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Leading the mobile telecommunications infrastructure sector

Business model

The Cellnex Group provides infrastructure management services for terrestrial telecommunications to the following markets:

- Telecom Infrastructure Services.
- Broadcasting Infrastructure.
- Network Services and Other.

Generally speaking, this balanced set of investments, in terms of both maturity and profitability, and geographic diversification, should contribute to a growing positive contribution from all business sectors. In additional, Cellnex plans to continue identifying new investment opportunities and operational efficiencies that will strengthen its balance sheet and financial position.

CONTRIBUTION IN INCOME AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2018



- Broadcasting Infrastructure
- Network Services and Other



Infrastructure services for mobile telecommunications operators

Providing infrastructure services to mobile operators continues to be one of Cellnex's main activities. During 2018 we have been working on the various aspects to enable us to evolve infrastructure to meet the new challenges of the future, with special focus on understanding how 5G technology will change the role of an infrastructure provider.

5G will impact not only the access network but also the heart of the mobile operator's network and the links between its various components. In this connection, Cellnex is developing initiatives to adapt current towers and small cells, as well as the fibre connection of the entire infrastructure.

In addition, 5G technology provides a wide variety of capabilities that enable a wide variety of usage cases that can vary from autonomous vehicles to advanced emergency services.

Each new generation of mobile technology has fostered an increase in connection speeds and has enabled more reliable communications, but in the case of this fifth generation there are three main benefits:

- Improved mobile broadband: Not only thanks to increased capacity, but also because of improved connectivity (broadband access always available) and by allowing greater user mobility (enabling new services in cars, trains or aircraft).
- Increased connectivity: more devices can communicate at a time in a specific area (up to one million devices per square kilometre), providing the possibility to create new services related mainly to the Internet of Things (IoT).
- Decreased response time: the time that elapses from when data is sent until it is received is not always appreciable. This time lag, or latency, is reduced so much that it opens the way to a whole new range of services that was unthinkable in previous generations, such as remotely controlling machinery or autonomous vehicles.

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One of the many pieces that will enable 5G is Multi-Access Edge Computing (MEC). This architectural model places the technological resources (computing, storage, etc.) closer to the end user to increase the performance of applications or services and expand technical capabilities, such as decreasing latency.

The MEC therefore opens the possibility to create new business opportunities for Cellnex not just as one more element to be considered in terms of space, power, etc., but also for the possible value creation by a partner like Cellnex in the new telecommunications infrastructures.

To this end, at the end of 2018 Cellnex entered the capital of Nearby Sensors, a technology start-up dedicated to rolling-out the Internet of Things (IoT), distributed or Edge computing, and automation of hybrid IT-OT (Information Technology/Operational Technology) processes. Nearby Sensors is therefore a part of our open and collaborative innovation strategy, identifying entrepreneurial initiatives that start out from a close collaboration with universities and knowledge centres and end up translating into innovative value and service proposals within the scope of connectivity and telecommunications.

THE DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM, OR DAS, IS THE FIRST PRODUCT TO RESULT FROM CELLNEX'S NEW MODEL AND R&D+i APPROACH



Improving supervision and telemonitoring systems

A project was performed between 2017 and 2018 to extend the overall supervision of the centres in Spain that incorporate TIS services, both in remote stations with mobile telephony customers and in centres where operators' services are colocated. Almost all the network of sites with TIS services has been supervised with this initiative, enabling a high level of surveillance and improved response times to incidents in Cellnex infrastructures.

Likewise, in addition to extending the supervision of the TIS centres, work has taken place to simplify the systems for remotely controlling new infrastructures and equipment deployed in the Cellnex network centres, improving accessibility for staff and increasing their interactivity with the new equipment and infrastructures.

These projects make it possible to more efficiently resolve incidents, in terms of time and cost, which has a direct impact on the improvement of supervision and remote-control systems and, in turn, on compliance with the agreements struck with customers.

