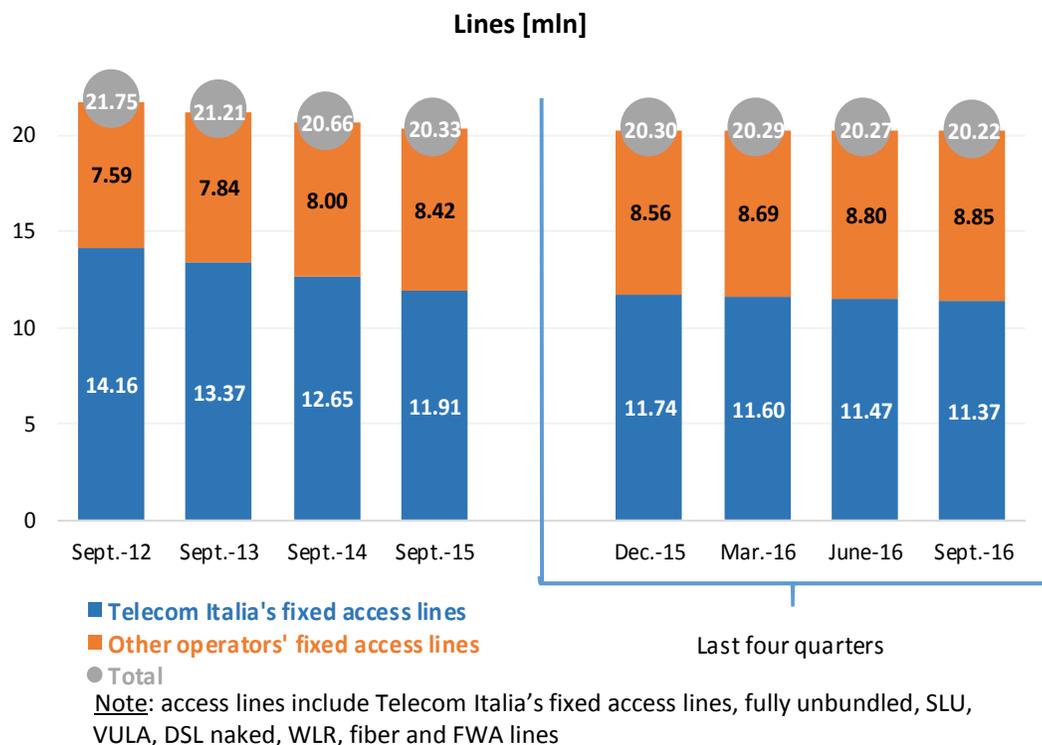
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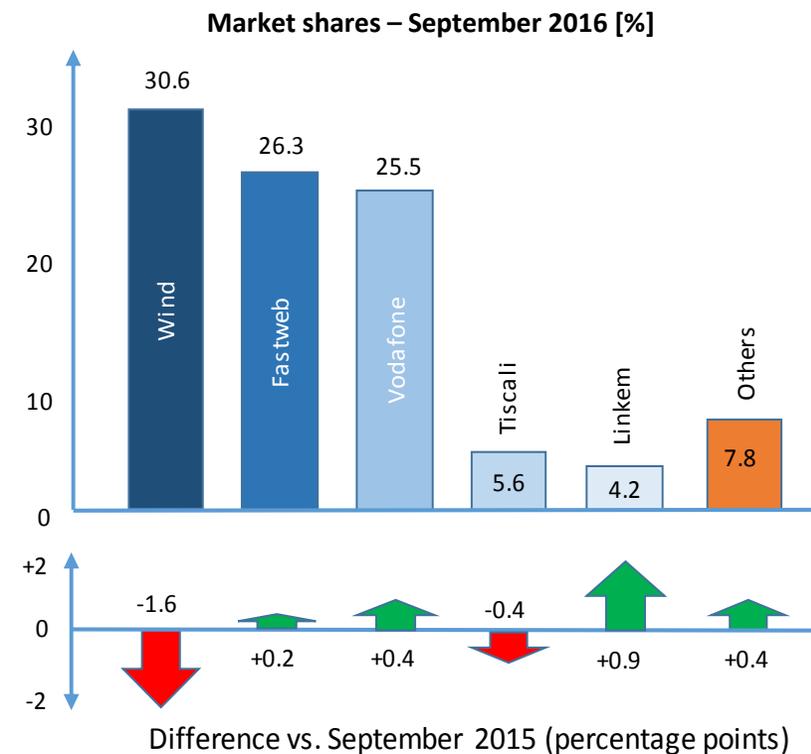
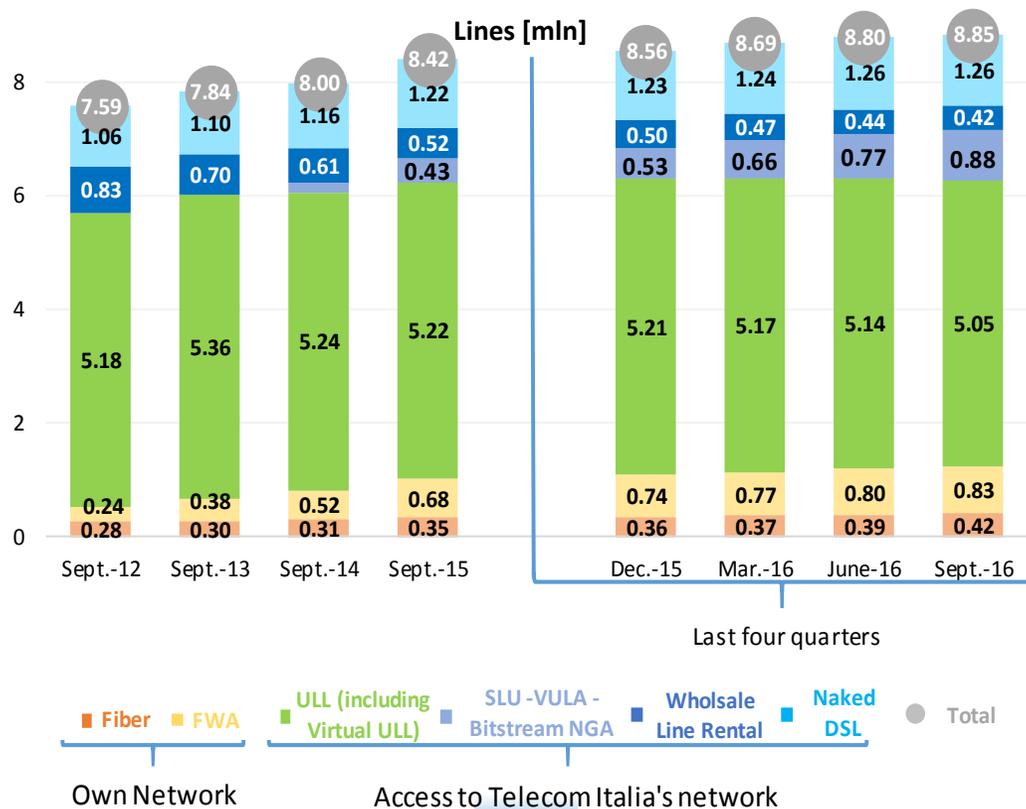
1.1 Total fixed access lines



- Total access lines have decreased by **120** thousand units over the last twelve months
- While Telecom Italia's access lines have decreased by **540** thousand units, other operators' access lines have increased by about **420** thousand units
- Over the last four years, Telecom Italia's access lines have decreased by **2.79** million units

- Telecom Italia's market share dropped to **56.2%** at the end of September 2016 (compared to **58.6%** at the end of September 2015)
- Wind's market share has remained stable at **13.4%**
- Fastweb's market share has reached **11.5%**, with a growth of **0.7** pp (YoY)
- Other operators have, as a whole, increased their market share by **1.3** pp (YoY); the increase has been more evident for Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) operators

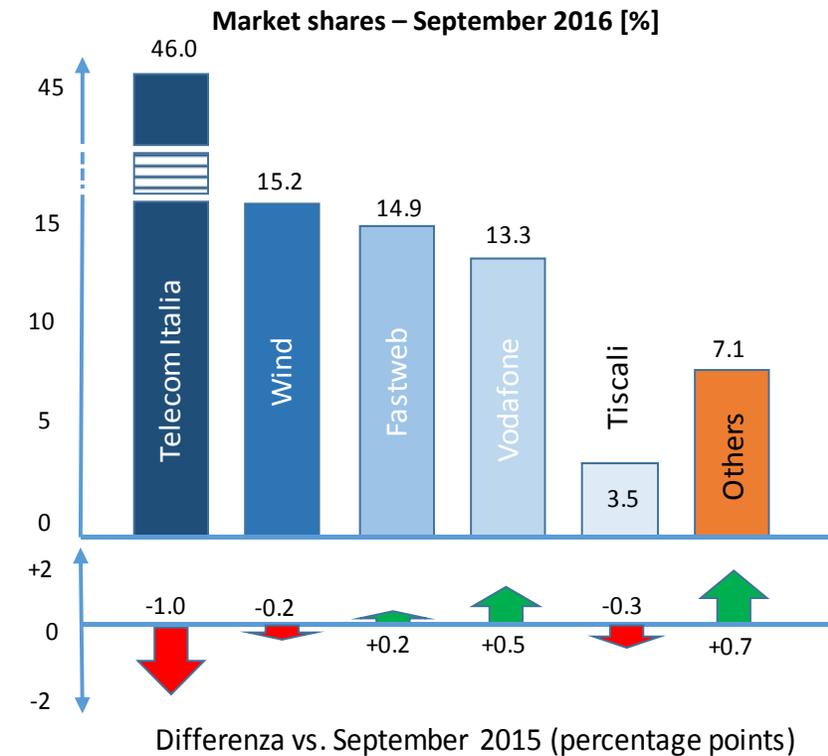
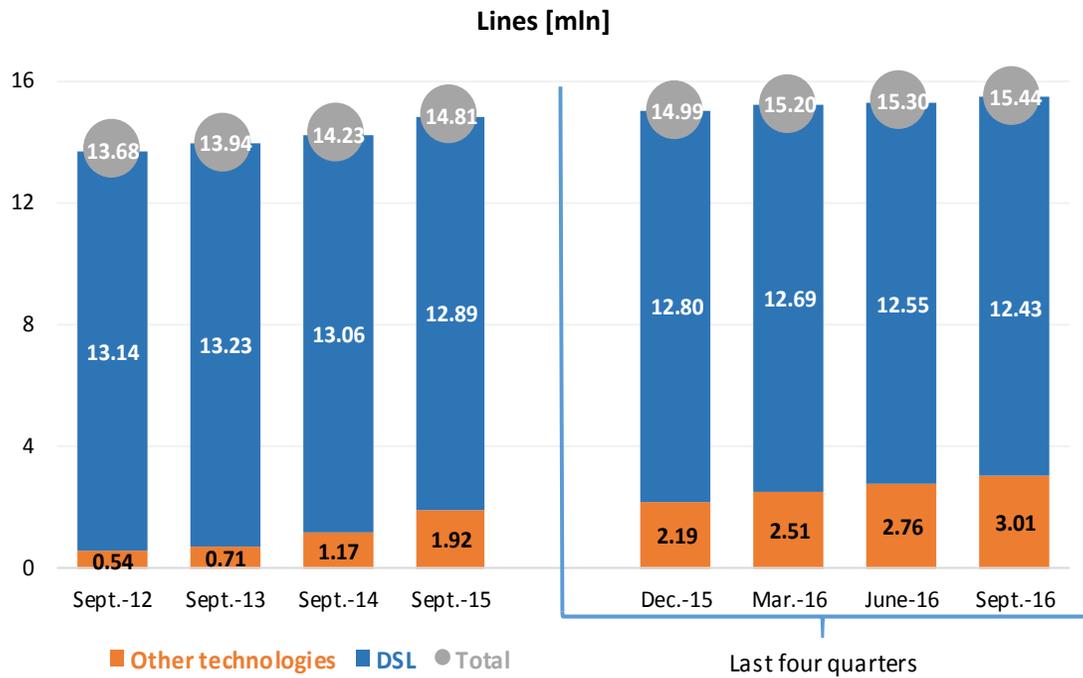
1.2 Alternative operators' fixed access lines



