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General information.

The Deutsche Telekom Group (hereinafter referred to as “Deutsche Telekom” or the “Group”) is one of the world’s leading service providers in the telecommunications and information technology sector. Deutsche Telekom offers its customers all kinds of products and services for connected life and work. The Group reports on the four operating segments Germany, Europe, United States, and Systems Solutions, as well as on Group Headquarters & Shared Services.

The Company was entered as Deutsche Telekom AG in the commercial register of the Bonn District Court (Amtsgericht – HRB 6794) on January 2, 1995.

The Company has its registered office in Bonn, Germany. Its address is Deutsche Telekom AG, Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 140, 53113 Bonn.

The declaration of conformity with the German Corporate Governance Code required pursuant to § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz – AktG) was released and made available to shareholders. This Declaration of Conformity can be found on the Deutsche Telekom website (www.telekom.com) via the following path: Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Declaration of Conformity.

The shares of Deutsche Telekom AG are traded on the Frankfurt/Main Stock Exchange as well as on other German stock exchanges.

The annual financial statements of Deutsche Telekom AG as well as the consolidated financial statements of Deutsche Telekom AG, which have an unqualified audit opinion from Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart, and PricewaterhouseCoopers Aktiengesellschaft Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, are published in the electronic Federal Gazette (elektronischer Bundesanzeiger). The annual report is available upon request from Deutsche Telekom AG, Bonn, Investor Relations, and on Deutsche Telekom’s homepage at www.telekom.com.

The consolidated financial statements of Deutsche Telekom for the 2010 financial year were released for publication by the Board of Management on February 18, 2011.

Basis of preparation.

The consolidated financial statements of Deutsche Telekom have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU), as well as with the regulations under commercial law as set forth in § 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch – HGB). All IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), effective at the time of preparing the consolidated financial statements and applied by Deutsche Telekom, have been adopted for use in the EU by the European Commission. The consolidated financial statements of Deutsche Telekom thus also comply with IFRS as issued by the IASB. Therefore the term IFRS is used in the following.

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year. The consolidated statement of financial position includes comparative amounts for one reporting date. The consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, and the consolidated statement of cash flows include two comparative years.

Presentation in the statement of financial position differentiates between current and non-current assets and liabilities, which are generally broken down further by their respective maturities in the notes to the financial statements. The consolidated income statement is presented using the cost-of-sales method. Under this format, net revenue is compared against the expenses incurred to generate these revenues, classified into cost of sales, selling, and general and administrative functions. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in euros.

The financial statements of Deutsche Telekom AG and its subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements were prepared using uniform group accounting policies.

Initial application of standards, interpretations and amendments to standards and interpretations in the financial year.

In the financial year, Deutsche Telekom applied the following IASB pronouncements and/or amendments to such pronouncements for the first time:

Pronouncement	Date of issue by the IASB	Title
IFRS 3/IAS 27	January 10, 2008	Business Combinations/Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
IAS 39	July 31, 2008	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
IFRIC 17	November 27, 2008	Distribution of Non-Cash Assets to Owners
IAS 24	November 4, 2009	Related Party Disclosures
Annual Improvements Project	April 16, 2009	Improvements to IFRSs
IFRS 2	June 18, 2009	Share-based Payment

IFRS 3 “Business Combinations” and IAS 27 “Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.” The standards are the result of the second phase of the project undertaken jointly with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to reform the accounting for business combinations. The revised IFRS 3 and IAS 27 were endorsed by the European Union in June 2009. Deutsche Telekom has applied the revised standards prospectively since January 1, 2010 to transactions and business combinations. The figures for prior-year periods have not been adjusted.

The main changes that the revised **IFRS 3** has made to the previous requirements are described below:

- The revised IFRS 3 gives the option of measuring non-controlling interests either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the net identifiable assets. This option can be exercised for each business combination individually.
- In a business combination achieved in stages, the acquirer shall remeasure its previously held equity interest in the acquiree at the date the acquirer obtains control. Goodwill shall be determined as the difference between the remeasured carrying amount plus consideration transferred for the acquisition of the new shares, minus net assets acquired.

- Contingent consideration shall be measured at fair value at the acquisition date and classified either as equity, or as asset or liability at the acquisition date. Agreed contingent consideration shall be recognized subsequently in accordance with the classification determined at the acquisition date.
- Acquisition-related costs incurred in connection with business combinations shall be recognized as expenses.
- For changes in contingent considerations to be recognized at the acquisition date, goodwill cannot be remeasured subsequently.
- According to the revised IFRS 3, effects from the settlement of relationships existing prior to the business combination shall not be part of the exchange for the acquiree.
- In contrast to the previous version of IFRS 3, the revised standard governs the recognition and measurement of rights that were granted to another entity prior to the business combination and which are now reacquired as part of the business combination (reacquired rights).

The main changes that the revised **IAS 27** has made to the previous requirements are described below:

- Changes in a parent’s ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in the loss of control shall only be accounted for within equity.
- If a parent loses control of a subsidiary, it shall derecognize the consolidated assets and liabilities. The new requirement is that any investment retained in the former subsidiary shall be recognized at fair value at the date when control is lost; any differences resulting from this shall be recognized in profit or loss.
- When losses attributed to the non-controlling interests exceed the non-controlling interests in the subsidiary’s equity, these losses shall be allocated in full to the non-controlling interests.

IAS 39 “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.” The European Union endorsed the amendment to IAS 39 in September 2009. The amendment on eligible hedged items specifies that an entity may designate an option as a hedge of changes in the cash flows or fair value of a hedged item above or below a specified price or other variable. Deutsche Telekom has observed the amendment to IAS 39 since January 1, 2010. The provisions are to be applied retrospectively. The amendment did not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.



IFRIC 17 “Distribution of Non-Cash Assets to Owners.” The European Union endorsed IFRIC 17 in November 2009. The interpretation provides guidance on the recognition and measurement of liabilities arising from dividends paid in the form of assets other than cash (e.g., property, plant and equipment) and clarifies how any difference between the carrying amount of the assets distributed and the fair value of the dividend paid should be accounted for. Deutsche Telekom has applied IFRIC 17 since January 1, 2010. The adoption of IFRIC 17 did not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

IAS 24 “Related Party Disclosures.” In November 2009, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 24. Previously, entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by a government had been required to disclose information about all transactions with entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by the same state. The revised standard still requires disclosures that are important to users of financial statements. However, in the future, information that is costly to produce or that is of little value for users of financial statements will be exempt from this requirement. Only information on transactions that are individually or collectively significant is still to be disclosed. In addition, the definition of a related party was simplified and a number of inconsistencies were eliminated. The European Union endorsed these amendments in July 2010. The revised standard is effective retrospectively for financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Earlier application is permitted. Deutsche Telekom has applied the amendment to IAS 24 since January 1, 2010. These amendments did not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

“Improvements to IFRSs.” This is the second Annual Improvements Project which aims to amend twelve existing standards and interpretations. The European Union endorsed the amendments in March 2010. Deutsche Telekom has applied the amendments since January 1, 2010. The amendments did not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

IFRS 2 “Share-based Payment.” These amendments clarify the accounting for group-settled share-based payment transactions. In these arrangements, the subsidiary receives goods or services from employees or suppliers, but its parent or another entity in the group must pay those suppliers. The European Union endorsed these amendments in March 2010. An entity that receives goods or services in a share-based payment arrangement must account for those goods or services no matter which entity in the group

settles the transaction, and no matter whether the transaction is settled in shares or cash. The IASB additionally clarified that in IFRS 2 a “group” has the same meaning as in IAS 27 “Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.” The amendments to IFRS 2 also incorporate guidance previously included in IFRIC 8 “Scope of IFRS 2” and IFRIC 11 “IFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions.” As a result, the IASB has withdrawn IFRIC 8 and IFRIC 11. Deutsche Telekom has applied the amendment to IFRS 2 since January 1, 2010. The amendments did not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Standards, interpretations and amendments issued, but not yet adopted.