Infrastructure Master Plan 2018-2022

The Infrastructure Master Plan was designed in 2018 with the ultimate goal of providing autonomous management at the main centres of the network and ensuring continuity of service (DTT, radio, data transmission, etc.). Thus, not only does it increase the guarantee of continued service, but also reduces operating and maintenance costs.

The Plan affects some 120 sites covering a broad swathe of the population or housing equipment for security and emergency networks, which are critical in operational terms. Therefore, the actions to be carried out will consist of renewing obsolete infrastructure and equipment and designing and implementing contingency plans.

Milestones 2018

- The Vocel project: In 2017, Cellnex signed a framework contract with a major mobile telecommunications operator that regulates the provision of the Cellnex co-location service, with a distinction made between four types of infrastructure: optimisation infrastructures, acquisition infrastructures, growth infrastructures and PostBarter infrastructures. This framework contract has a validity of 10 to 25 years, depending on the type of infrastructure. So far, Cellnex has carried out 170 dismantling operations and purchased 70 sites.
- Framework agreement for co-location in Cellnex sites with a major mobile telecommunications operator regulating service provision and distinguishing three types of infrastructure: Legacy infrastructures, growth infrastructures and PostBarter infrastructures. This framework contract is valid for 5 years, extendable for a further 5 years.
- Pokemon project: an infrastructure outsourcing contract by a major mobile telecommunications operator, valid for 21 years. Three lines of action are marked out in the perimeter of this project: the acquisition of the entire portfolio of operator sites by Cellnex, roll-out of 160 new connected infrastructure nodes and the renewal with Cellnex of all the contracts that the operator had with its previous mobile infrastructure provider.
- Provision of the operation, maintenance, installation and engineering services associated with the corporate telecommunications network of a large Spanish corporation. This contract is valid for 3 years, extendable by up to 2 years.

During 2018, Cellnex organised workshops with mobile telecommunications operators to bring down Time-to-Market of operations. These workshops made it possible to reduce the number of inefficiencies of the various commercial phases, speeding up the process and improving the success rate of operations and coordination with operators.

In addition to this, throughout 2017 and 2018 the Group incorporated an innovative relationship practice called Land Aggregation with the site owners to provide efficiency in renting buildings and properties where the sites are located using a "cash advance" of the capitalisation of rents.

Specifically in DAS:

 Saba and Bamsa awarded Cellnex Telecom a contract through tender to provide mobile (voice and data) coverage to 43 car parks in Spain during 2018 using DAS technology. Cellnex will deploy more than 500 small antennas on the floors of these car parks, improving user experience and preventing the loss of coverage that usually occurs in underground areas.

- The advantages associated with this greater connectivity will allow the development and deployment of new "Smart Parking" applications, enabling the use of mobile devices and multi-purpose apps. These include carsharing and map apps for route planning or provide the possibility to exchange products and discounts using the Saba app, and others, as well as facilitating the collection of e-commerce operated by Pudo. It is also scalable and is therefore prepared to respond to future demand for increased data traffic with the future 5G.
- Cellnex has equipped the Gran Teatre del Liceu of Barcelona with a Smart Wi-Fi system, consisting of fifty Wi-Fi access antennas, located in the main spaces of the Theatre. The wireless signal coverage, which extends to all of the public spaces and facilities of the Liceu, improves the connectivity experience of the spectators, who can use the web portal to access value-added services such as exclusive offers and promotions.

- Among the actions for improving connectivity, Cellnex has also equipped the Liceu with DAS technology to boost mobile coverage and provide for the future roll-out of 5G. Users can therefore use the Wi-Fi network or mobile broadband to enjoy full connectivity through their mobile device while at the theatre.
- Cellnex Italy designed a specific DAS system and installed it in Centro di Arese in Milan, Europe's largest shopping centre. The system comprises many active devices (remote units) connected to antennas, constituting radiant equipment. To ensure maximum efficiency of the system, Cellnex Italy provided service and support in all phases of the project to ensure that no user at the centre should ever lose their connection.