- Access lines provided by other operators have increased by **420** thousand units (YoY)
- A substantial part of this growth (**450** thousand lines) is essentially due to the new NGA services offered by Telecom Italia (SLU and VULA) that compensate for the reduction in ULL and WLR lines (**-280** thousand lines)
- FWA lines have increased by **150** thousand units (YoY), while fiber lines have increased by **70** thousand units

- Wind is still the first alternative operator, but its market share has shown a decrease of **1.6** pp (YoY)
- Vodafone's market share has reached **25.5%**, with a growth of **0.4** pp (YoY)
- The growth of other operators' market share (**1.3** pp YoY) is essentially due to the increase of the number of FWA lines

1.3 Broadband fixed lines

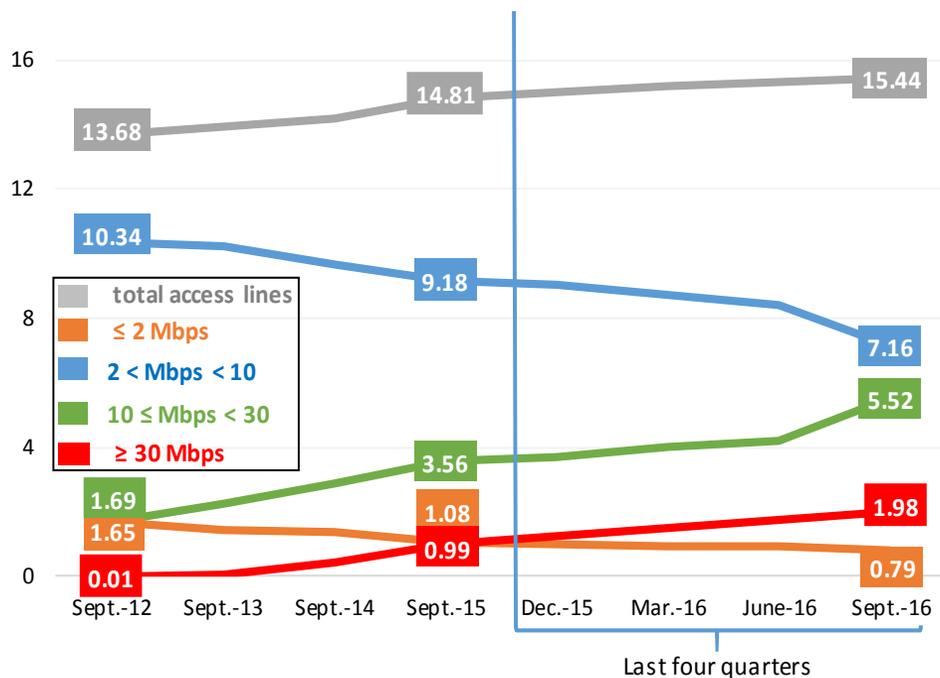


- Broadband lines have increased by about **630** thousand units YoY
- DSL lines have decreased by about **460** thousand units (YoY), now accounting for the **80.5%** of broadband lines (12.43 million lines)
- Other technologies, in particular NGA lines, have increased by **1.09** thousand units YoY (**+820** thousand units from the beginning of the year)

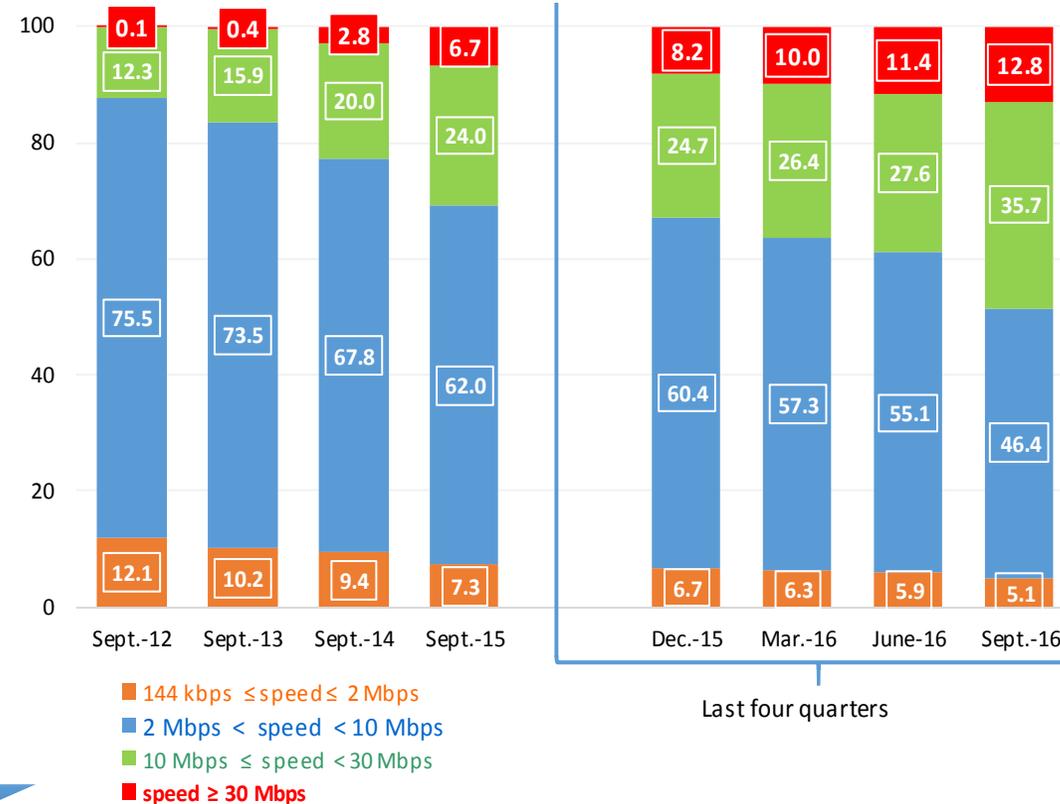
- Telecom Italia's market share has reduced by **1.0** pp (YoY)
- Vodafone's market share has reached **13.3%**, with a growth of **0.5** pp (YoY)
- The growth of other operators' market share (**0.7** pp) is essentially due to the increase in the number of FWA lines

1.4 Broadband fixed lines by speed

Broadband access lines trend by speed classes [mln] (*)



Access lines by speed classes [%] (*)



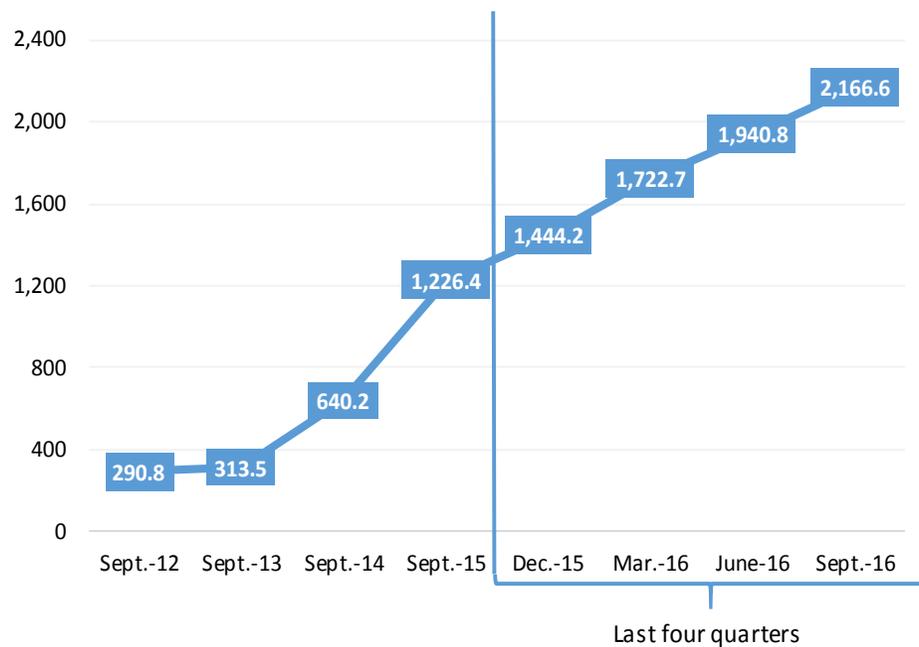
- Broadband lines faster than 10 Mbps have increased by more than **2.9** million units YoY and account for **48.5%** of total broadband lines
- Telecom has shown the most conspicuous growth of ≥10 Mbps lines YoY (**1.4** million units)
- Broadband lines faster than 30 Mbps have increased by **990** thousand units YoY and account for **12.8%** of total broadband lines
- Telecom Italia, Fastweb and Vodafone own together more than **94%** of high-speed lines (faster than 30 Mbps)

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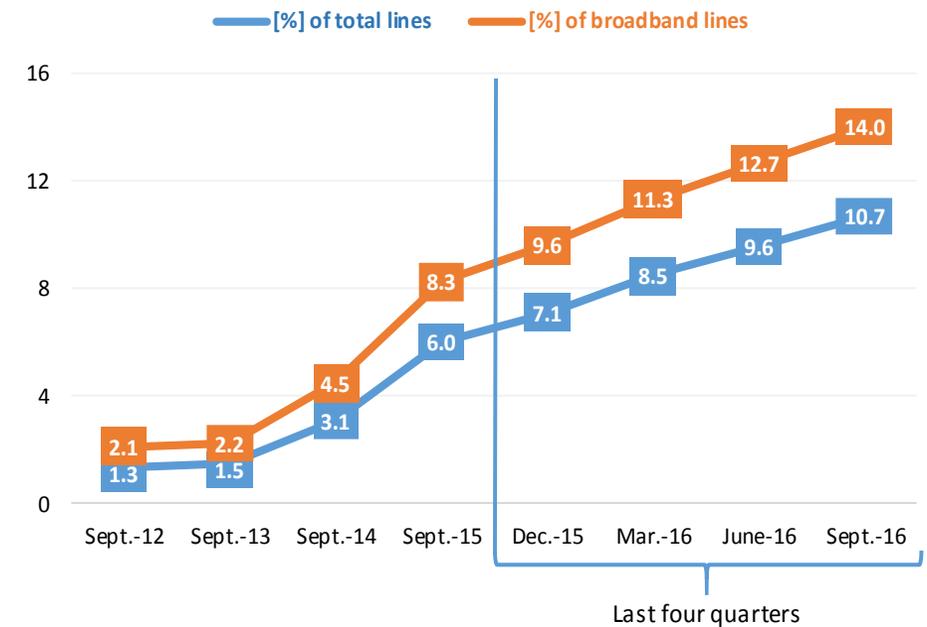
1.5 NGA broadband fixed lines^(*)



NGA broadband access lines [*1000] ^(**)



NGA broadband lines as a share of total and broadband lines ^(**)