In October 2009, the IASB issued an amendment to **IAS 32 “Financial Instruments: Presentation.”** The European Union endorsed this amendment in December 2009. This amendment clarifies the classification of rights issues as equity or liabilities when the rights are denominated in a currency other than the issuer’s functional currency. Previously, such rights issues had been accounted for as derivative liabilities. The amendment requires that if such rights are issued pro rata to an entity’s shareholders for a fixed amount of currency, they are to be classified as equity regardless of the currency in which the exercise price is denominated. The amendment is effective for financial years beginning on or after February 1, 2010. The amendment is not expected to have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In November 2009, the IASB issued **IFRS 9 “Financial Instruments.”** The European Union has not yet endorsed the amendments. The standard is the result of the first of three phases of the project to replace IAS 39 “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement” with IFRS 9. IFRS 9 governs the classification and measurement of financial assets. The rules for impairment of financial instruments and hedge accounting are currently being revised by the IASB. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be assigned to one of the following two measurement categories: “at amortized cost” or “at fair value.” IFRS 9 also grants a fair value option which allows financial assets that would normally be assigned to the “at amortized cost” category to be designated as “at fair value” if the fair value designation would eliminate or significantly reduce measurement or recognition inconsistency.

It is mandatory to assign equity instruments to the “at fair value” category. If, however, the equity instrument is not held for trading, the standard allows an irrevocable option to be made at initial recognition to designate it as “at fair value” through other comprehensive income. Dividend income resulting from the equity instrument is recognized in profit or loss. IFRS 9 is effective for financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The provisions are to be applied retrospectively. Deutsche Telekom is analyzing the resulting effects on the presentation of results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In November 2009, the IASB issued an amendment to its requirements on accounting for pension plans. The European Union endorsed the amendment in July 2010. The amendment is to **IFRIC 14 “Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement,”** which is an interpretation of IAS 19 “Employee Benefits.” The amendment applies in limited circumstances when an entity is subject to minimum funding requirements and makes an early payment of contributions to cover these requirements. The amendment permits such an entity to treat the benefit of such an early payment as an asset. The amendment has an effective date for mandatory adoption of January 1, 2011. Retrospective adoption is required. Deutsche Telekom is analyzing the resulting effects on the presentation of results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In November 2009, the IASB issued the interpretation **IFRIC 19 “Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments.”** The European Union endorsed IFRIC 19 in July 2010. The interpretation provides guidance on how to interpret IFRS when an entity renegotiates the terms of a financial liability with its creditor and the creditor agrees to accept equity instruments to settle the financial liabilities fully or partially. IFRIC 19 clarifies that the entity’s equity instruments issued to a creditor are part of the consideration paid to extinguish the financial liability fully or partially. In addition, these equity instruments are measured at their fair value. If their fair value cannot be reliably measured, the equity instruments shall be measured to reflect the fair value of the financial liability extinguished. Any difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability and the initial measurement amount of the equity instruments issued is included in the entity’s profit or loss for the period. The interpretation is effective for financial years beginning on or after July 1, 2010. The adoption of IFRIC 19 is not expected to have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In May 2010, the IASB published pronouncements as part of its third **Annual Improvements Project** containing amendments to six standards and one interpretation. The European Union has not yet endorsed the amendments. The amendments do not have a material impact on the presentation of Deutsche Telekom’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows and are effective for financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

In October 2010, the IASB issued the pronouncement “Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets” as an amendment to **IFRS 7 “Financial Instruments: Disclosures.”** The amendment requires quantitative and qualitative disclosures to be made for transfers of financial assets where the transferred assets are not derecognized in their entirety or the transferor retains continuing involvement. The amendment is intended to provide greater transparency around such transactions (e.g., securitizations) and help users understand the possible effects of any risks that may remain with the entity that transferred the assets. The amendment also requires supplementary information to be disclosed if a substantial proportion of the total amount of transfer activity takes place in the closing days of a reporting period. The amendments are applicable for financial years beginning on or after July 1, 2011. The European Union has not yet endorsed this pronouncement. Deutsche Telekom is analyzing the resulting effects on the presentation of results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Also in October 2010, the IASB issued requirements on accounting for financial liabilities. These are integrated into **IFRS 9 “Financial Instruments”** and replace the existing provisions on this subject in IAS 39 “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.” In the new pronouncement, the requirements relating to recognition and derecognition as well as most of the requirements for classification and measurement are carried forward unchanged from IAS 39. However, the requirements related to the fair value option for financial liabilities are changed in the new IFRS 9 to address own credit risk and the prohibition of fair value measurement is eliminated for derivative liabilities that are linked to an unquoted equity instrument and must be settled by delivery of an unquoted equity instrument. The pronouncement is effective for financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The European Union has not yet endorsed this pronouncement. Deutsche Telekom is analyzing the resulting effects on the presentation of results of operations, financial position or cash flows.



In December 2010, the IASB issued the pronouncements “**Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets – Amendments to IAS 12.**” The amendment sets presumptions for the recovery of certain assets. This is relevant in those cases where different tax consequences can arise depending on how the carrying amounts are recovered. The pronouncement introduces a rebuttable presumption that the carrying amount of an investment property that is measured using the fair value model in IAS 40 “Investment Property” will be recovered through sale. In any case, there is also a non-rebuttable presumption that the carrying amount of a non-depreciable asset that is measured using the fair value model in IAS 16 “Property, Plant and Equipment” will be recovered through sale. Interpretation SIC 21 “Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets” was replaced by the new pronouncement. The pronouncement is effective for financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2012 and has not yet been endorsed by the European Union. Deutsche Telekom is analyzing the resulting effects on the presentation of results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Changes in accounting policies and changes in the reporting structure.

Deutsche Telekom did not make any major changes to its accounting policies in the 2010 financial year. The structure of the operating segments was changed as follows to reflect the realigned management structure of the Europe and Southern and Eastern Europe operating segments.

The Europe and Southern and Eastern Europe operating segments were merged on April 1, 2010 to form the new Europe operating segment. This new operating segment encompasses all activities of the fixed-network and mobile communications enterprises of the national companies in Greece, Romania, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Croatia, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Austria, Albania, the F.Y.R.O. Macedonia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, and the joint venture in the United Kingdom as well as the International Carrier Sales and Services unit, which mainly provides wholesale telecommunications services for the Group’s other operating segments. All descriptions in the notes to the consolidated financial statements and in the combined management report were retrospectively modified to reflect this change.

Since April 1, 2010, Deutsche Telekom has therefore reported on the four operating segments Germany, Europe, United States, and Systems Solutions, as well as on Group Headquarters & Shared Services.

Accounting policies.

The material principles on recognition and measurement outlined below were applied uniformly to all accounting periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

Intangible assets (excluding goodwill) with finite useful lives, including UMTS licenses, are measured at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. Such assets are impaired if their recoverable amount, which is measured at the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is lower than the carrying amount. Indefinite-lived intangible assets (mobile communications licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission in the United States (FCC licenses)) are carried at cost. While FCC licenses are issued for a fixed time, renewals of FCC licenses have occurred routinely and at nominal costs. Moreover, Deutsche Telekom has determined that there are currently no legal, regulatory, contractual, competitive, economic or other factors that limit the useful lives of the FCC licenses, and therefore treats the FCC licenses as an indefinite-lived intangible asset. They are not amortized, but tested for impairment annually or whenever there are indications of impairment and, if necessary, written down to the recoverable amount. Impairment losses are reversed if the reasons for recognizing the original impairment loss no longer apply and the asset is recognized at a value that would have been applied if no impairment losses had been recognized in prior periods.