As of December 31, 2018, the Group also has 1,592 DAS antenna nodes



The Telecom Infrastructure Services site portfolio at 31 December 2018 is summarised below:

Framework Agreement	Project	N° of Sites acquired	Beginning of the contract	Initial Terms + Renewals
Telefónica	Babel	1,000	2012	10+10+5
Telefónica and Yoigo (Xfera Móviles)	Volta I	1,211	2013	10+10+5 (Telefónica) Until 2030+8 (Yoigo)
Telefónica	Volta II	530	2014	10+10+5
Business combination	TowerCo purchase	321	2014	Until 2038
Telefónica and Yoigo (Xfera Móviles)	Volta III	113	2014	10+10+5 (Telefonica) Until 2030+8 (Yoigo)
Telefónica	Volta Extended I	1,090	2014	10+10+5
Neosky	Neosky	10	2014	10+10+5
Telefónica	Volta Extended II	300	2015	10+10+5
Business combination	Galata purchase	7,377	2015	15+15 (Wind)
Business combination	Protelindo purchase	261	2012	+15 (KPN)
			2016	+12 (T-Mobile)
Bouygues	Asset purchase ⁽³⁾	371	2016	20+5+5
		129	2017	20+5+5
		1,098	2017	15+5+5
		1,205	2018	15+5+5
Business combination	Shere Group purchase	1,042	2011	+15 (KPN)
			2015	+10 (T-Mobile)
			2015	+15 (Tele2)
Business combination	On Tower Italia purchase	11	2014	9+9 (Wind)
			2015	9+9 (Vodafone)
K2W	Asset purchase	32	2017	Various
Business combination	Swiss Towers purchase	2,239	2017	20+10+10 (Sunrise Telecommunications)
Business combination	Infracaptial Alticom subgroup purchase	30	2017	Various
Others Spain	Asset purchase	45	2017	15+10
		36	2018	15+10
		375	2018	20+10
Masmovil Spain	Asset purchase	551	2017	18+3
		85	2018	6+7
Linkem	Asset purchase	426	2018	10+10
Business combination	TMI purchase	3	2018	Various
	Sintel purchase	15	2018	Various
	BRT Tower purchase	30	2018	Various
	DFA purchase	9	2018	Various
Shared with broadcasting business		1,830		
"Build to Suit" (1)		270		

(1) "Build to Suit" and others: towers that are built to meet the needs of the customer. It does not include the "BTS" programs committed with Bouygues and Sunrise at the closing of the M&A projects.

(2) Renewals: some of these contracts have clauses which prohibit partial cancellation and can therefore only be cancelled for the entire portfolio of sites (typically

termed "all or nothing" clauses), and some of them have pre agreed pricing. (3) In accordance with the agreements reached with Bouygues during 2016, 2017 and 2018, at the 2018 year-end Cellnex has committed to acquire and build up to 5,250 sites that will be gradually transferred to Cellnex up until 2024 (see Note 7 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements). Of the proceeding 5,250 sites, a total of 2,803 sites have been transferred to Cellnex as at 31 December 2018 (as detailed in previous table). Note that all Bouygues transactions have a common characteristic "up to" as Bouygues does not have the obligation to reach the highest number of sites.

Broadcasting infrastructure

The broadcasting infrastructure business is the Group's second area of activity by turnover, and the largest in Spain. The company is the only operator offering nationwide coverage of the DTT service.

The value-creation model, in the broadcasting infrastructure business, is based on sharing the transmission network between broadcasters who do not have their own networks.

Its services consist of distribution and transmission of television and radio signals, and the operation and maintenance of broadcasting networks, provision of connectivity for media content, hybrid broadcast-broadband services, over-the-top (OTT) broadcasting and other services. Through the provision of broadcasting services, Cellnex has developed unique know-how & expertise that has helped to develop the other services in its portfolio.

In addition, Cellnex has established the strategic objective of positioning itself as a leader in Ultra High-Definition Video (UHD) technology, providing images with significantly better quality for the user than other options.