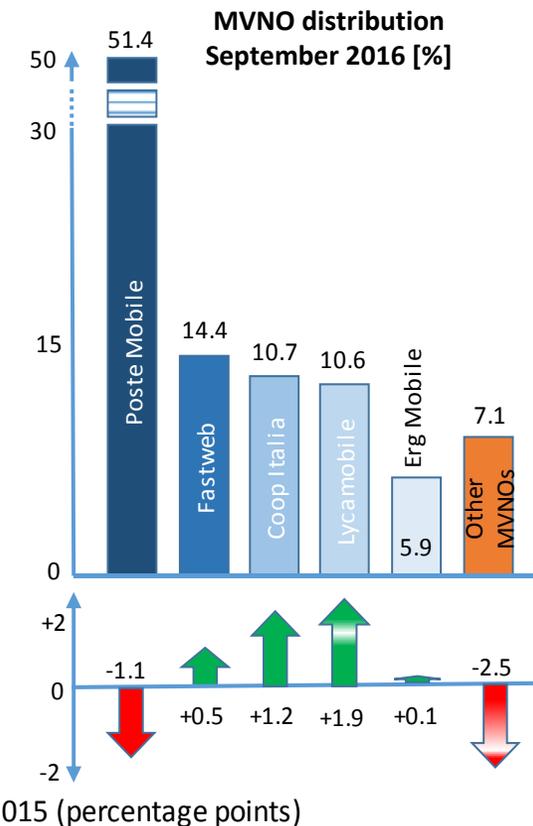
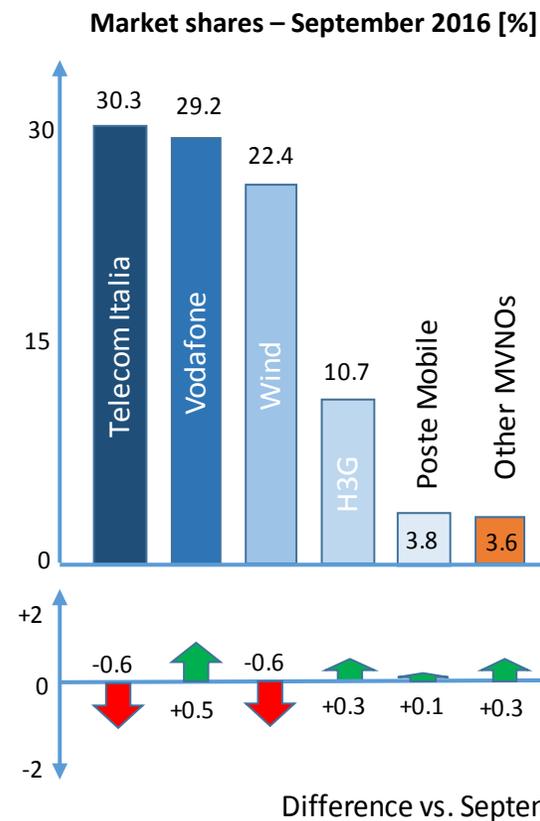
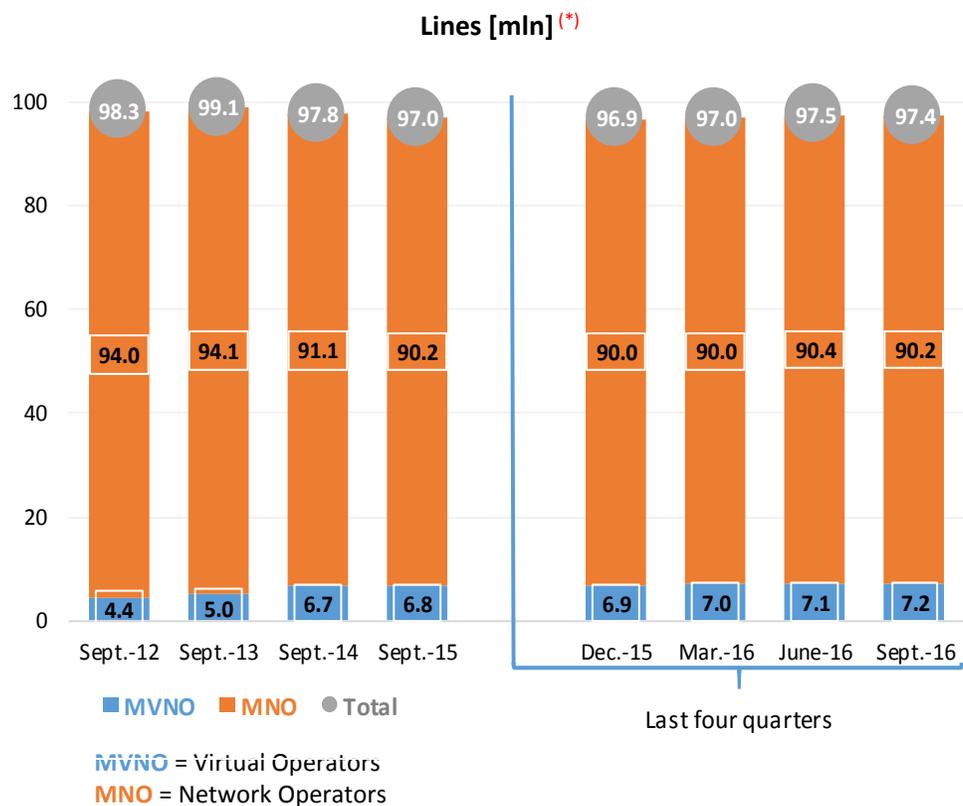


- NGA lines account for **10.7%** of total lines and for **14.0%** of broadband lines, now accounting for more than **2.15** million units
- On a yearly basis, Telecom Italia has shown the most conspicuous growth of high speed lines (**+435** thousand units)

^(*) Consistently with the definition given by the EU, NGA lines include, among others, the following type of access: vDSL, Fiber to the home and Fiber to the building

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1.6 Mobile subscribers

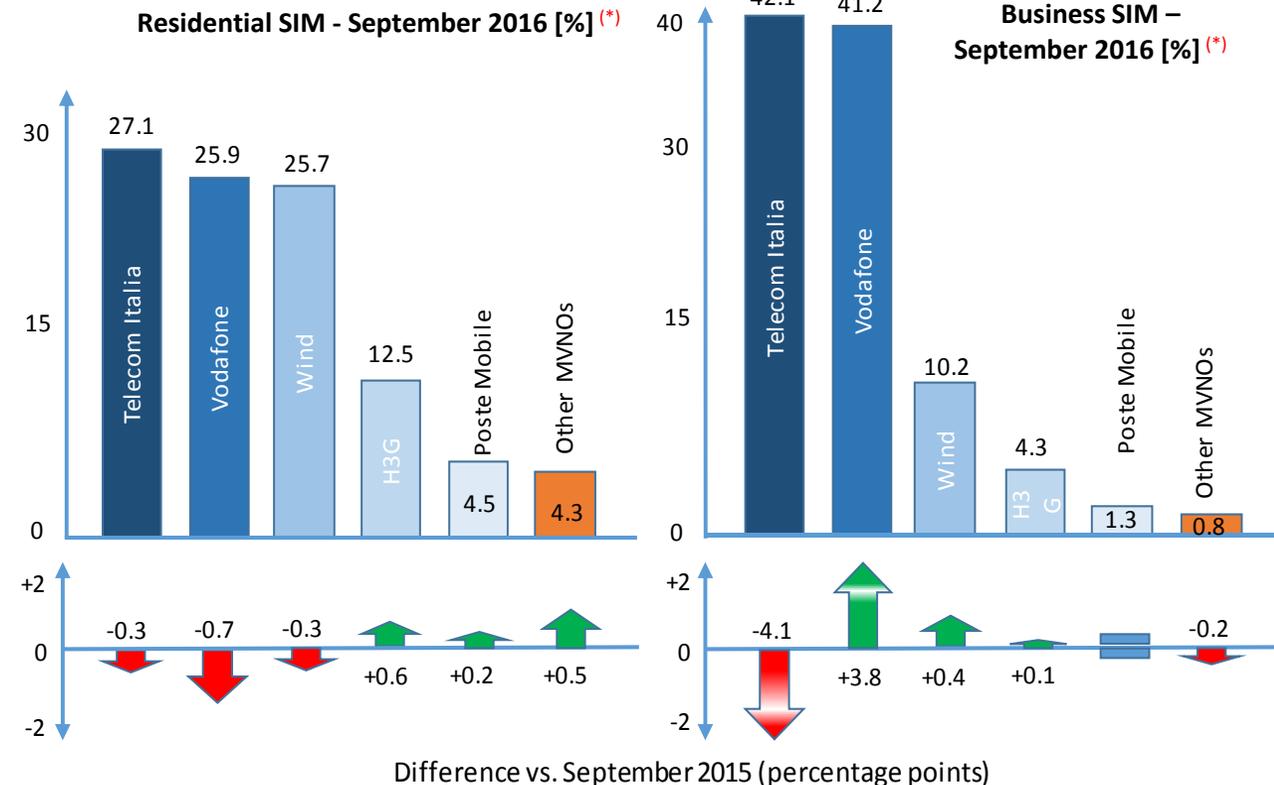
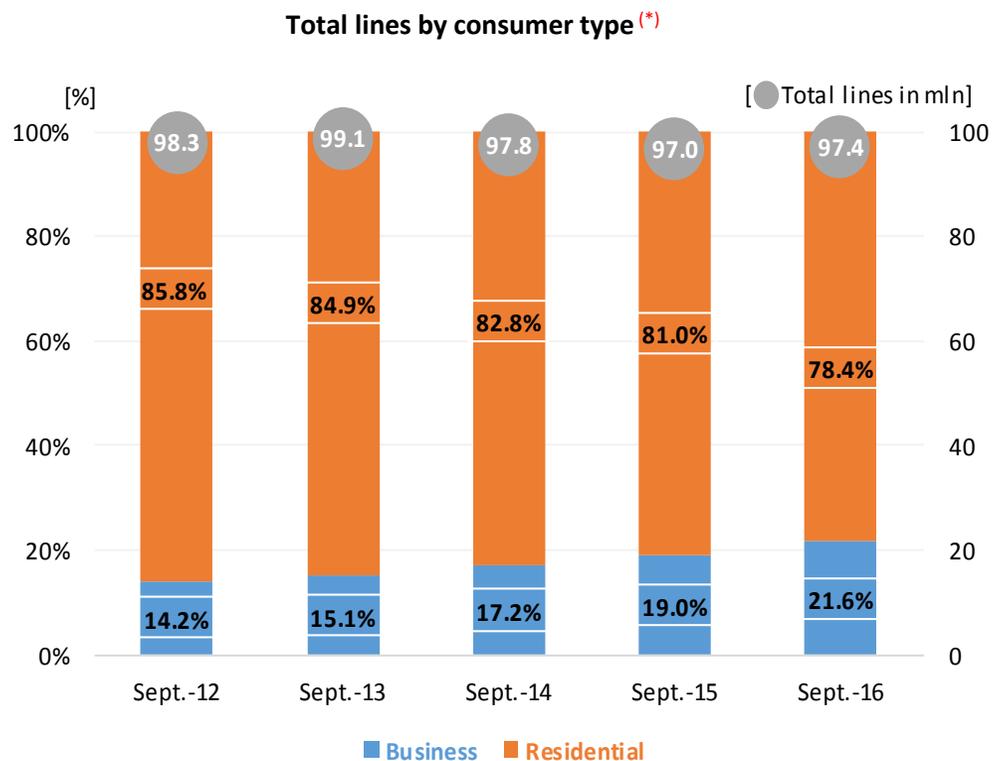


- On a yearly basis, mobile lines have increased by about **410** thousand units mainly due to MVNOs
- Over the last five years, «M2M» SIM have increased by **6.5** million units, now accounting for **11.4** million lines

- Telecom Italia's market share has decreased by **0.6** pp (YoY), while Vodafone's market share has increased by **0.5** pp
- Poste Mobile's and other MVNOs' market shares show an overall increase of **0.4** pp
- Among MVNOs, Poste Mobile holds a share of **51.4%**

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1.7 Mobile subscribers by type of consumer