The useful lives and the amortization method of the assets are reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the changes are accounted for as changes in accounting estimates in accordance with IAS 8.

Amortization of mobile communications licenses begins as soon as the related network is ready for use. The useful lives of mobile communications licenses are determined based on several factors, including the term of the licenses granted by the respective regulatory body in each country, the availability and expected cost of renewing the licenses, as well as the development of future technologies.

The remaining useful lives of the Company's most important mobile communications licenses are as follows:

Mobile communications licenses	Years
FCC licenses	Indefinite
UMTS licenses	4 to 14
GSM licenses	1 to 14

Development expenditures are capitalized if they meet the criteria for recognition as assets and are amortized over their useful lives. **Research expenditures** are not capitalized and are expensed as incurred.

Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment based on the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill is allocated (impairment-only approach). For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. The impairment test must be performed annually, as well as whenever there are indications that the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit is impaired. If the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit to which goodwill is allocated exceeds its recoverable amount, goodwill allocated to this cash-generating unit must be reduced in the amount of the difference. Impairment losses for goodwill may not be reversed. If the impairment loss recognized for the cash-generating unit exceeds the carrying amount of the allocated goodwill, the additional amount of the impairment loss is recognized through the pro-rata reduction of the carrying amounts of the assets allocated to the cash-generating unit. Deutsche Telekom determines the recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit based on its fair value less costs to sell, unless a higher value in use can be determined. The fair value less costs to sell is usually determined based on discounted cash flow calculations. These discounted cash flow calculations use projections that are based on financial budgets approved by management covering a ten-year period and are also used for internal purposes. The planning horizon reflects the assumptions for short- to mid-term market developments. Cash flows beyond the ten-year period are extrapolated using appropriate growth rates. Key assumptions on which management has based its determination of fair value less costs to sell include the development of revenue, customer acquisition and retention costs, churn rates, capital expenditure, market share, growth rates and discount rates. Cash flow calculations are supported by external sources of information.

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less straight-line depreciation, and impairment losses, if applicable. The depreciation period is based on the expected useful life. Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated pro rata in the year of acquisition. The residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method of the assets are reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the changes are accounted for as changes in accounting estimates in accordance with IAS 8. In addition to directly attributable costs, the costs of internally developed assets include proportionate indirect material and labor costs, as well as administrative expenses relating to production or the provision of services. In addition to the purchase price and costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, costs also include the estimated costs for dismantling and removing the asset, and restoring the site on which it is located. If an item of property, plant and equipment consists of several components with different estimated useful lives, the individual significant components are depreciated over their individual useful lives. Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. Investment grants received reduce the cost of the assets for which the grants were made.

On disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal, the carrying amount of the item is derecognized. The gain or loss arising from the disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item and is recognized as other operating income or other operating expenses when the item is derecognized. The useful lives of material asset categories are presented in the following table:

	Years
Buildings	25 to 50
Telephone facilities and terminal equipment	3 to 10
Data communications equipment, telephone network and ISDN switching equipment, transmission equipment, radio transmission equipment and technical equipment for broadband distribution networks	2 to 12
Broadband distribution networks, outside plant networks and cable conduit lines	8 to 35
Other equipment, operating and office equipment	2 to 23

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of their useful lives or applicable lease terms.



Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalized as part of the cost of that asset. Deutsche Telekom defines qualifying assets as construction projects or other assets for which a period of at least twelve months is necessary in order to get them ready for their intended use or sale. Borrowing costs relating to assets measured at fair value and to inventories that are manufactured or produced in large quantities on a repetitive basis are not capitalized, even if it takes a substantial period of time to get the assets ready for use or sale.

Impairment of intangible assets and items of property, plant and equipment is identified by comparing the carrying amount with the recoverable amount. If no future cash flows generated independently of other assets can be allocated to the individual assets, recoverability is tested on the basis of the cash-generating unit to which the assets can be allocated. At each reporting date, Deutsche Telekom assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset or cash-generating unit must be determined. In addition, annual impairment tests are carried out for intangible assets with indefinite useful lives (FCC licenses). Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized, but are tested for impairment based on the recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit. Impairment losses are reversed if the reasons for recognizing the original impairment loss no longer apply and the asset is recognized at a value that would have been applied if no impairment loss had been recognized in prior periods.

The recoverable amount of the cash-generating units is generally determined using discounted cash flow calculations. Cash flows are projected over the estimated useful life of the asset or cash-generating unit. The discount rate used reflects the risk specific to the asset or cash-generating unit. The cash flows used reflect management assumptions and are supported by external sources of information.

Beneficial ownership of **leased assets** is attributed to the contracting party in the lease to which the substantial risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset are transferred. If substantially all risks and rewards are attributable to the lessor (operating lease), the leased asset is recognized in the statement of financial position by the lessor. Measurement of the leased asset is then based on the accounting policies applicable to that asset.

The lease payments are recognized in profit or loss. The lessee in an operating lease recognizes the lease payments made during the term of the lease in profit or loss. Contractually defined future changes in the lease payments during the term of the lease are recognized on a straight-line basis over the entire lease term, which is defined only once at the inception date of the contract. Where extension options exist, the exercise of those extension options that are reasonably certain is initially taken into account at the time the lease is concluded. In the course of the lease, when circumstances come to light that could lead to a change in the original assessment of the exercise of extension options, the estimated future obligations arising from operating leases will be changed accordingly.

If substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased asset are attributable to the lessee (finance lease), the lessee must recognize the leased asset in the statement of financial position. At the commencement of the lease term, the leased asset is measured at the lower of fair value or present value of the future minimum lease payments and is depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life or the lease term. Depreciation is recognized as expense. The lessee recognizes a lease liability equal to the carrying amount of the leased asset at the commencement of the lease term. In subsequent periods, the lease liability is reduced using the effective interest method and the carrying amount is adjusted accordingly. The lessor in a finance lease recognizes a receivable in the amount of the net investment in the lease. Lease income is classified into repayments of the lease receivable and finance income. The lease receivable is reduced using the effective interest method and the carrying amount is adjusted accordingly.

If a sale and leaseback transaction results in a finance lease, any excess of sales proceeds over the carrying amount is deferred and amortized over the lease term.

Other non-current receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. These assets are measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and are classified as non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale.

Such assets are no longer depreciated. As a rule, impairment of such assets is only recognized if fair value less costs to sell is lower than the carrying amount. If fair value less costs to sell subsequently increases, the impairment loss previously recognized must be reversed. The reversal of impairment losses is limited to the impairment losses previously recognized for the assets concerned. If the requirements for the classification of assets as held for sale are no longer met, the assets may no longer be shown as held for sale. The assets are to be measured at the lower of the carrying amount that would have applied if the asset had not been classified as held for sale, and the recoverable amount at the date at which the requirements for the classification as held for sale are no longer met.

Inventories are carried at the lower of net realizable value or cost. Cost comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is measured using the weighted average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Deutsche Telekom sells handsets separately and in connection with service contracts. As part of the strategy to acquire new customers, it sometimes sells handsets, in connection with a service contract, at below its acquisition cost. As the handset subsidy is part of the Company's strategy for acquiring new customers, the loss on the sale of handsets is recognized at the time of the sale and, as a rule, shown under cost of sales.

Financial assets are measured at fair value on initial recognition. For all financial assets not subsequently remeasured at fair value through profit or loss, the transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are taken into account. The fair values recognized in the statement of financial position are generally based on the market prices of the financial assets. If these are not available, they must be calculated using standard valuation models on the basis of current market parameters. For this calculation, the cash flows already fixed or determined by way of forward rates using the current yield curve are discounted at the measurement date using the discount factors calculated from the yield curve applicable at the reporting date. Middle rates are used.