At the end of the first quarter of 2017, the UHF Decision of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union regulating the use of the Spectrum band 470 - 790 MHZ for the next decade was published, being mandatory for all the Member States of the European Union. It is a balanced decision as it ensures that terrestrial TV will maintain the priority use of the Sub700 MHz band (470 - 694MHz) at least until 2030 and, at the same time, allocates the 700 MHz band (694 - 790 MHz) to the services mobile. The UHF Decision provides a realistic timetable for both the Broadcast industry, offering long-term security in the use of spectrum and for the investments to be made, and for the mobile industry that will have the 700MHz band within a reasonable time horizon (2020 with possibility to delay it 2 years with justified reasons). The Decision also suggests that Member States should compensate for the costs arising from the forced migration of services related to spectrum reallocation.

On 29 June, 2018, the "Roadmap for the authorization process of the 700 MHz frequency band for the provision of wireless broadband electronic communications services" was published by the Spanish Administration. This was mainly possible as a result of the growing consensus in the sector, which was reflected in the results of the public consultation held a few months before. Regarding the 700MHz band (694 - 790MHz), the Roadmap foresees finalizing the 700 MHz release process before 30 June, 2020, in accordance with the schedule established in the EU regulations. For the bandwidth below 700 MHz (470-694 MHz), the Roadmap will include guarantee, at least until 2030, for terrestrial TV.

The Roadmap also proposes the approval of a series of legal pieces in the next months that will drive the migration process of the current DTT emissions from the 700MHz bandwidth. These include the approval of a new National Technical Plan for Digital Terrestrial Television that will maintain the current supply of the service and the current number of national and regional multiples, as well as the compensation scheme compatible with the EU regime for the necessary adaptations both in buildings and broadcasters' transmission equipment.

In this sense, during 2018, the Group has continued with its work of collaboration with the Administration in relation to the Roadmap, as well as in the research and implementation of technical improvements, both in the provision of DTT, as in the on-line distribution of audiovisual content. Among such technological advances, the interactivity of the Hybrid DTT, or the quality improvement provided by the UHD.

In relation to the above, the Group is the technological provider of LOVEStv, the new audiovisual platform of DTT based on HbbTV jointly developed with the public radio broadcaster RTVE and the two large Spanish commercial radio broadcasting groups, Atresmedia and Mediaset Spain. This platform allows the viewer to access the contents of the last week from the television, as well as viewing programs from the beginning even if they have already started.

Cellnex Telecom, as an independent agent, has worked together with broadcasters and developers in the implementation of the necessary solutions for these new audiovisual services, since Cellnex meets the conditions that make it the right partner, given its technological capacity and extensive know-how in OTT platform services and HbbTV.

Additionally, Cellnex continues its international work in the main forums developing the future of the audiovisual sector as HbbTV, DVB, EBU, ITU or BNE.

Milestones 2018

LOVEStv

On the 28th November of 2018, one week after World Television Day, LOVEStv streaming platform was introduced, which Cellnex Telecom, as the technology provider, has developed together with the public broadcaster RTVE and the two large Spanish private broadcasting groups, Atresmedia and Mediaset España. The project's test launch took place in June.

This new service is based on Hybrid DTT technology and allows viewers to enjoy the advantages of linear DTT while they can access content and new non-linear services. LOVEStv makes it possible to harness the internet's capacity in order to improve viewer experience, offering more features, such as:

- Viewing the contents of the previous week.
- Starting a programme from the beginning when it has already begun.
- An improved programming guide.

LOVEStv has been designed as an open platform that can easily integrate any broadcasters wishing to enrich its content offering. It is worth pointing out that the LOVEStv platform was awarded with the Grand Prix of the jury of the prestigious HbbTV Awards, which acknowledges innovation in content discovery applications.