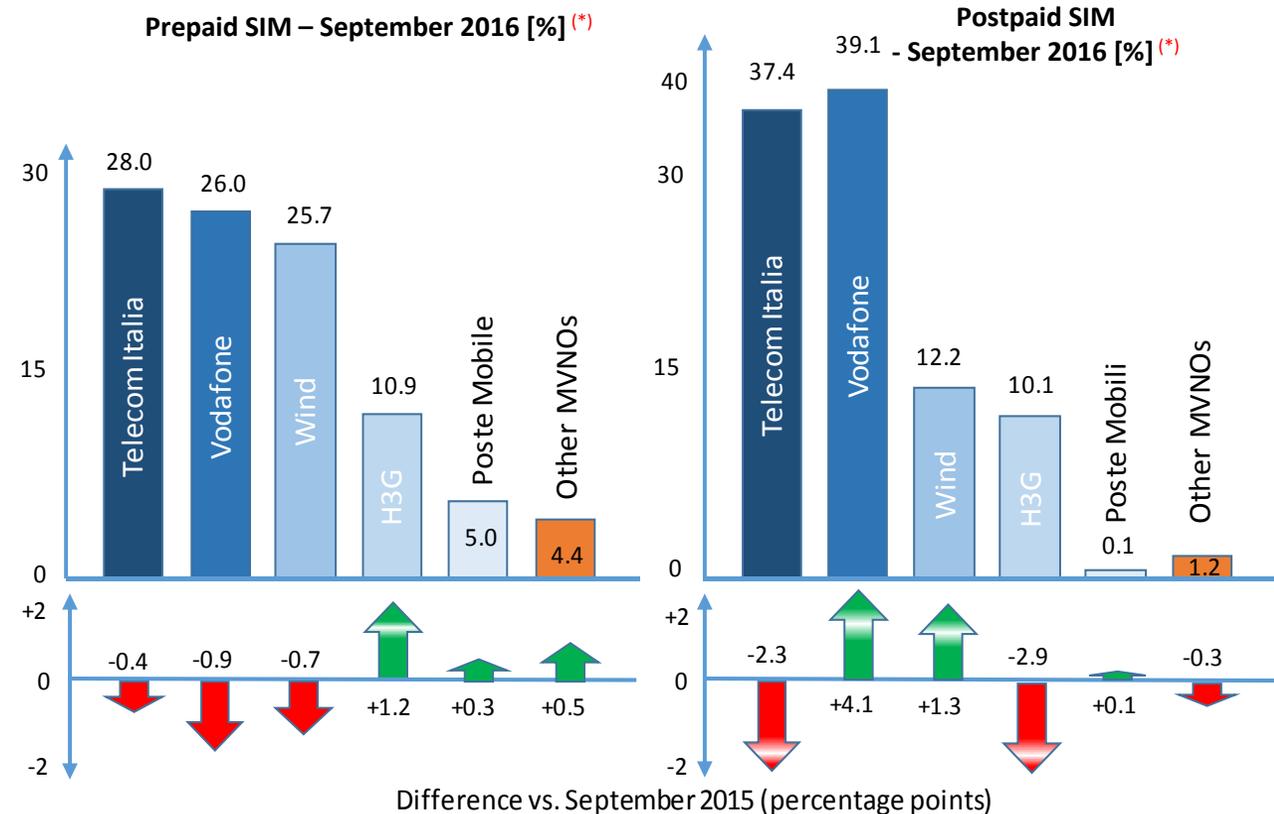
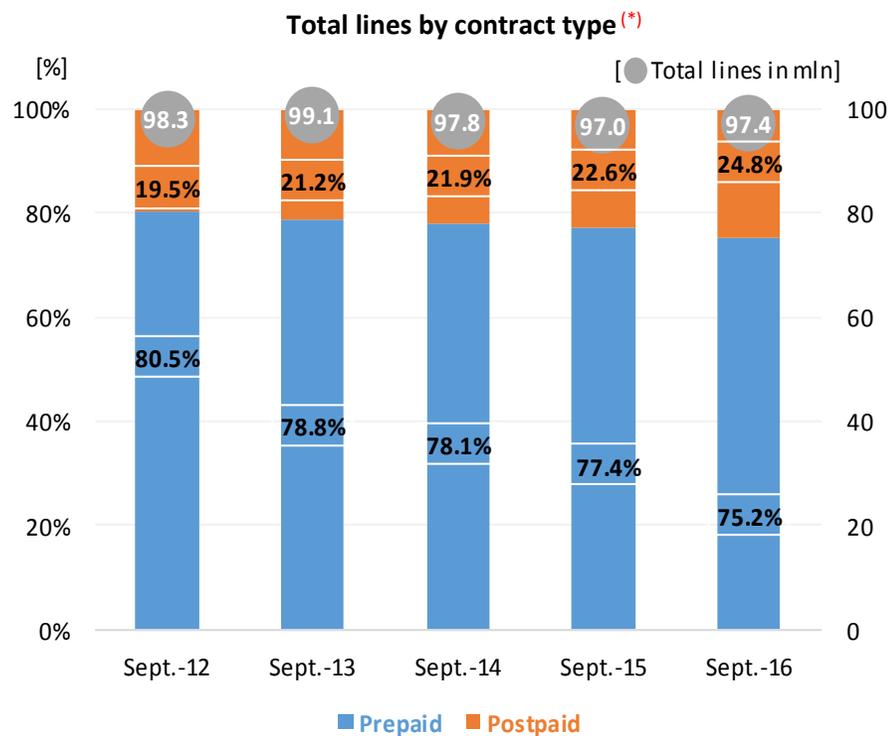
- Non residential SIMs (**21.0** million at the end of September 2016) have increased on a yearly basis by **2.6** million units (**)
- Residential SIMs (**77.1** million at the end of June 2015) have decreased by **3.2** million units (YoY)

- In the residential segment, the market shares of the three main players are comparable; Vodafone's market share has reduced by **0.7** pp (YoY)
- In the business segment Telecom Italia confirmed its leadership with a market share of **43.2%** (**-4.1** pp)
- Vodafone's and Wind's market shares have increased by **3.8** and **0.4** pp, respectively

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(**) This result is partially affected by the rapid growth of M2M SIMs which are included as business SIMs

1.8 Mobile subscribers by type of contract



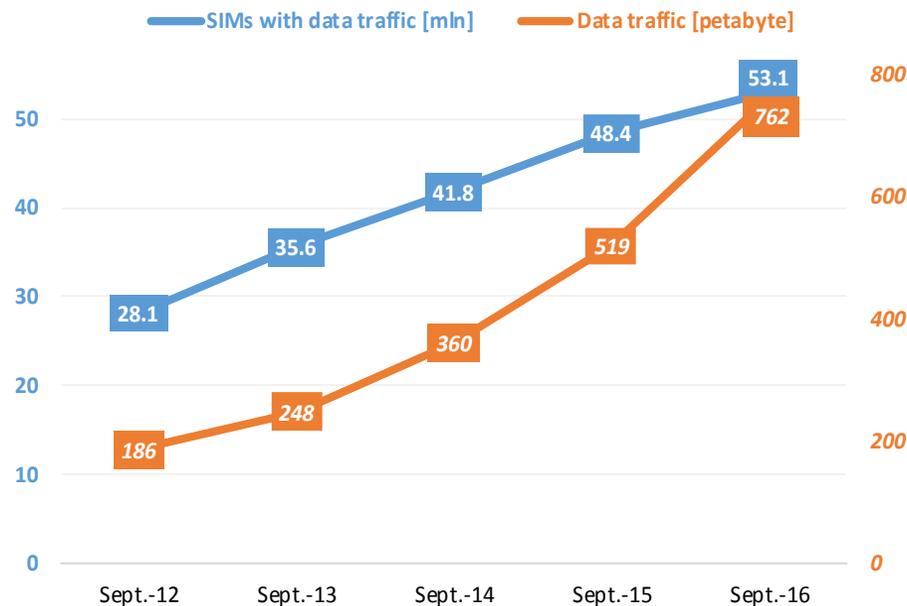
- At the end of September 2016, prepaid SIMs reached **73.3** million units (**75.2%** of total lines), with a decrease of **1.8** million units YoY
- At the end of September 2016, postpaid SIMs reached **24.1** million units (**24.8%** of total lines), with an increase of **2.2** million units YoY

- In the prepaid segment, H3G's (+1.2 pp) and Poste Mobile's (+0.3 pp) market shares have increased, whereas Vodafone's (-0.9 pp) and Wind's (-0.7 pp) market shares have decreased (YoY)
- In the postpaid segment, with a share of **37.4%** Telecom Italia has lost the leadership (-2.3 pp YoY); Vodafone leads the segment with a share of **39.1%** (+4.1 pp YoY)

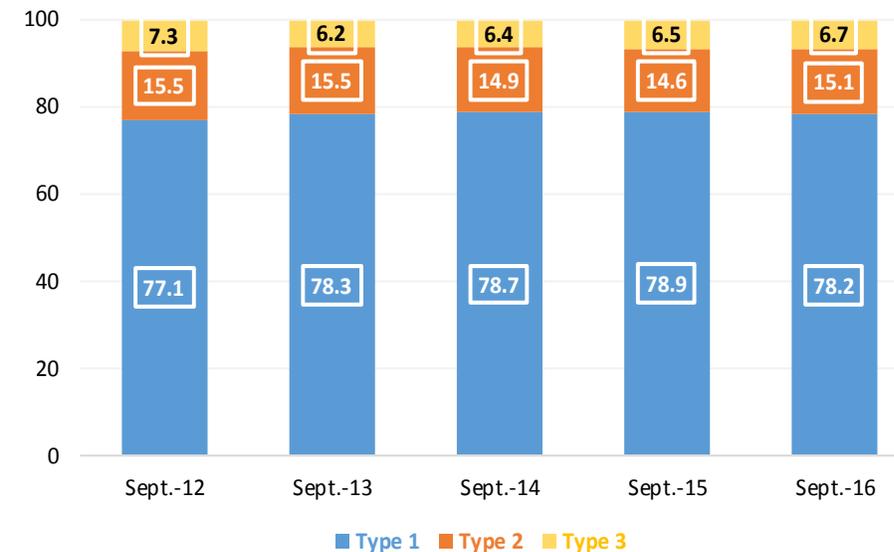
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Data traffic since the beginning of the year (*)



SIMs with data traffic by contract type [%] (*)



According to European Commission definitions (CoCom):

Type 1: "dedicated data subscriptions for add-on data package to a voice service requiring an additional subscription"

Type 2: "dedicated data subscriptions for stand-alone services"

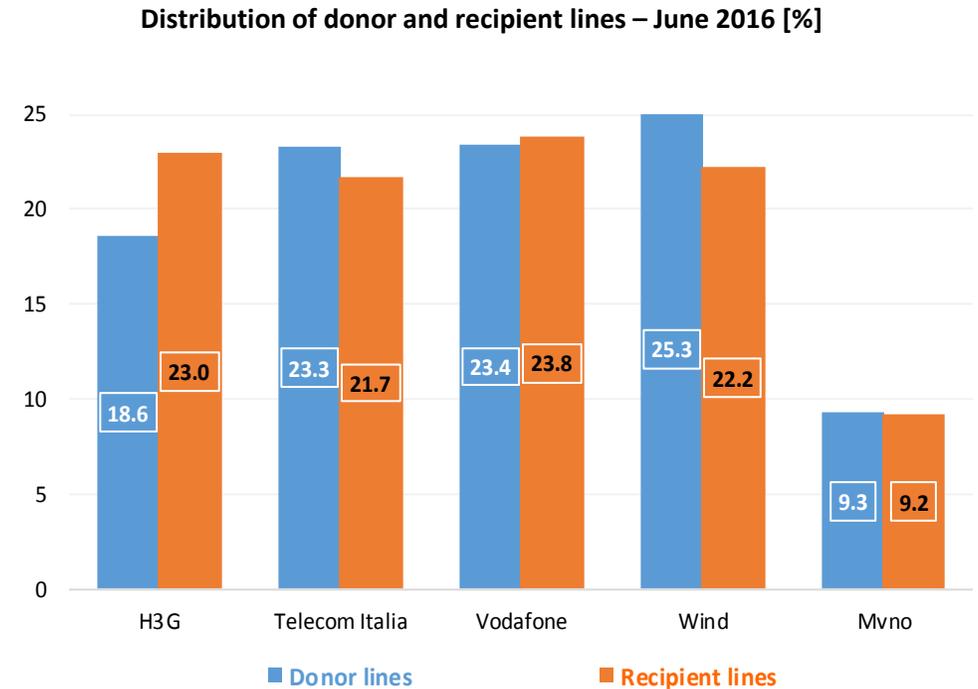
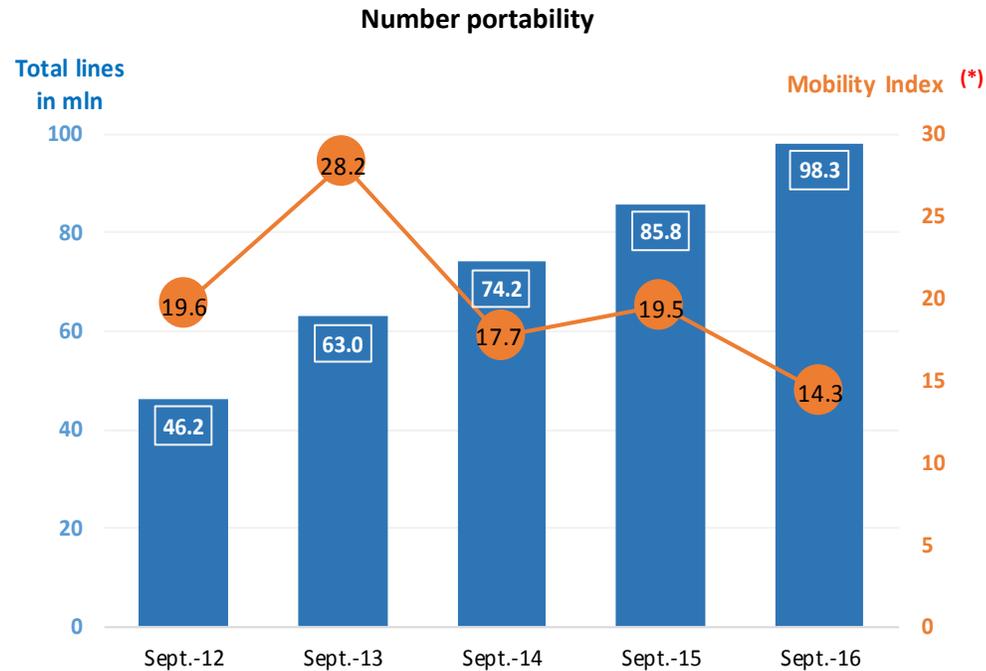
Type 3: "actual usage of standard mobile subscriptions"