Trade and other current receivables are measured at the amount the item is initially recognized less any impairment losses using the effective interest method, if applicable. Impairments, which take the form of allowances, make adequate provision for the expected credit risk; concrete cases of default lead to the derecognition of the respective receivables. For allowances, financial assets that may need to be written down are grouped together on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics, tested collectively for impairment and written down, if necessary. When the expected future cash flows of the portfolio are being calculated as required for this, previous cases of default are taken into consideration in addition to the cash flows envisaged in the contract. The cash flows are discounted on the basis of the weighted average of the original effective interest rates of the financial assets contained in the relevant portfolio.

Write-offs of trade receivables are recognized in some cases using allowance accounts. The decision to account for credit risks using an allowance account or by directly reducing the receivable will depend on the reliability of the risk assessment. As there is a variety of operating segments and regional circumstances, this decision is the responsibility of the respective portfolio managers.

Cash and cash equivalents, which include cash accounts and short-term cash deposits at banks, have maturities of up to three months when initially recognized and are measured at amortized cost.

The Group arranges **defined benefit pension plans** in different countries on the basis of the pensionable compensation of its employees and their length of service. Some of these pension plans are financed through external pension funds. **Provisions for pensions** are measured using the projected unit credit method for defined benefit plans, taking into account not only the pension obligations and vested pension rights known at the reporting date, but also expected future salary and benefit increases. The interest rate used to determine the present value of the obligations is set on the basis of the yield on high-quality corporate bonds in the respective currency area. In countries without a deep market for such bonds, estimates based on the yield on government bonds are used instead. Actuarial gains and losses arising from adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognized in the period in which they occur outside profit or loss within equity (retained earnings). The return on plan assets and expenses for interest added to obligations are reported in finance costs. Service costs are classified as operating expenses. Past service costs are recognized immediately to the extent that the benefits are vested; otherwise, they are recognized on a straight-line basis over the average remaining vesting period.



The Group's defined benefit plans are pension plans in Germany. Other pension plans exist in Switzerland, Greece, and in a number of other European Union countries.

In addition to the Group's pension obligations for non-civil servants in Germany based on direct and indirect pension commitments, there are further obligations under Article 131 of the Basic Law (Grundgesetz – GG). Since 1996, the pension commitments in Germany have been based on direct pension commitments in the form of credits to capital accounts held by employees. Within the scope of the realignment of the company pension plan in 1997, existing commitments were transferred to these capital accounts in accordance with an agreement for the protection of vested benefits. The benefit obligations due to retirees and employees approaching retirement remained unchanged.

Individual Group entities grant **defined contribution plans** to their employees. Under defined contribution plans, the employer does not assume any other obligations above and beyond the payment of contributions to an external fund. The amount of the future pension payments will exclusively depend on the contribution made by the employer (and their employees, if applicable) to the external fund, including income from the investment of such contributions. The amounts payable are expensed when the obligation to pay the amounts is established, and classified as expenses.

Civil-servant retirement arrangements at Deutsche Telekom. In accordance with the provisions of the German Posts and Telecommunications Reorganization Act (Postneuordnungsgesetz), the Federal Pension Service for Post and Telecommunications (Bundes-Pensions-Service für Post und Telekommunikation e.V. – BPS-PT) for current and former employees with civil-servant status makes pension and allowance payments to retired employees and their surviving dependents who are entitled to pension payments as a result of civil-servant status. The level of Deutsche Telekom AG's payment obligations to its special pension fund is defined under § 16 of the German Act on the Legal Provisions for the Former Deutsche Bundespost Staff (Postpersonalrechtsgesetz – PostPersRG). Since 2000, Deutsche Telekom AG has been legally obliged to make an annual contribution to the special pension fund amounting to 33 percent of the pensionable gross emoluments of active civil servants and the notional pensionable gross emoluments of civil servants on leave of absence.

Part-time working arrangements for employees approaching retirement are largely based on the block model of the partial retirement arrangement (Altersteilzeit). Two types of obligations, both measured at their present value in accordance with actuarial principles, arise and are accounted for separately. The first type of obligation relates to the cumulative outstanding settlement amount, which is recorded on a pro-rata basis during the active/working phase. The cumulative outstanding settlement amount is based on the difference between the employee's remuneration before entering partial retirement (including the employer's social security contributions) and the remuneration for the part-time service (including the employer's social security contributions, but excluding top-up payments). The second type of obligation relates to the employer's obligation to make top-up payments plus an additional contribution to the statutory pension scheme and is recognized in full when the obligation arises.

Provisions for voluntary redundancy and severance payments and in connection with early retirement arrangements for civil servants are recognized when Deutsche Telekom is demonstrably committed to granting those benefits. This is the case when Deutsche Telekom has a detailed formal plan for the termination of the employment relationship and is without realistic possibility of withdrawal. The termination benefits are measured based on the number of employees expected to be affected by the measures. Where termination benefits fall due more than twelve months after the reporting date, the expected amount to be paid is discounted to the reporting date.

Other provisions are recognized where Deutsche Telekom has legal or constructive obligations to third parties on the basis of past transactions or events that will probably require an outflow of resources to settle, and this outflow can be reliably measured. These provisions are carried at their expected settlement amount, taking into account all identifiable risks, and may not be offset against reimbursements. The settlement amount is calculated on the basis of a best estimate. Provisions are discounted when the effect of the time value of money is material. Changes in estimates of the amount and timing of payments or changes in the discount rate applied in measuring provisions for decommissioning, restoration, and similar obligations are recognized in accordance with the change in the carrying amount of the related asset. Where the decrease in the amount of a provision exceeds the carrying amount of the related asset, the excess is recognized immediately in profit or loss. Provisions are recognized for external legal fees related to litigation risks.

Contingencies (contingent liabilities and assets) are potential liabilities or assets arising from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not entirely within the control of Deutsche Telekom. Contingent liabilities can also be present obligations that arise from past events for which an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is not probable or for which the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably. Contingent liabilities are only recognized at their fair value if they were assumed in the course of a business combination. Contingent liabilities not assumed in the course of a business combination are not recognized. Contingent assets are not recognized. However, when the realization of income is virtually certain, then the related asset is no longer a contingent asset, but it is recognized as an asset. Information on contingent liabilities is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. The same applies to contingent assets where an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

A **financial instrument** is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial assets include, in particular, cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and other originated loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and derivative and non-derivative financial assets held for trading. Financial liabilities generally substantiate claims for repayment in cash or another financial asset. In particular, this includes bonds and other securitized liabilities, trade payables, liabilities to banks, finance lease payables, liabilities to non-banks from promissory notes, and derivative financial liabilities. Financial instruments are recognized as soon as Deutsche Telekom becomes a party to the contractual regulations of the financial instrument. However, in the case of regular way purchase or sale (purchase or sale of a financial asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the timeframe established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned), the settlement date is relevant for the initial recognition and derecognition. This is the day on which the asset is delivered to or by Deutsche Telekom. In general, financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the entity currently has a right to set off the recognized amounts and intends to settle on a net basis. To the extent that contracts to buy or sell non-financial assets fall within the scope of IAS 39, they are accounted for in accordance with this standard.

Financial assets held for trading are measured at fair value. These mainly include derivatives that are not part of an effective hedging relationship as set out in IAS 39 and therefore shall be classified as held for trading. Any gains or losses arising from subsequent measurement are recognized in the income statement.

Certain types of investment are intended and expected **to be held to maturity** with reasonable economic certainty. These financial assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Other non-derivative financial assets are classified as **available for sale** and generally measured at fair value. The gains and losses arising from fair value measurement are recognized directly in equity, unless the impairment is permanent or significant, or the changes in the fair value of debt instruments resulting from currency fluctuations are recognized in profit or loss. The cumulative gains and losses arising from fair value measurement are only recognized in profit or loss on disposal of the related financial assets. If the fair value of unquoted equity instruments cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, these instruments are measured at cost (less any impairment losses, if applicable).