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Pilot test for Ultra High-Definition

Throughout 2018 numerous actions continued to be performed in the Ultra High-Definition area, through collaborative projects such as:

- Broadcast over the UHD TDT test channel from Torrespaña (Madrid), Valencina (Seville) and Collserola (Barcelona).
- Demos of TDT broadcast in UHD during the Mobile World Congress.
- Demos of TDT broadcast in UHD during the BIT Broadcast fair.
- First TDT broadcasts of a complete UHD signal with HFR, HDR and WCG in collaboration with RTVE.
- Demo at the 4K Summit in Malaga.

Other network services

At Cellnex, the "smart" concept means sharing, efficiency, security, resilience and ubiquitous connectivity. Cellnex provides the infrastructure required for the development of a connected society by providing the following network services: transport of data, security and control, Smart communication networks including IoT, Smart services and managed services and consulting.

As an infrastructure operator, Cellnex can facilitate, streamline and speed up the deployment of these services through efficient connectivity of objects and people, in rural and urban environments, helping to build genuinely smart territories.

The network and other services activity is a specialised business that creates value through innovative solutions and stable financial flows with attractive growth potential. Given the critical nature of these services, the customers of this activity demand in-depth technical know-how and strict service level agreements.

The connectivity of objects is set to grow very significantly in the near future. The Internet of Things (IoT) network is based on a model that connects physical objects and keeps them integrated in a network. The alliance between Cellnex Telecom and IoT network provider Sigfox is evidence of the Group's commitment to develope this technology both today and in the near future. In this regard, Cellnex's position as a reference global operator of IoT has become consolidated with more than one million objects connected in Spain's largest network dedicated to the Internet of Things. This activity will continue to grow in the security market through our main customer in the home, people and vehicles sector. In addition to this, the main development is occurring in the water metering and smart city services markets.

Security and Control

- The Maritime Rescue Company (SASEMAR) under the Spanish Ministry of Public Works, signed the "Provision of services within the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System" in 2017, providing continuity to the service that Cellnex Telecom has been providing since 2009. The contract entered into force in August 2018 and has an initial term of four years, extendable for a further two years. Cellnex works through its network of Coastal Stations distributed along the Spanish coastline to guarantee a 24/7 "Permanent listening service" on the maritime frequency bands. The services provide include receiving automatic alerts and distress calls, to be sent immediately to Maritime Rescue coordinators, as well as transmitting information for maritime safety and meteorological information, according to the guidelines established by Maritime Rescue and the connection between the Spanish Medical Radio Centre and any ships requesting that service. Providing the service complies with the international conventions signed by Spain, in particular the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and the International Search and Rescue Convention (SAR), which are the most important international treaties governing the safety of ships. In relation to the above, Cellnex has extensive experience in managing security and emergency communications networks and services.
- Extension of the contract with the Regional Government of Valencia (Generalitat Valenciana) to extend the services of the Digital Mobile Emergency and Security Communications network (COMDES), for a further four years (2018-2022). Extending the contract provides continuity to the service that Cellnex has been providing since 2007 and covers improving urban coverage, including coastal areas and underground spaces such as the Metro and tunnels, traffic capacity and access for user applications. In total, we estimate that more than 50 municipalities will benefit from an improvement in their current coverage.

Smart communications networks

 Agreement with Castellolí to equip the Parcmotor speed circuit with the necessary infrastructures and technology to allow the agents and companies working to develop the mobility of the future, advanced traffic solutions and vehicle manufacture to develop innovative products and services linked to smart mobility and the connected and autonomous vehicle. The objective is to make the Castellolí Parcmotor into a benchmark environment and an innovative testing space for the development of ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) technological solutions, particularly in the field of vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communications, which can subsequently be implemented in vehicles (future mobility), in towns and cities (smart cities) and on roads and motorways (smart roads).

- Growth of 10.6%, with respect to 2017, of Corporate's commercialization activity, which consists in providing customers with the necessary infrastructure, in order to offer it, in turn, to the end customer.
- Growth of 61.6%, compared to 2017, of the Backhaul activity dedicated to connecting MNOs base stations.