- SIMs with data traffic have increased over the last year from **48.4** to **53.1** million units, with a growth rate of **9.7%**
- Since September 2012, the number of SIMs with data traffic has increased from **28.6%** to **54.5%** of the overall customer base
- In September 2016, data traffic showed a **47.0%** increase as compared to September 2015
- In the first nine months of the year, the average mobile data consumption per smartphone increased by **33%**, from 1.2 to 1.6 Giga byte per month

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1.10 Mobile number portability



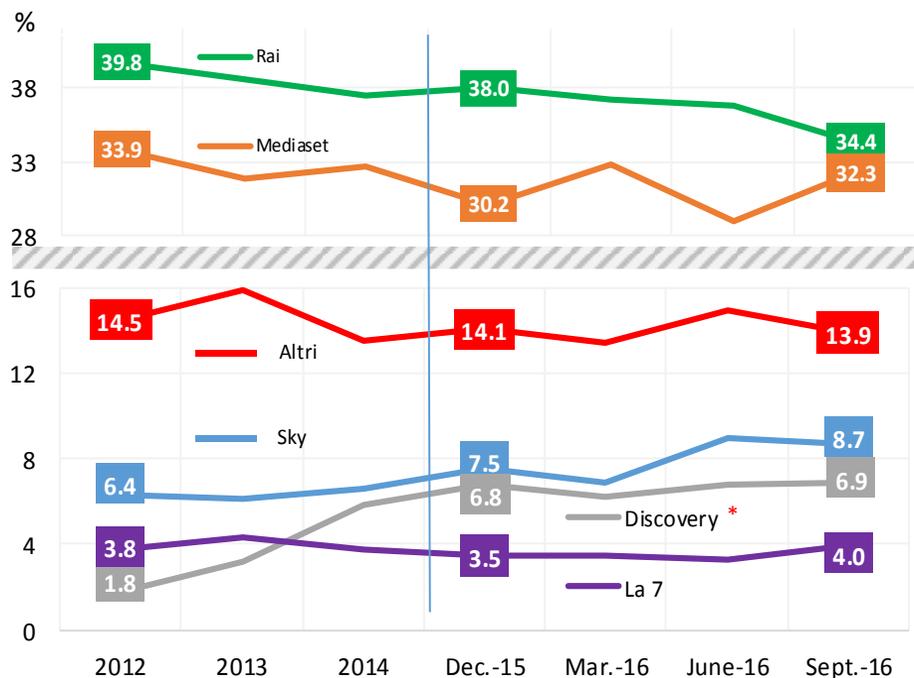
- At the end of September 2016, the total amount of mobile number portability operations reached a value of **98** million (cumulative figure)
- On a yearly basis, the net «donating-recipient» balance has improved for H3G (**+549** thousand lines), whereas it has remained relatively stable for Vodafone, and it has worsened for Wind (**-388** thousand lines) and Telecom Italia (**-196** thousand lines)
- At the end of September 2016, the «Mobility Index»(*) was 14.3, slightly down as compared to the previous years

(*) – Ratio between (i) total donating lines plus total recipient lines since the beginning of the year, and (ii) the corresponding average customer base

2.1 Media: TV audience and newspapers' sales



Audience on an average day - (2012 – June 2016) [%]

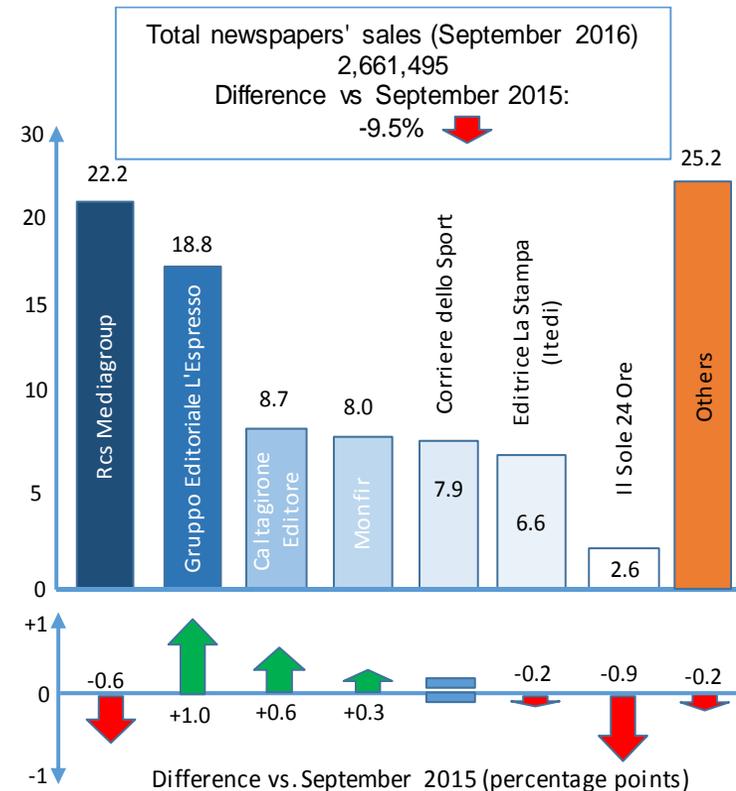


Source: Auditel

* Including the audience of Switchover Media acquired by Discovery in 2013



Newspapers' sales – September 2016 [%]



Note: AGCOM's elaborations on ADS data

Since data are collected monthly on 64 newspapers, the figures may not, therefore, be directly comparable with data gathered by AGCOM and published in the Annual Report which refers to the entire newspapers population



- Over the 2012-2016 period, the cumulative audience of the two most important players (Rai and Mediaset) has decreased significantly (by **7.0 pp**, from 73.7% to 66.7%)
- The audience of smaller operators (**13.9%**) is stable as compared to the previous year

- Newspapers' sales showed a **9.5%** reduction YoY
- Gruppo Editoriale l'Espresso and Rcs Mediagroup currently share the leadership of the market

2.2 Media: radio and Internet audience

Radio: listeners on an average day (1st half of 2016)

Position 1st semester 2016	Change on previous year	Radio station	% share
1	▬ (0)	RTL 102.5	19.6
2	↑ (+1)	RADIO DEEJAY	13.6
3	↑ (+1)	RADIO 105	13.0
3	↓ (-1)	RDS 100% Grandi Successi	13.0
5	▬ (0)	RADIO ITALIA Solomusicaitaliana	12.5
6	▬ (0)	RAI RADIO 1	11.7
7	▬ (0)	RAI RADIO 2	8.5
8	▬ (0)	VIRGIN RADIO	6.6
9	▬ (0)	RADIO 24 - IL SOLE 24 ORE	5.6
9	↑ (+1)	RADIO KISS KISS	5.6
11	↑ (+2)	RADIO R101	4.7
12	▬ (0)	RADIO CAPITAL	4.6
13	↓ (-2)	M2O	4.4
14	▬ (0)	RAI RADIO 3	4.0
15	▬ (0)	RMC - RADIO MONTE CARLO	3.2

Source: data collected as a part of the RadioMonitor survey



- RTL 102.5 keeps the leading position, followed by RDS and Radio DeeJay (belonging to the Espresso group, owner also of M2O and Radio Capital)

Internet: active reach (September 2016)

Position September 2016	Change on previous year	Parent*	Active Reach** (%)	Average time spent on website by visitors (hh:mm)
1	▬ (0)	Google	96.7	06:01:38
2	▬ (0)	Facebook***	86.2	23:06:15
3	▬ (0)	Microsoft	69.5	01:22:18
4	↑ (+3)	Amazon	60.1	00:56:10
5	▬ (0)	ItaliaOnline	59.4	01:22:19
6	↑ (+20)	Mondadori****	56.9	00:15:27
7	↑ (+2)	eBay	51.2	00:40:58
8	↑ (+2)	Wikimedia Foundation	47.3	00:14:10
9	↓ (-1)	Yahoo	47.1	00:42:42
10	↑ (+1)	Gruppo Espresso	44.6	00:25:44
11	↑ (+1)	RCS MediaGroup	42.5	00:23:42
12	↑ (+1)	Triboo	39.2	00:09:48
13	↑ (+1)	Mediaset	37.1	00:29:54
14	↑ (+8)	Caltagirone Editore	33.4	00:19:27
15	↑ (+1)	Telecom Italia	32.1	00:28:19

*Parent: name of the website's parent entity. Parent provides the Parent-level information for a Brand or Channel

*** Whatsapp, since december 2015, was included in the Facebook brand

Source: Audiweb (September 2015 – September 2016)

**Active Reach (%): is the percentage of all active unique persons who visited the site or used the application.

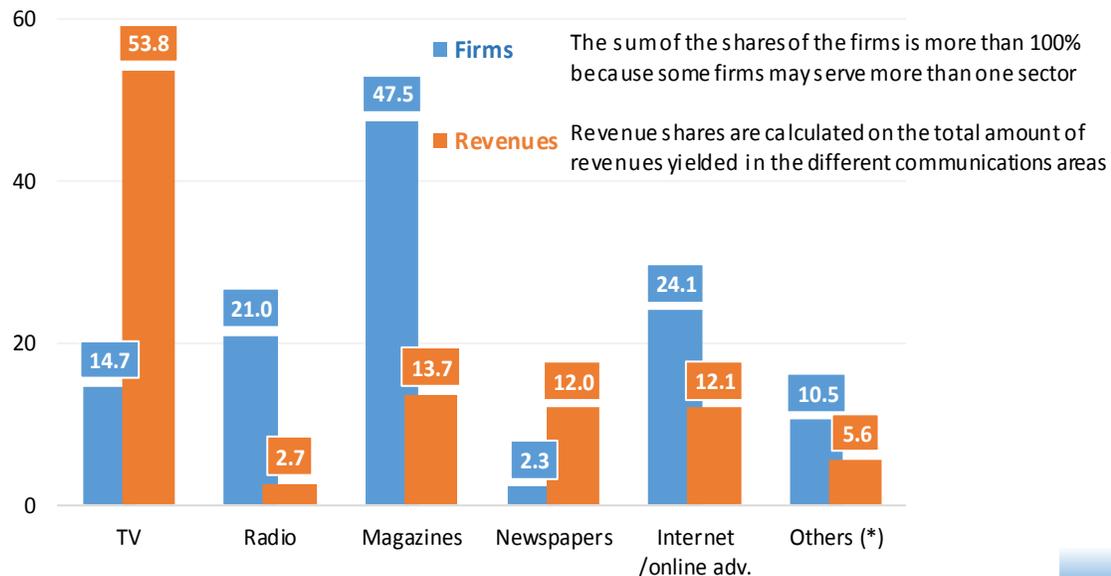
**** Banzai, since July 2016, was included in the Mondadori brand



