

EU to slash mobile roaming charges

The mobile phone industry faces a price cap on cross-border phone calls within the EU which currently cost the bloc's 479m mobile phone users 8.5bn EUR a year. Legislators have called for maximum charges of 0.4 EUR per minute to make a call and 0.15 EUR per minute to receive one

TYPICAL ROAMING CHARGES

Four-minute voice call within EU, Sep 2006



AUT	BEL	CZE	EST	HUN	LAT	LIT	LUX	SLO	SVK
€ 9.56	6.75	5.85	5.30	4.95	7.17	10.33	9.60	8.36	8.18
€ 3.00	1.07	4.20	2.28	3.63	2.34	2.32	1.01	2.00	2.81

Parliament split over best way of cutting charges – earlier vote selected “opt-in” system in which users would have to request switch to cheaper tariff

Source: European Commission

© GRAPHIC NEWS