Communications infrastructures - Smart

 Agreement with Heliot, the Sigfox operator in Switzerland, to roll-out the first global IoT (Internet of Things) network in the Alpine country. The roll-out of this IoT network will be performed via the more than 350 Cellnex sites in Switzerland, with an initial expected coverage of 50% of the population, aiming to reach 90% in 2019. This will be the second such network that Cellnex has rolled out in Europe in collaboration with Sigfox. The first Internet of Things network has been providing service throughout Spain since 2015, with national coverage of 93% of the population through more than 1,500 sites and over 1 million connected devices, providing water telemetry services, security, waste management or tracking, inter alia.

• Acquisition of Xarxa Oberta de Catalunya (XOC), a concessionary company of Catalonia Government dedicated to the roll-out, operation and maintenance of fibre optic networks, which acts as a neutral operator, making surplus network capacity available to the operators' wholesale market. This acquisition allows Cellnex to reinforce and expand its capabilities and know-how to develop the connectivity of its sites through a high-bandwidth Fibre to the Antenna (FTTA) neutral telecommunications network. Likewise, with the integration of the XOC, Cellnex continues to increase the acquisitions performed with a view to the future roll-out of 5G, two outstanding examples of which are Commscon in Italy (2016) and Alticom in the Netherlands (2017). This is a necessary process to prepare for the 5G network with its greater demand for transmission capabilities, also associated with the need to provide fibre optic connectivity to remote caching servers that bring data processing and storage capacity physically closer to the end users of 5G-based applications.



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An innovative and transformational business

Cellnex's innovation is closely linked to its strategy, and this is embodied in its aim to be the company that generates value for society, customers and shareholders, through innovative, efficient, neutral and high-quality management in delivering service and contributing technological solutions. This commitment to R&D+i represents one of the main challenges for Cellnex in the current global context, characterised by its strong innovative character and being a company that is strongly linked to the digital world and the communication technologies.

In this connection, Cellnex's innovation strategy focuses on the services of the future in each of its business lines:

- Innovation in telecommunications infrastructure services focuses on searching for a new site concept fostering the intensification of infrastructure sharing at all levels (mast, antenna, radio signal, etc.) and diversifying the supply of services, guaranteeing a response to future requirements related to 5G and new network architectures.
- In the Audiovisual Broadcasting Networks business, innovation focuses on maintaining competitiveness and responding to new challenges in the audiovisual sector. Specifically, Cellnex is trying to convert the linear DTT experience into an interactive experience through the Smart TV concept.
- Other network services. In the security field, the priority of innovative activity is to incorporate broadband into their IT systems and study how this will be complemented with Cellnex's tetra solutions, mainly for video-intensive applications. Furthermore, the digital market offers Cellnex the opportunity to expand its services, gaining weight in the value chain and generating a complementary business model. Specifically, Cellnex has detected a great opportunity in Smart sensoring solutions and the IoT.

Cellnex has an efficient and consolidated Innovation Model based on streamlined integration processes, as well as on standardising the development of innovative activity comprising two types of project:

- Technological surveillance based on an evaluation of the current technological context to identify potential opportunities for the company.
- R&D+l activities, consisting mainly of research, development, creating and launching new products and services.

This model also embodies a cross-cutting approach, where working procedures are defined in multidisciplinary teams and enhanced cooperation with the stakeholders that deal with Cellnex. Some examples of these stakeholders are: technology start-ups, universities and key players from other sectors.

It is worth pointing out that the innovation model, based on three pre-defined phases, focuses not only on developing new business and/or products, but also on developing incremental improvements to current services and products. We have seen a significant increase in customer satisfaction in this regard.

The Cellnex Innovation Model fosters a culture of innovation throughout the company that encourages everyone to continue working in line with the vision of cross-cutting integration of innovation and work with multidisciplinary teams, both inside and outside the company.