- Google parent entity remains the leader with about **96.7%** of the active reach
- The main portals to web navigation show the higher active reach
- In September 2016, about 29.4 mln people used the Internet, up by **4.4** mln people as compared to September 2015



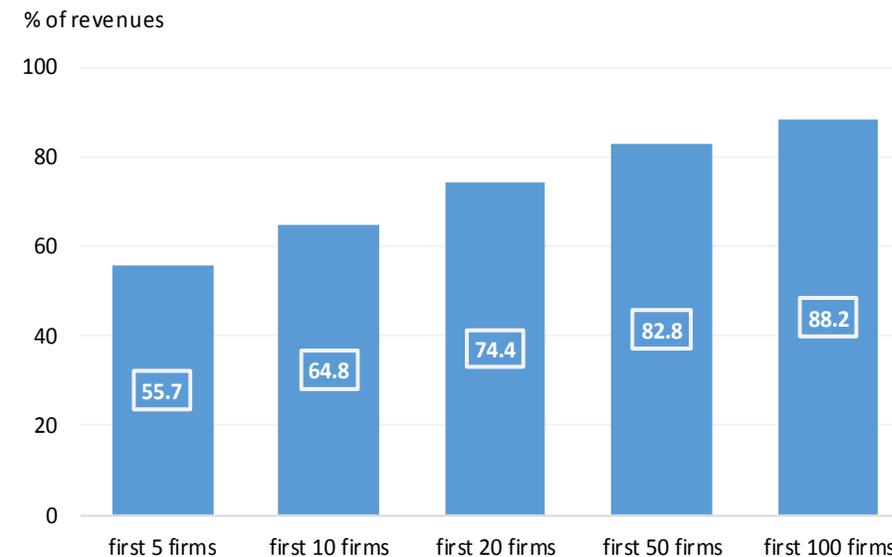
IES distribution by industry (%) - 2016



(*) – Includes advertising sales companies, press agencies



Concentration of total revenues (%)

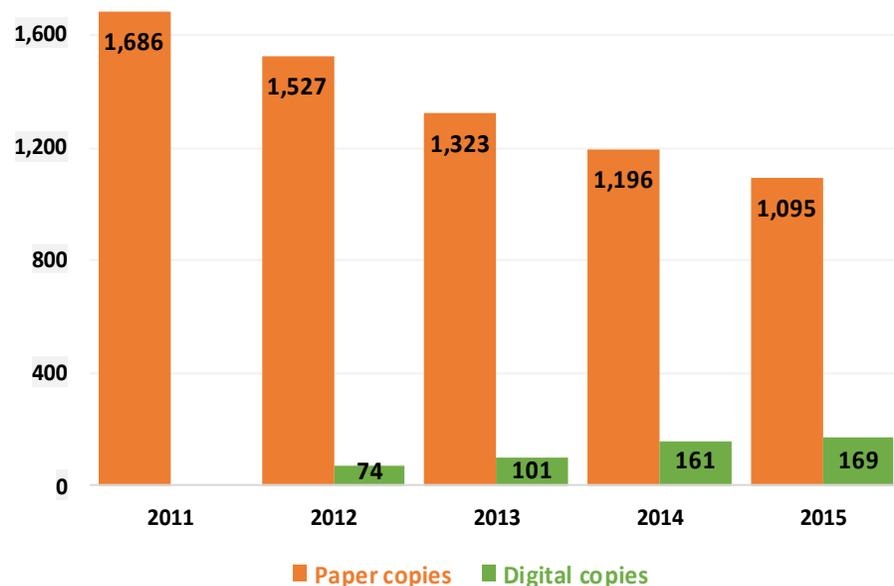


- More than **4,200** notifications received in 2016: approximately half of them comes from firms operating in the publishing sector (magazines and newspapers)
- Over half of IES revenues (**53.8%**) comes from the broadcasting sector
- It is possible to observe a high level of revenues concentration: the **70%** of total revenues is produced by the first 20 operators

2.4 Media: daily newspapers and magazines circulation

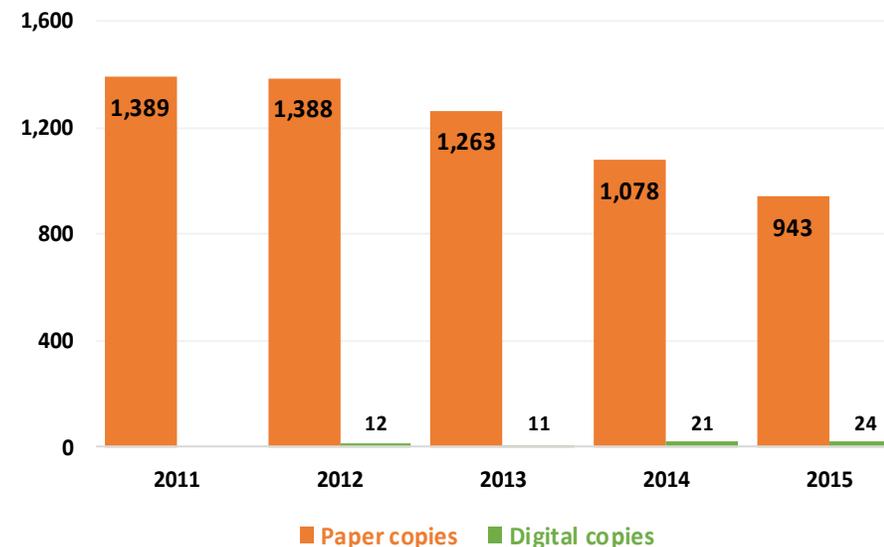


Daily newspapers - Paper and digital copies (millions of units)



- During the period considered (2011 – 2015), for newspapers' paper copies it's possible to observe a significant decline in unit sales (-35%)
- At the end of 2015, digital copies have increased by 95 million units compared to 2012, now accounting for 15.4% of paper copies
- Il Sole 24 Ore, Gruppo Editoriale l'Espresso and RCS Mediagroup own together about 80% of digital copies

Magazines - Paper and digital copies (millions of units)

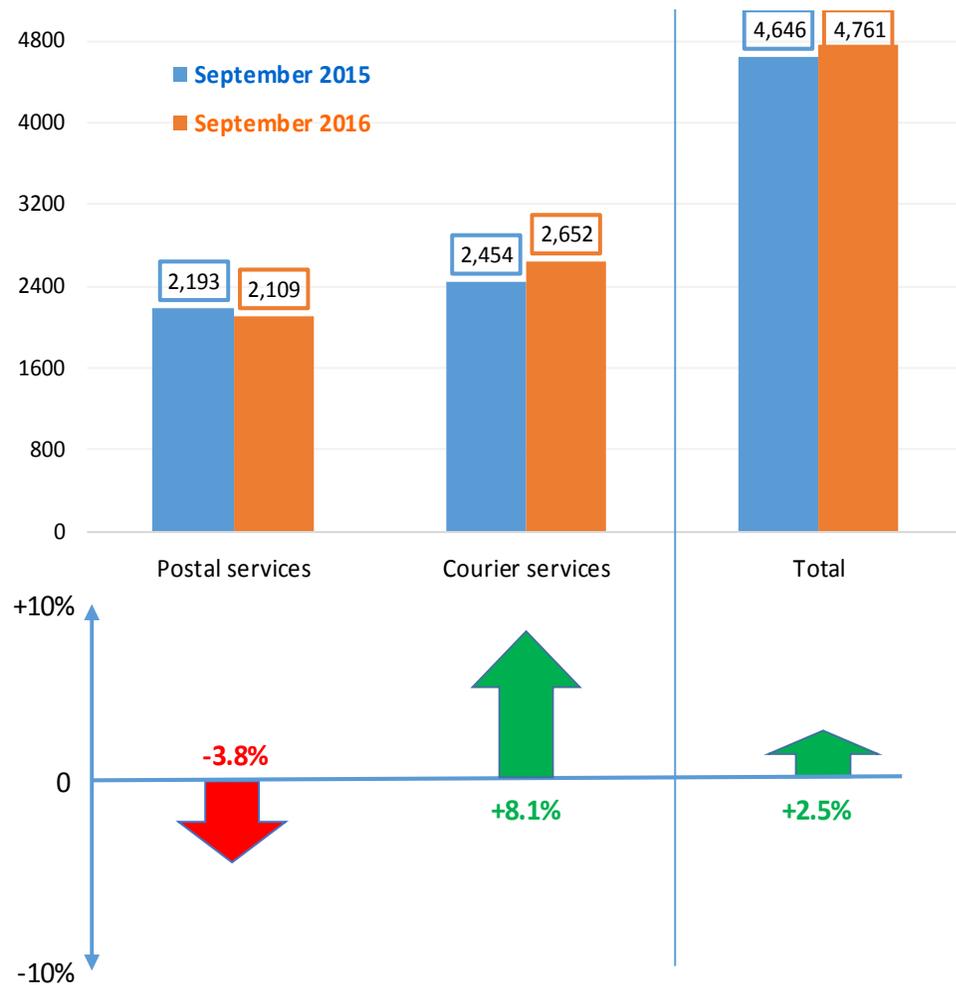


- During the period considered (2011 – 2015), for magazines' paper copies it's possible to observe a significant decline in unit sales (-33%)
- At the end of 2015, digital copies have increased by 12 million units compared to 2012, now accounting for 2.5% of paper copies

3.1 Postal services and express couriers: revenues



Revenues since the beginning of the year [million of euros] – September 2016



- At the end of September 2016, overall revenues are about 4,761 million of euros, with an increase of **2.5%** YoY
- YoY, postal services' market has shown a decline in revenues (**3.8%**), whereas the courier services' market has shown a growth in revenues (**8.1%**)
- The revenues of courier services' market (**2,652** mln €) are higher than those of the postal services' market (**2,109** mln €)