Deutsche Telekom has not yet made use of the option of designating financial assets upon initial recognition as **financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**.



The carrying amounts of the financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss are tested at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective, material evidence of **impairment** (e.g., a debtor is facing serious financial difficulties, it is highly probable that insolvency proceedings will be initiated against the debtor, an active market for the financial asset disappears, there is a substantial change in the technological, economic or legal environment and the market environment of the issuer, or there is a continuous decline in the fair value of the financial asset to a level below amortized cost). Any impairment losses caused by the fair value being lower than the carrying amount are recognized in profit or loss. Where impairments of the fair values of available-for-sale financial assets were recognized directly in equity in the past, these must now be reclassified from equity in the amount of the impairment determined to the income statement. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of the financial asset increases and this increase can be related objectively to events occurring after the impairment was recognized, the impairment loss is reversed in the appropriate amount. In the case of debt instruments, these reversed impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss. Impairment losses on unquoted equity instruments that are classified as available for sale and carried at cost may not be reversed. Both the fair value of held-to-maturity securities to be determined by testing for impairment and the fair value of the loans and receivables measured at amortized cost, which are required for impairment testing, correspond to the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted using the original effective interest rate. The fair value of unquoted equity instruments measured at cost is calculated as the present value of the expected future cash flows, discounted using the current interest rate that corresponds to the investment's special risk position.

Financial liabilities are measured at fair value on initial recognition. For all financial liabilities not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss, the transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition are also recognized.

Trade payables and other non-derivative financial liabilities are generally measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Group has not yet made use of the option to designate financial liabilities upon initial recognition as **financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**.

Derivatives that are not part of an effective hedging relationship as set out in IAS 39 must be classified as held for trading and measured at fair value through profit or loss. If the fair values are negative, the derivatives are recognized as financial liabilities.

Deutsche Telekom uses **derivatives** to hedge the interest rate and currency risks resulting from its operating, financing, and investing activities.

The Company does not hold or issue derivatives for speculative trading purposes.

Derivatives are carried at their fair value upon initial recognition. The fair values are also relevant for subsequent measurement. The fair value of traded derivatives is equal to their market value, which can be positive or negative. If there is no market value available, the fair value is determined using standard financial valuation models.

The fair value of derivatives is the value that Deutsche Telekom would receive or have to pay if the financial instrument were discontinued at the reporting date. This is calculated on the basis of the contracting parties' relevant exchange rates and interest rates at the reporting date. Calculations are made using middle rates. In the case of interest-bearing derivatives, a distinction is made between the "clean price" and the "dirty price." In contrast to the clean price, the dirty price also includes the interest accrued. The fair values carried correspond to the full fair value or the dirty price.

Recording the changes in the fair values – in either the income statement or directly in equity – depends on whether or not the derivative is part of an effective hedging relationship as set out in IAS 39. If **hedge accounting** pursuant to IAS 39 is not employed, the changes in the fair values of the derivatives must be recognized in profit or loss. If, on the other hand, an effective hedging relationship as set out in IAS 39 exists, the hedge will be recognized as such.

Deutsche Telekom applies hedge accounting to hedge items in the statement of financial position and future cash flows, thus reducing income statement volatility. A distinction is made between fair value hedges, cash flow hedges, and hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation depending on the nature of the hedged item.

Fair value hedges are used to hedge the fair values of assets recognized in the statement of financial position, liabilities recognized in the statement of financial position, or firm commitments not yet recognized in the statement of financial position. Any change in the fair value of the derivative designated as the hedging instrument is recognized in profit or loss; the carrying amount of the hedged item is adjusted by the profit or loss to the extent of the hedged risk (basis adjustment). The adjustments to the carrying amount are not amortized until the hedging relationship has been discontinued.

Cash flow hedges are used to hedge against fluctuations in future cash flows from assets and liabilities recognized in the statement of financial position, from firm commitments (in the case of currency risks), or from highly probable forecast transactions. To hedge the currency risk of an unrecognized firm commitment, Deutsche Telekom makes use of the option to recognize this as a cash flow hedge rather than a fair value hedge. If a cash flow hedge is employed, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the hedging instrument is recognized in equity (hedging reserve) until the gain or loss on the hedged item is realized; the ineffective portion of the hedging instrument is recognized in profit or loss. If a hedge of a forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a financial or non-financial asset or liability, the associated cumulative gains and losses that were recognized directly in equity are reclassified into profit or loss in the same periods during which the financial asset acquired or the financial liability assumed affects profit or loss for the period. In doing so, Deutsche Telekom has decided not to make use of the basis adjustment option for hedging forecast transactions when non-financial items in the statement of financial position arise.

If **hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation** are employed, all gains or losses on the effective portion of the hedging instrument, together with any gains or losses on the foreign-currency translation of the hedged investment, are taken directly to equity. Any gains or losses on the ineffective portion are recognized immediately in profit or loss. The cumulative remeasurement gains and losses on the hedging instrument that had previously been recognized directly in equity and the gains and losses on the currency translation of the hedged item are recognized in profit or loss only on disposal of the investment.

IAS 39 sets out strict requirements on the use of hedge accounting. These are fulfilled at Deutsche Telekom by documenting, at the inception of a hedge, both the relationship between the financial instrument used as the hedging instrument and the hedged item, as well as the aim and strategy of the hedge. This involves concretely assigning the hedging instruments to the corresponding assets or liabilities or (firmly agreed/expected) future transactions and also estimating the degree of effectiveness of the hedging instruments employed. The effectiveness of existing hedge accounting is monitored on an ongoing basis; ineffective hedges are discontinued immediately.

Deutsche Telekom also employs hedges that do not satisfy the strict hedge accounting criteria of IAS 39 but which make an effective contribution to hedging the financial risk in accordance with the principles of risk management. Furthermore, Deutsche Telekom does not use hedge accounting in accordance with IAS 39 to hedge the foreign-currency exposure of recognized monetary assets and liabilities, because the gains and losses on the hedged item from currency translation that are recognized in profit or loss in accordance with IAS 21 are shown in the income statement together with the gains and losses on the derivatives used as hedging instruments.

Stock options (equity-settled share-based payment transactions) are measured at fair value on the grant date. The fair value of the obligation is recognized as personnel costs over the vesting period. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. Obligations arising from cash-settled share-based payment transactions are recognized as a liability and measured at fair value at the reporting date. The expenses are recognized over the vesting period. For both cash-settled and equity-settled share-based payment transactions, the fair value is determined using internationally accepted valuation techniques, such as the Black-Scholes model or the Monte Carlo model.

Revenues include all revenues from the ordinary business activities of Deutsche Telekom. Revenues are recorded net of value-added tax and other taxes collected from customers that are remitted to governmental authorities. They are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned in accordance with the realization principle. Customer activation fees are deferred and amortized over the estimated average period of customer retention, unless they are part of a multiple-element arrangement, in which case they are a component of the arrangement consideration to be paid by the customer. Activation costs and costs of acquiring customers are deferred, up to the amount of deferred customer activation fees, and recognized over the average customer retention period.



For **multiple-element arrangements**, revenue recognition for each of the units of accounting (elements) identified must be determined separately. Revenue is recognized on the basis of the fair value of the individual elements. Arrangements involving the delivery of bundled products or services shall be separated into individual elements, each with its own separate revenue contribution. Total arrangement consideration relating to the bundled contract is allocated among the different elements based on their relative fair values (i.e., a ratio of the fair value of each element to the aggregated fair value of the bundled deliverables is generated). The relative fair value of an individual element and thus the revenue recognized for this unit of accounting, however, is limited by that proportion of the total arrangement consideration to be provided by the customer, the payment of which does not depend on the delivery of additional elements. If the fair value of the delivered elements cannot be determined reliably but the fair value of the undelivered elements can be determined reliably, the total arrangement consideration provided by the customer is allocated by determining the fair value of the delivered elements as the difference between the total arrangement consideration and the fair value of the undelivered elements.