R&D+I projects

5G projects

- 5G Barcelona
- Fastweb
- 5G-City
- Resisto

5G Barcelona

In this project, Cellnex participates, jointly with the three main mobile operators in Spain, in order to develop a security service and emergency detection of the services of the TETRA network (Trans European Trunked Radio) based on the use of drones. As a pilot test, Cellnex plans to carry out demonstrations during the Mobile World Congress of the innovative services offered for fire detection and real-time image visualization. For this, Cellnex provides through its network of communications towers the necessary infrastructure to be able to process in real time the signals emitted by the drones.

5G-City

This project, funded by the European Commission within the Horizon 2020 programme, aims to design, develop and implement a distributed Cloud, Edge and 5G-Radio platform with a neutral operator capacity to allow owners of information technology (IT) infrastructure and vertical actors to share. The idea behind this project is to deploy three pilots in the cities of Barcelona, Bristol and Lucca focusing on six very specific usage cases related to the roll-out of 5G networks in cities. Cellnex Telecom aims to deploy the network infrastructure in the Barcelona pilot to demonstrate the functionalities and capabilities of a neutral operator acting in an environment with various operators and entities acting as verticals.

For more information

Fastweb

Cellnex and Fastweb, one of Italy's principal telecommunications operators, have signed a collaboration agreement to promote the creation of a next-generation mobile network in Italy. As a result of this agreement, Cellnex will make its sites available to Fastweb in the areas where Fastweb has begun testing 5G technology. In particular, access to the infrastructures managed by Cellnex will allow Fastweb to speed up the development of 5G networks in some areas of the cities in which the company is currently testing the new technology, such as Rome, Genoa, Bari and Matera, using dedicated coverage for the implementation of 5G usage cases in the mobility, security and culture areas.

RESISTO

This project is funded by the European Commission within the H2020 programme and aims to protect critical communications services by developing solutions for prevention, detection, mitigation and rapid response to physical attacks, cyber-and hybrid attacks, whether natural or man-made. Within this project, Cellnex leads the work package called "Improving of resilience of future 5G telco Infrastructures" focusing on security scenarios at sea and security of Telco and Broadcast infrastructures.

Telecommunications projects

- FELXNET
- LEAN
- SolareRF

For more information

FLEXNET

This EU project, funded by the Celtic-Plus programme and coordinated by Cellnex, aims to develop SDN (software defined networks) and Network Slicing (multiple virtual networks over a single common physical network) technologies under the paradigm of the generation of wireless communications (5G). The project is oriented towards the surveillance and emergencies area will develop a series of specific applications for border control, security of port areas and location of people, among others. The project is led by Cellnex and involves 16 partners from six countries, including network operators, mobile operators, equipment manufacturers and universities. The design phase took place during 2018, with implementation expected to begin in 2019.

LEAN

A European Celtic-Plus project that aims to use 5G technologies to define an architecture that is sufficiently flexible to be deployed under ultra-low-cost requirements while simultaneously offering access to broadband internet in rural areas in emerging countries. 5G sharing mechanisms will have to face up to the new requirements for providing minimum services over long distances. Cellnex has taken on the role of Spanish coordinator in the consortium as well as playing an active role as the main player in the on-site demonstrations. The definition phase was performed during 2018 while the implementation phase is scheduled to begin in 2019.

SolareRF:

This project is funded by the Basque Government and aims, in a virtual pilot project, to design, develop and validate a prototype RF centre, either isolated or connected to the main electrical grid, which is energy efficient and in which the safety and quality of the power supply is maximised, minimizing cost and environmental impact. The project also aims to design and develop the LCOE (Levelized Cost of Energy) calculation tool. Cellnex is responsible for defining practical cases, analysing the technologies for storing and generating power and playing an active role in analysing the results for the validation of the RF station.