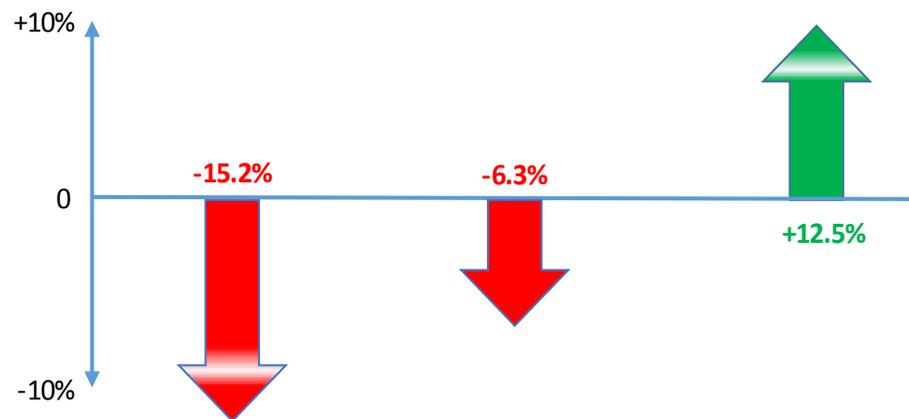
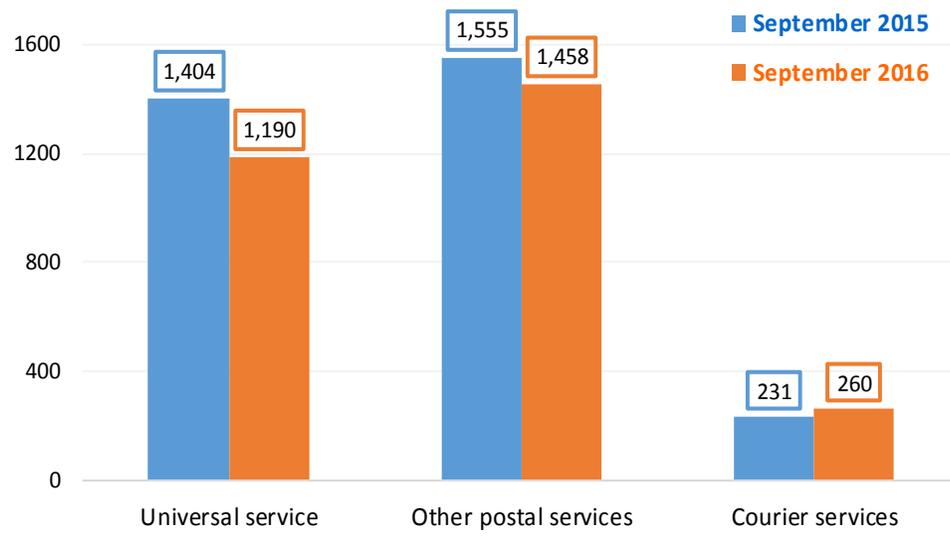
Note: The figures relate to the following companies: Bartolini , DHL Express, Federal Express Europe, Nexive, Poste Italiane, SDA, TNT Global Express, UPS, GLS Italy

Changes in revenues % - (September 2016 – September 2015)

3.2 Postal services and express couriers: volumes



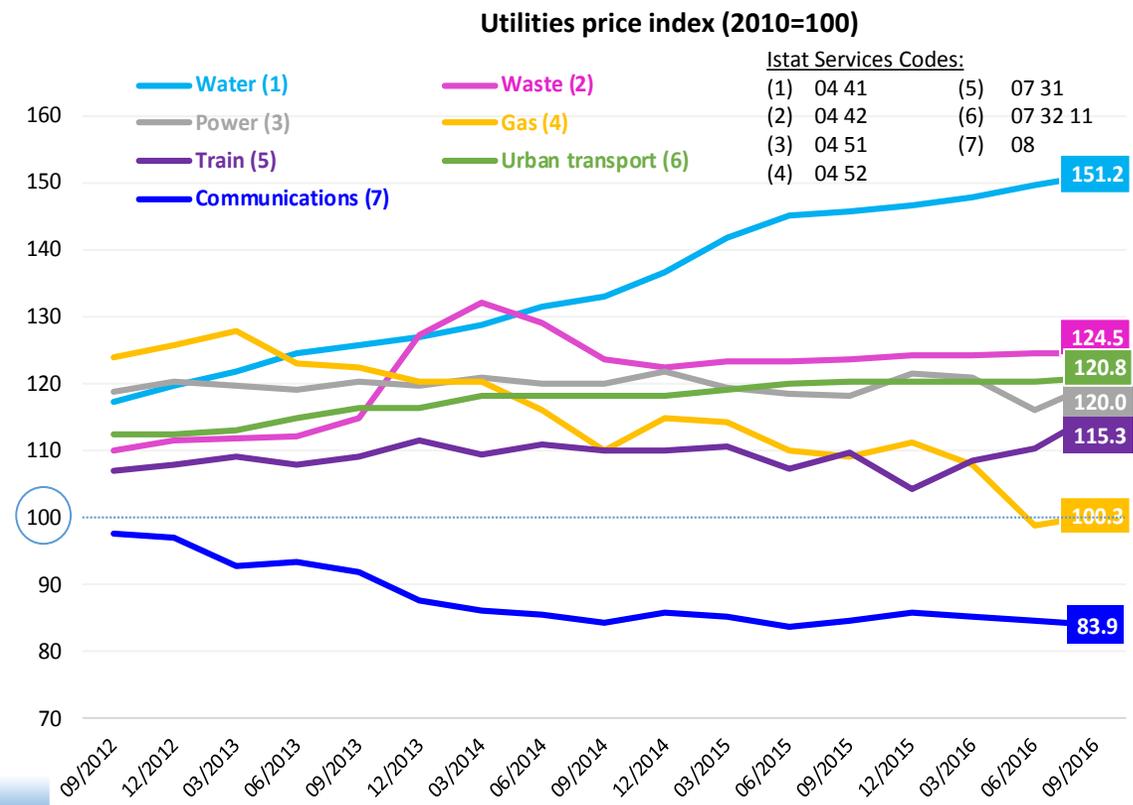
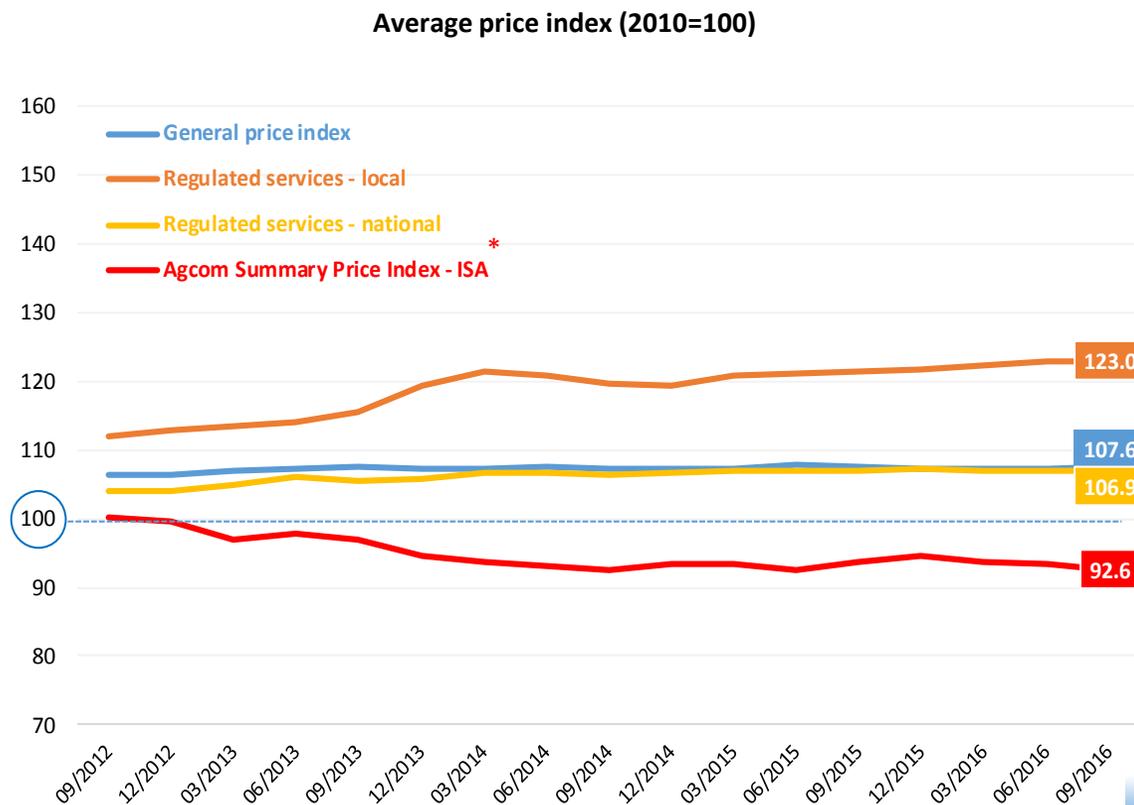
Volumes since the beginning of the year [million of units] – September 2016



Changes in volumes % - (September 2016 – September 2015)

- In September 2016, volumes of universal services amount to **1,190** million units, showing a contraction of **15.2%** YoY
- Other postal services have shown a **6.3%** decrease in volumes YoY
- As for the courier services' segment (**260** million units from the beginning of the year), volumes have increased by about **12.5%** YoY

4.1 Harmonised consumer price index and other utilities price indices



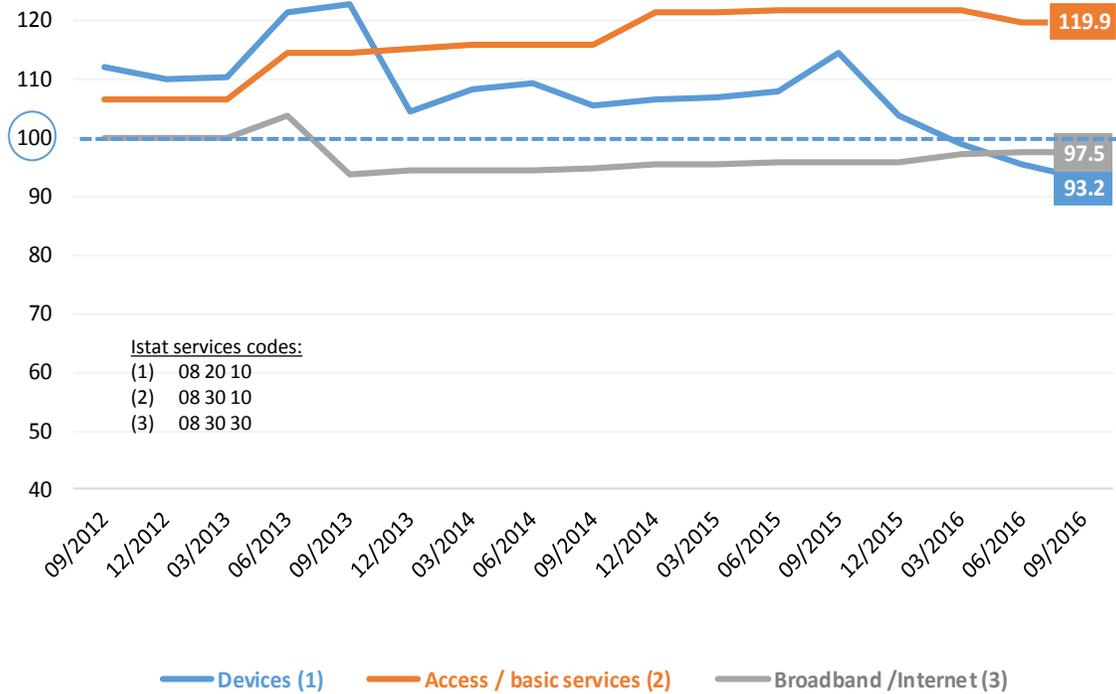
- The ISA price index has decreased at a faster pace as compared to the other price indices
- The growth rate of the prices of services regulated at the national level is comparable to the general price index, whereas the prices of services regulated at the local level show a steeper growth
- Among regulated services, communications price index is the only one showing a decrease since 2010, whereas for the Gas services the price index decline started at the begin of 2016

* The ISA («Indice Sintetico Agcom») price index includes postal services, services and devices for fixed and mobile telephony, public TV license fee, pay TV, newspapers and magazines (10 items). In compliance with the procedure adopted by ISTAT for the indices of consumer prices, the aggregate communications index is calculated by the "method of chaining", by which the system of weights assigned to the items is updated yearly.