Payments to customers, including payments to dealers and agents (discounts, provisions) are generally recognized as a decrease in revenue. If the consideration provides a benefit in its own right and can be reliably measured, the payments are recognized as expenses.

Revenue recognition at Deutsche Telekom is as follows:

Revenue generated by the **mobile communications business** of the operating segments Germany, Europe, and United States includes revenues from the provision of mobile services, customer activation fees, and sales of mobile handsets and accessories. Mobile services revenues include monthly service charges, charges for special features, call charges, and roaming charges billed to T-Mobile customers, as well as other mobile operators. Mobile services revenue is recognized based upon minutes of use or other agreed calling plans less credits and adjustments for discounts. The revenue and related expenses associated with the sale of mobile phones, wireless data devices, and accessories are recognized when the products are delivered and accepted by the customer.

The **fixed-network business** in the operating segments Germany and Europe provides narrow and broadband access to the fixed network as well as the Internet. Revenue generated from these types of access for the use of voice and data communications is recognized upon rendering of the service. The services rendered relate to use by customers (e.g., call minutes), availability over time (e.g., monthly service charges) or other agreed calling plans. Telecommunications equipment is also sold, leased, and serviced. Revenue and expenses associated with the sale of telecommunications equipment and accessories are recognized when the products are delivered, provided there are no unfulfilled company obligations that affect the customer's final acceptance of the arrangement. Revenue from rentals and operating leases is recognized monthly as the entitlement to the fees accrues. Revenues from customer activation fees are deferred over the average customer retention period. Revenues also result from charges for advertising and e-commerce. Advertising revenues are recognized in the period in which the advertisements are exhibited. Transaction revenues are recognized upon notification from the customer that qualifying transactions have occurred and collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured.

In the **Systems Solutions** operating segment, revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, products are delivered or services are rendered, the sales price or fee is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured.

Revenue from Computing & Desktop Services is recognized as the services are provided using a proportional performance model. Revenue is recognized ratably over the contractual service period for fixed-price contracts and on an output or consumption basis for all other service contracts. Revenue from service contracts billed on the basis of time and material used is recognized at the contractual hourly rates as labor hours are delivered and direct expenses are incurred.

Revenue from hardware sales or sales-type leases is recognized when the product is shipped to the customer, provided there are no unfulfilled company obligations that affect the customer's final acceptance of the arrangement. Any costs of these obligations are recognized when the corresponding revenue is recognized.

Telecommunication services include network services and hosting & ASP services. Contracts for network services, which consist of the installation and operation of communication networks for customers, have an average duration of approximately three years. Customer activation fees and related costs are deferred and amortized over the estimated average period of customer retention. Revenues for voice and data services are recognized under such contracts when used by the customer. When an arrangement contains a lease, the lease is accounted for separately in accordance with IFRIC 4 and IAS 17. Revenues from hosting & ASP services are recognized as the services are provided.

Revenue from rentals and leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the rental period.

Income taxes include current income taxes as well as deferred taxes. Tax liabilities/tax receivables mainly comprise liabilities/receivables relating to domestic and foreign income taxes. They include liabilities/receivables for the current period as well as for prior periods. The liabilities/receivables are measured based on the applicable tax law in the countries Deutsche Telekom operates in and include all facts the Company is aware of.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between the carrying amounts in the consolidated statement of financial position and the tax base, as well as for tax loss carryforwards. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on the investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is not recognized if it arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting profit or loss (before income taxes) under IFRS nor taxable profit or loss. Currently enacted tax laws and tax laws that have been substantively enacted as of the reporting date are used as the basis for measuring deferred taxes.

Judgments and estimates.

The presentation of the results of operations, financial position or cash flows in the consolidated financial statements is dependent upon and sensitive to the accounting policies, assumptions and estimates. The actual amounts may differ from those estimates. The following critical accounting estimates and related assumptions and uncertainties inherent in accounting policies applied are essential to understand the underlying financial reporting risks and the effects that these accounting estimates, assumptions and uncertainties may have on the consolidated financial statements.

Measurement of **property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets** involves the use of estimates for determining the fair value at the acquisition date, provided they were acquired in a business combination. Furthermore, the expected useful lives of these assets must be estimated. The determination of the fair values of assets and liabilities, as well as of the useful lives of the assets is based on management's judgment.

The determination of **impairments of property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets** involves the use of estimates that include, but are not limited to, the cause, timing and amount of the impairment. Impairment is based on a large number of factors, such as changes in current competitive conditions, expectations of growth in the telecommunications industry, increased cost of capital, changes in the future availability of financing, technological obsolescence, discontinuance of services, current replacement costs, prices paid in comparable transactions and other changes in circumstances that indicate an impairment exists. The recoverable amount and the fair values are typically determined using a discounted cash flow method which incorporates reasonable market participant assumptions.



The identification of impairment indicators, as well as the estimation of future cash flows and the determination of fair values for assets (or groups of assets) require management to make significant judgments concerning the identification and validation of impairment indicators, expected cash flows, applicable discount rates, useful lives and residual values. Specifically, the estimation of cash flows underlying the fair values from the mobile business considers the continued investment in network infrastructure required to generate future revenue growth through the offering of new data products and services, for which only limited historical information on customer demand is available. If the demand for these products and services does not materialize as expected, this would result in less revenue, less cash flow and potential impairment to write down these investments to their fair values, which could adversely affect future operating results.

The determination of the **recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit** involves the use of estimates by management. Methods used to determine the fair value less costs to sell include discounted cash flow-based methods and methods that use quoted stock market prices as a basis. Key assumptions on which management has based its determination of fair value less costs to sell include revenue, customer acquisition and retention costs, churn rates, capital expenditure and market share. These estimates, including the methodologies used, can have a material impact on the fair value and ultimately the amount of any goodwill impairment.

The valuation of **investments accounted for using the equity method** in the case of the 50-percent stake in the Everything Everywhere joint venture, which was based on the discounted cash flow method, involved the use of estimates for determining the fair value at the date of first-time inclusion using the equity method.

Management maintains an **allowance for doubtful accounts** to account for estimated losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. When evaluating the adequacy of an allowance for doubtful accounts, management bases its estimates on the aging of accounts receivable balances and historical write-off experience, customer credit worthiness and changes in customer payment terms. If the financial condition of customers were to deteriorate, actual write-offs might be higher than expected.

Income taxes must be estimated for each of the jurisdictions in which the Group operates, involving a specific calculation of the expected actual income tax exposure for each tax object and an assessment of temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of certain items for IFRS consolidated financial and tax reporting purposes. Any temporary differences will generally result in the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements. Management judgment is required for the calculation of actual and deferred taxes. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that their utilization is probable. The utilization of deferred tax assets will depend on whether it is possible to generate sufficient taxable income in the respective tax type and jurisdiction, taking into account any legal restrictions on the length of the loss carryforward period. Various factors are used to assess the probability of the future utilization of deferred tax assets, including past operating results, operational plans, loss carryforward periods, and tax planning strategies. If actual results differ from these estimates or if these estimates must be adjusted in future periods, results of operations, the financial position, and cash flows may be negatively affected. In the event that the assessment of future utilization of deferred tax assets changes, the recognized deferred tax assets must be reduced in profit or loss or directly in equity, or the impaired deferred tax assets must be recognized in profit or loss or directly in equity, depending on how the deferred tax assets were originally recognized.

