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Research Dossier: Armenia



Geographic Region (ITU/UN)

[CIS](#)
[Western Asia](#)

Currency

[AMD](#)

ISO 3166 Code

AM

MCC

283

Calling Code

+374

ITU Member

Yes

ITU-R Region

[Region-1](#)

Overview

Armenia (Հայաստան), officially the Republic of Armenia, is a sovereign state in the South Caucasus region of Eurasia. Located in West Asia on the Armenian Highlands, it is bordered by Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, the independent Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and Azerbaijan to the east, and Iran and Azerbaijan's exclave of Nakhchivan to the south.

There are three mobile phone operators currently in Armenia: Viva Cell MTS, Ucom and Beeline. The first commercial 4G LTE network was launched in 2011, and since 2016, all mobile network operators provide LTE services. All three networks are widely modern and reliable with shops located in major towns and cities where one can purchase a sim card or get assistance if needed. Most unlocked mobile phones are able to be used on roaming however network charges apply. Ucom and Viva Cell MTS are often recommended to tourists due to the variety of tariffs available and the help available in a variety of languages.

Yerevan is connected to the Trans-Asia-Europe fiber-optic cable via Georgia. Additional international service is available by microwave radio relay and landline connections to other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Moscow international switch and by satellite. Main backbones of Armenian networks are made by E3 or STM-1 lines via microwave units across whole country with many passive retranslations.

According to latest ITU data (June 2017) mobile coverage reaches 100% of the population, and 4G LTE accessible by 52.5% of Armenians.

Armenia is a member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and as such follows radio frequency harmonisation principles according to ITU-R [Region-1](#). The regulatory body governing communications policy is the Republican Centre of Telecommunications (SNCO), and the Public Services Regulatory Commission is charged with regulating the country's radio frequency spectrum activities such as planning, allocations, and licencing.

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