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Smart Cities and the Internet of Things (IoT)

- GrowSmarter
- V2X-ARCH
- Senix
- Fira de Barcelona
- Nearby Sensor

GROWSMARTER

GrowSmarter is a European project on the theme of smart cities, co-financed by the EU Horizon 2020 programme. The project aims to encourage European cities to adopt innovative measures and improve the quality of life of their citizens; boosting energy efficiency, the sustainability of urban areas and improving environmental quality. Three Lighthouse cities are taking part in the project: Barcelona, Cologne and Stockholm. Cellnex is taking part as a reference ICT partner for the various actions performed in Barcelona. One outstanding feature is Cellnex's contribution to integrated communications infrastructures for the city of Barcelona, providing IoT connectivity solutions, deploying SmartTowers in 22@ and providing the urban data integration platform service. This platform, based on our SmartBrain product for smart cities, makes it easier to achieve an overarching view of the city, the management of various urban services and the use of information to generate value and improve decision making.

V2X-ARCH

Project in the field of connected vehicles financed by the Spanish Ministry of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda that aims to research various technologies and V2X architectures to provide added value to the connected car services by providing a vehicle-infrastructure communications solution. With V2X-ARCH, Cellnex also creates an experimental V2X infrastructure in order to evaluate various use cases related to cooperative driving, emergency warnings, traffic information and content download.

For more information

SENIX

Project COMRDI16-1-0055 of the RIS3CAT Community "UTILITIES 4.0", co-funded by the ERDF operational program in Catalonia 2014-2020. The project aims to improve the operations of the "Utilities" with the creation of an innovative solution for the optimal monitoring of the critical infrastructures of energy services and water supply. For this, the project explores different technologies to improve the management of the assets of the distribution networks; increase the robustness, flexibility and reliability of distribution networks; improve preventive operations to avoid irregularities that may adversely affect the quality of the services offered; and optimize the response time to any anomaly. Cellnex is an ICT partner of the project, providing communication and data management technologies that help validate the solutions created.

Fira de Barcelona

To continue updating and improving the services and features of one of the most modern exhibition facilities in Europe, Fira de Barcelona has hired Cellnex to deploy a network of temperature and humidity sensors in the Gran Via site that can be monitored in real time to optimise the comfort conditions of exhibitors and visitors through the new Internet of Things platform. Fira will thus be able to continually monitor the air quality and temperature in each area and adapt them remotely, optimising the energy consumption linked to the air conditioning.

Nearby Sensor

Cellnex Telecom is entering the share capital of the Nearby Sensor start-up, with a contribution of € 500,000, equivalent to a 15% stake in the company. Nearby Sensor, set up in 2013 and based in Barcelona, is dedicated to rolling out the Internet of Things (IoT), Edge Computing, and the automation of IT-OT hybrid processes (industrial IoT), which will emerge with the roll-out of 5G.

Security and Emergencies

Polarys

Secutil

For more information

POLARYS

Cellnex has renewed its contract with POLARYS, a project whose main objective is to increase maritime safety and efficiency in the management of navigation and emergencies, through the development of a novel VDES (VHF Data Exchange System) transceiver and its complementary systems. This system facilitates the real-time exchange of maritime safety information between vessels, and between these and the terrestrial/ satellite infrastructures. The contract includes the ro-Il-out of a completely new AIS (Automatic Identification System), which is responsible for sending data from the ship to the coastal bases. The POLARYS project is being developed by a consortium led by Retevisión (Cellnex group) with the participation of the companies Bastet, Egatel, Insitu and Scio and the Cinae and Gradiant technology centres. It lasts for four years, extendable by two more years, and receives support and funding from the CDTI (Centre for Technological and Industrial Development).

SECUTIL

Project COMRDI16-1-0060 of the RIS3CAT Community "UTILITIES 4.0", co-funded by the ERDF operational program in Catalonia 2014-2020. The SECUTIL project focuses its activity on the resilience and protection of "Utilities", developing a system that guarantees the integral security of Critical Services Infrastructures. For this, the project addresses different aspects such as the physical protection of infrastructures; functional safety; computer security; and the definition of resilience strategies. Cellnex, as a benchmark for Critical Communications Infrastructure, actively promotes the study of resilience models and the unified management of physical and logical security.