Pension obligations for benefits to non-civil servants are generally satisfied by defined benefit plans. Pension benefit costs for non-civil servants are determined in accordance with actuarial valuations, which rely on assumptions including discount rates, life expectancies and, if applicable, expected return on plan assets. The assumptions concerning the expected return on plan assets are determined on a uniform basis, considering long-term historical returns, asset allocation and future estimates of long-term investment returns. In the event that changes in assumptions are required with respect to discount rates and expected returns on invested assets, the future amounts of the pension benefit costs may be affected materially.

Deutsche Telekom is obligated, under the German Federal Posts and Telecommunications Agency Reorganization Act (Gesetz zur Reorganisation der Bundesanstalt für Post und Telekommunikation Deutsche Bundespost), to pay for its share of any operating cost shortfalls between the income of the **Civil Service Health Insurance Fund** (Postbeamtenkrankenkasse) and benefits paid. The Civil Service Health Insurance Fund provides services mainly in cases of illness, birth, or death for its members, who are civil servants employed by or retired from Deutsche Telekom AG, Deutsche Post AG and Deutsche Postbank AG, and their relatives. When Postreform II came into effect, participation in the Civil Service Health Insurance Fund was closed to new members. The insurance premiums collected by the Civil Service Health Insurance Fund may not exceed the insurance premiums imposed by alternative private health insurance enterprises for comparable insurance benefits, and, therefore, do not reflect the changing age distribution of the participants in the fund. Deutsche Telekom recognizes provisions in the amount of the actuarially determined present value of Deutsche Telekom's share in the fund's future deficit, using a discount rate and making assumptions about life expectancies and projections for contributions and future increases in general health care costs in Germany. Since the calculation of these provisions involves long-term projections over periods of more than 50 years, the present value of the liability may be highly sensitive even to small variations in the underlying assumptions.

Deutsche Telekom exercises considerable judgment in measuring and recognizing **provisions** and the **exposure to contingent liabilities** related to pending litigation or other outstanding claims subject to negotiated settlement, mediation, arbitration or government regulation, as well as other contingent liabilities. Judgment is necessary in assessing the likelihood that a pending claim will succeed, or a liability will arise, and to quantify the possible range of the final settlement. Provisions are recorded for liabilities when losses are expected from executory contracts, a loss is considered probable and can be reasonably estimated. Because of the inherent uncertainties in this evaluation process, actual losses may be different from the originally estimated provision. In addition, significant estimates are involved in the determination of provisions related to taxes, environmental liabilities and litigation risks. These estimates are subject to change as new information becomes available, primarily with the support of internal specialists, if available, or with the support of outside consultants, such as actuaries or legal counsel. Revisions to the estimates of these losses from executory contracts may significantly affect future operating results.

Revenue recognition.

Customer activation fees. The operating segments Germany, Europe, and United States receive installation and activation fees from new customers. These fees (and related directly attributable costs) are deferred and amortized over the expected duration of the customer relationship. The estimation of the expected average duration of the relationship is based on historical customer turnover. If management's estimates are revised, material differences may result in the amount and timing of revenue for any period.

Multiple-element arrangements. The fair values of individual units of accounting of bundled products or services are complex to determine, because some of the elements are price-sensitive and, thus, volatile in a competitive marketplace. Revisions to the estimates of these relative fair values may significantly affect the allocation of total arrangement consideration among the different units of accounting, affecting future operating results.

Consolidated group.

All subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are included in the consolidated financial statements. Subsidiaries are companies that are directly or indirectly controlled by Deutsche Telekom and are fully consolidated. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible, including potential voting rights held by another entity, are considered when assessing whether an entity is controlled. Joint ventures are companies jointly controlled by Deutsche Telekom and other companies. Associates are companies on which Deutsche Telekom has a significant influence, and that are neither subsidiaries nor joint ventures. As with joint ventures, associates are accounted for using the equity method.

Subsidiaries are not included in the consolidated financial statements if an operating segment or the Group considers them to be insignificant based on the following criterion: The sum of all unconsolidated subsidiaries must not account for more than 1 percent of the Group's total assets, revenue, profit/loss for the year, contingent assets/liabilities, and other financial obligations. If the 1 percent limit is exceeded, the subsidiary to be included in the consolidated financial statements will be determined taking expected duration and consolidation effects into account. The materiality assessment for associates and jointly controlled entities is limited solely to the criteria of profit/loss for the year, contingencies, and other financial obligations. Aside from the quantitative criteria, qualitative criteria will also be used to assess the materiality of an entity for the consolidated group. Excluding a subsidiary must not significantly change the segment result or the Group's profit/loss for the year, or obscure other significant trends.

The composition of the Deutsche Telekom Group changed as follows in the 2010 financial year:

	Domestic	International	Total
Consolidated subsidiaries			
January 1, 2010	62	182	244
Additions	4	10	14
Disposals (including mergers)	(2)	(15)	(17)
December 31, 2010	64	177	241
Associates accounted for using the equity method			
January 1, 2010	5	7	12
Additions	0	2	2
Disposals	0	(1)	(1)
December 31, 2010	5	8	13
Joint ventures accounted for using the equity method			
January 1, 2010	2	3	5
Additions	0	1	1
Disposals	0	(1)	(1)
December 31, 2010	2	3	5
Total			
January 1, 2010	69	192	261
Additions	4	13	17
Disposals (including mergers)	(2)	(17)	(19)
December 31, 2010	71	188	259

Deutsche Telekom did not hold more than half of the shares in the OTE group at the reporting date. In accordance with shareholder agreements between Deutsche Telekom and the Hellenic Republic, Deutsche Telekom has taken control of 50 percent plus two voting shares and therefore the OTE group's financial and operating policy. Consequently, the OTE group companies are fully consolidated subsidiaries.

Business combinations and other transactions.

The significant business combinations and other transactions in the 2010 financial year are described below.

The acquisition of STRATO. On November 19, 2009, Deutsche Telekom signed an agreement with Freenet AG to take over 100 percent of the shares in the Web hosting provider STRATO AG and STRATO Rechenzentrum AG (hereinafter referred to as STRATO). Deutsche Telekom obtained control of STRATO as of January 1, 2010.

The STRATO group, the second largest Web hosting provider in Germany and Europe, has a high level of expertise and technological skills in this market. In addition to its German core market, the STRATO group also operates in Spain, the Netherlands, France, the United Kingdom and Italy.

The business combination with STRATO resulted in the recognition of goodwill of EUR 184 million, determined on the basis of the final purchase price allocation as follows:

	millions of €
Purchase price paid for 100% of the shares	291
Fair values of assets and liabilities	(152)
Deferred tax liabilities	45
Goodwill	184

This goodwill primarily arises from synergies the combination of the entities is expected to generate and has remained unchanged since the acquisition date in the financial year.

The fair values of STRATO's acquired assets and liabilities recognized at the acquisition date are presented in the following table:

	Fair value at the acquisition date millions of €
Assets	397
Current assets	54
Cash and cash equivalents	25
Trade and other receivables	3
Other assets	26
Non-current assets	343
Intangible assets	324
Of which: goodwill	184
Property, plant and equipment	14
Other assets	5
Liabilities	106
Current liabilities	60
Trade and other payables	37
Other liabilities	23
Non-current liabilities	46
Deferred tax liabilities	45
Other liabilities	1

The fair values of the assets and liabilities were determined on the basis of observable market prices. If it was not possible to identify market prices, income-oriented approaches or cost-oriented procedures were used to measure the acquired assets and liabilities.

Net revenue increased by EUR 91 million as a result of the acquisition of STRATO. Profit for the current period includes a profit at STRATO of EUR 10 million.