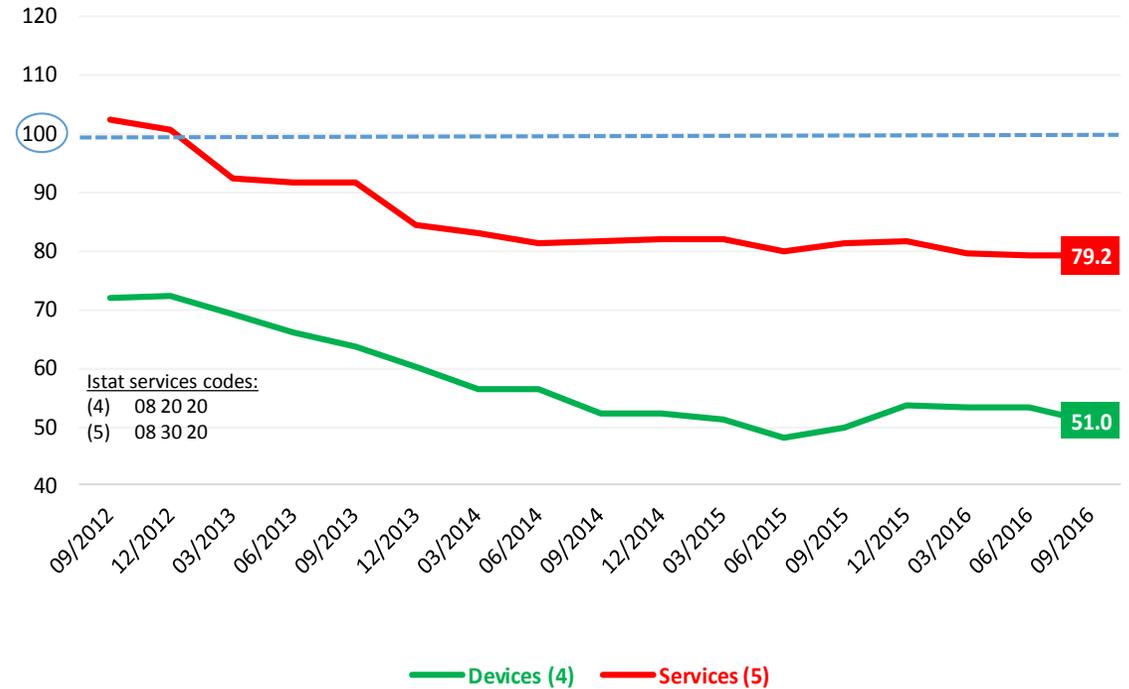
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Fixed telephony price indices (2010=100)



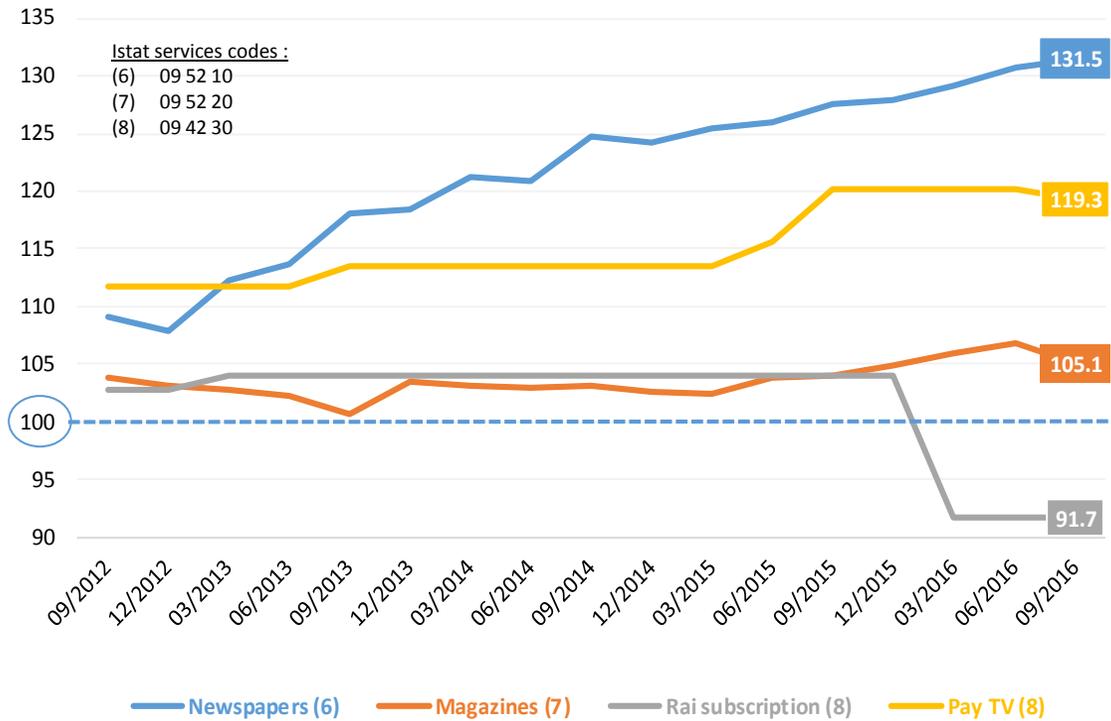
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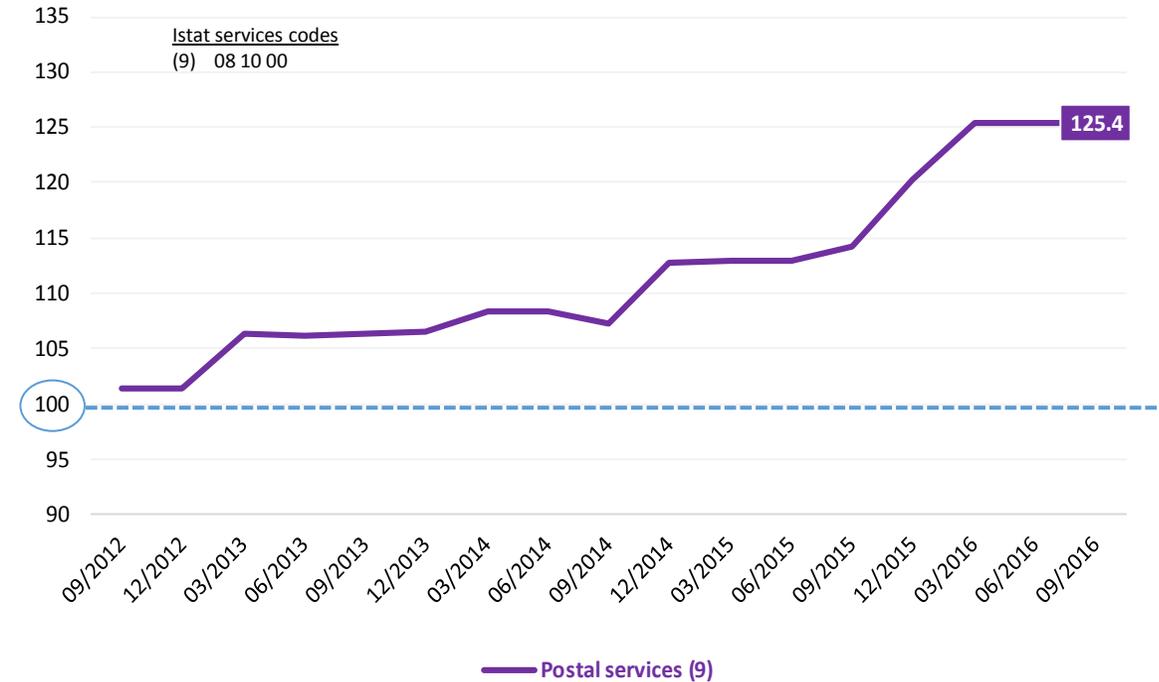
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Newspapers, magazines, Tv price indices (2010=100)



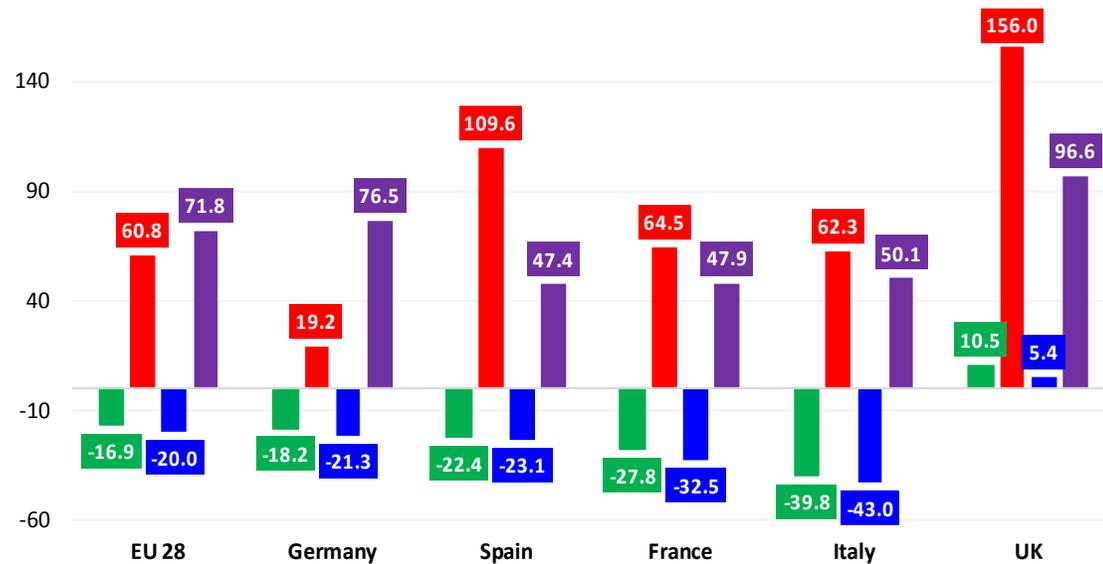
Postal services price index (2010=100)



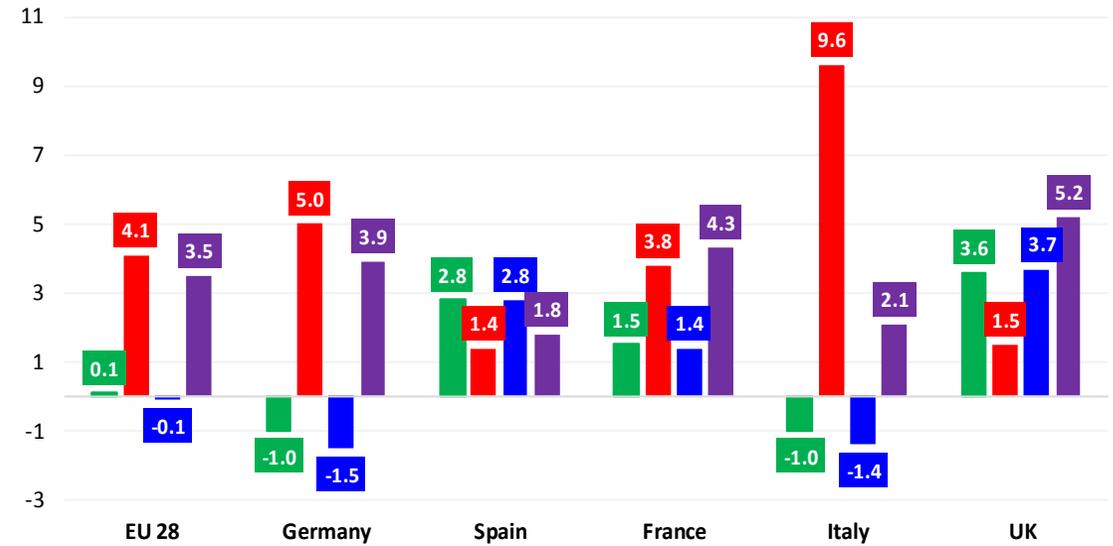
4.4 International benchmark



Change in prices: September 2000 - September 2016 (%)



Change in prices: September 2015 – September 2016 (%)



■ Communications
 ■ Postal services
 ■ TLC - services and equipments
 ■ Newspapers and periodicals



- Since September 2000, in Italy the communications price index has decreased at a faster pace than the EU average: **-43.0** and **-20.0** pp respectively
- Since September 2000, the Italian inflation rate of postal services (**+62.3** pp) has increased slightly more than the EU average increase (**+60.8** pp); Germany showed a lower increase (**+19.2** pp)
- Over the previous year, in Italy the postal services price index has increased at a faster pace than the EU average, while Italian prices for telecommunication services and equipments have decreased slightly more than the EU average
- Since 2000, in Italy the newspapers and periodicals price index has increased (**+50.1** pp) less than the EU average (**+71.8** pp)



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