

Working Plan - Management of Sector Inquiry on Leased Lines

- Indicative Target dates -

Step 1: Gathering of data

deadline

Launching of the inquiry

22 October 1999

Collection of information completed on

21 January 2000

Information requests sent to:

- 15 Incumbent Operators
- 41 Operators, new entrants into the markets
- 36 Business Users of LL all over the EU
- 15 Competition & Regulatory Authorities

Criteria for selecting new entrants and Business users chosen: economic sector, turnover figures, market power in the respective telecommunications market.

Step 2: Assessment of data

- Harmonisation of data / translations / quality control of information received / further information request

To be completed by

25 February 2000

- Draft Preliminary Report (confidential)

- To be delivered by

17 March 2000

Step 3: Preliminary conclusions

April 2000

Information to the Sector

Step 4: Commission's decision on follow-up of the inquiry

Possible opening of anti-trust proceedings in those cases where evidence appears to indicate competition distortions

May 2000