Acquisition of a stake in Firstgate (ClickandBuy). On March 23, 2010, Deutsche Telekom signed an agreement with the former shareholders for the acquisition of the remaining shares in the Internet payment service provider Firstgate. Deutsche Telekom obtained control of the entity as of April 1, 2010 and, as a result, fully consolidated it for the first time as of that date. Via its venture capital company, T-Venture, Deutsche Telekom has held 20.2 percent of the shares in Firstgate, best known for the ClickandBuy brand, since 2006. The purchase price for the remaining 79.8 percent of the shares in Firstgate is expected to be EUR 78 million. The final purchase price remains subject to contractual terms and conditions.

The Everything Everywhere joint venture in the United Kingdom. Effective April 1, 2010, Deutsche Telekom AG and France Télécom S.A. merged the entities T-Mobile UK and Orange UK to create a joint venture under the name Everything Everywhere. Each entity holds a 50-percent stake in the new company. As a result of this merger, Deutsche Telekom lost control over T-Mobile UK. Instead, the joint venture was included in the consolidated statement of financial position under investments accounted for using the equity method.

The carrying amounts of the major classes of assets and liabilities of T-Mobile UK as of April 1, 2010 were as follows:

	millions of €
Current assets	667
Trade and other receivables	280
Other current assets	387
Non-current assets	6,022
Intangible assets	3,833
Property, plant and equipment	1,664
Other non-current assets	525
Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale	6,689
Current liabilities	761
Trade and other payables	501
Other current liabilities	260
Non-current liabilities	695
Liabilities directly associated with non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale	1,456

Other current assets include cash and cash equivalents of EUR 0.2 billion. As of April 1, 2010, the date of first-time inclusion using the equity method, the fair value of the 50-percent stake in the joint venture was EUR 7.3 billion. This was offset against the aforementioned carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities to be disposed of. Taking into account financing relationships within the Group, the T-Mobile UK assets and liabilities to be disposed of had a carrying amount of EUR 5.5 billion. This resulted in a gain on deconsolidation of EUR 1.8 billion. Until the date of deconsolidation, the accumulated loss of EUR 2.2 billion arising from the currency translation of the assets and liabilities since the acquisition of T-Mobile UK was recognized directly in equity in total other comprehensive income. As of the date of deconsolidation, this amount was recognized in profit or loss. These two effects on profit or loss, which have a net impact of EUR 0.4 billion, were recognized under other operating expenses.

Pro forma information.

The pro forma information shown in the table on the right presents Deutsche Telekom's financial data, including its principal consolidated subsidiaries acquired in the financial years 2008 through 2010, as if they had been included in the consolidated financial statements from the beginning of each financial year in which they were acquired.

	2010 millions of €	2009 millions of €	2008 millions of €
Net revenue			
Reported	62,421	64,602	61,666
Pro forma	62,421	65,101	61,750
Net profit			
Reported	1,695	353	1,483
Pro forma	1,695	377	1,477
Earnings per share			
Reported	€ 0.39	0.08	0.34
Pro forma	€ 0.39	0.09	0.34


Principal subsidiaries.

The Group's principal subsidiaries are presented in the following table:

Name and registered office	Deutsche Telekom share	Net revenue	Average number of employees
	% Dec. 31, 2010	millions of € 2010	2010
Telekom Deutschland GmbH, Bonn	100.00	23,862	4,781
T-Mobile USA, Inc., Bellevue, Washington, United States ^{a, b}	100.00	16,087	37,795
T-Systems International GmbH, Frankfurt/Main	100.00	6,253	18,747
Hellenic Telecommunications Organization S.A. (OTE), Athens, Greece ^a	30.00	5,483	31,589
Magyar Telekom Nyrt., Budapest, Hungary ^{a, b}	59.30	1,943	10,355
PTC, Polska Telefonia Cyfrowa Sp.z o.o., Warsaw, Poland ^b	97.00	1,839	5,364
T-Mobile Netherlands Holding B.V., The Hague, Netherlands ^{a, b}	100.00	1,767	2,125
T-Mobile Czech Republic a.s., Prague, Czech Republic ^b	60.77	1,157	2,904
Hrvatski Telekom d.d., Zagreb, Croatia ^a	51.00	1,148	6,177
T-Mobile Austria Holding GmbH, Vienna, Austria ^{a, b}	100.00	983	1,391
Slovak Telekom a.s., Bratislava, Slovakia ^a	51.00	934	5,066

^a Consolidated subgroup financial statements.

^b Indirect shareholding of Deutsche Telekom AG.

 In accordance with § 313 HGB, the full list of investment holdings, which form part of the notes to the consolidated financial statements, is published in the electronic Federal Gazette (elektronischer Bundesanzeiger) together with the consolidated financial statements. The list is available upon request from Deutsche Telekom AG, Bonn, Investor Relations. Furthermore, the list of investment holdings includes a full list of all subsidiaries that exercise simplification options in accordance with § 264 (3) HGB or disclosure simplification options in accordance with § 264b HGB.

Consolidation methods.

Under IFRS, all business combinations must be accounted for using the purchase method. The acquirer allocates the cost of a business combination by recognizing the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that satisfy the recognition criteria at their fair value at the acquisition date. Non-current assets that are classified as held for sale are recognized at fair value less costs to sell. Any excess of the cost of the business combination over the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities taken over, regardless of the level of the investment held, is recognized as goodwill. Any excess of the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of a business combination is recognized in profit or loss.

Income and expenses of a subsidiary remain included in the consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date. Income and expenses of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements until the date on which the parent ceases to control the subsidiary. The difference between the proceeds from the disposal of the subsidiary and its carrying amount, including the cumulative amount of any exchange differences that are recognized in equity and relate to the subsidiary, is recognized in the consolidated income statement as the gain or loss on the disposal of the subsidiary. Intercompany income and expenses, receivables and liabilities, and profits or losses are eliminated.

Investments in joint ventures and associates accounted for using the equity method are carried at the acquirer's interest in the identifiable assets (including any attributable goodwill), liabilities and contingent liabilities which are remeasured to fair value upon acquisition. Goodwill from application of the equity method is not amortized. Unrealized gains and losses from transactions with these companies are eliminated in proportion to the acquirer's interest. The carrying amount of the investment accounted for using the equity method is tested for impairment whenever there are indications of impairment. If the carrying amount of the investment exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss must be recognized in the amount of the difference. The recoverable amount is measured at the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Currency translation.

Foreign-currency transactions are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date of transaction. At the reporting date, monetary items are translated at the closing rate, and non-monetary items are translated at the exchange rate at the date of transaction. Exchange rate differences are recognized in profit or loss.

The assets and liabilities of Group entities whose functional currency is not the euro are translated into euros from the local currency using the middle rates at the reporting date. The middle rates are the average of the bid and ask rates at closing on the respective dates. The income statements and corresponding profit or loss of foreign-currency denominated Group entities are translated at average exchange rates for the period. Exchange rate differences are recognized as a separate component of equity.

The exchange rates of certain significant currencies changed as follows:

	Annual average rate			Rate at the reporting date	
	2010 €	2009 €	2008 €	Dec. 31, 2010 €	Dec. 31, 2009 €
100 Czech korunas (CZK)	3.95536	3.78123	4.00894	3.98728	3.77646
1 Pound sterling (GBP)	1.16553	1.12218	1.25601	1.15979	1.12387
100 Croatian kuna (HRK)	13.72000	13.62190	13.84420	13.54730	13.70710
1,000 Hungarian forints (HUF)	3.63022	3.56631	3.97687	3.59999	3.69609
100 Macedonian denars (MKD)	1.62536	1.62428	1.62523	1.59628	1.63024
100 Polish zlotys (PLN)	25.03330	23.09760	28.47930	25.25810	24.35900
1 U.S. dollar (USD)	0.75398	0.71692	0.67976	0.74698	0.69393