

Manuscript
My Opinion about
Personal and Global Communications
RTP, Portugal

Presenter: Portugal joined the European Union in 1986, but it wasn't until late 90's that the internet and cellular phones became really popular.

Today, in 2004 almost everyone has access to these new technologies of communication, especially teenagers.

The next report shows, pretty much, how the Portuguese teens communicate with each other and with the world.

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VOICE OVER:

[NATSOUND UP: Cell-phone ringing]

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“Hello... Ok!”

SUPER CAPTION: Diogo, Student, 15 Years Old

Like many portuguese teenagers, this is an action that Diogo faces naturally...

To pick up a cellular phone or to send a written message is not a strange thing for young people.

The messaging system through a cell-phone is certainly a quick e effective way to contact with your friends, while a phone call gives the parents some relief.

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“Now that cell-phones developed a lot you can do lots of things. You can send Multimedia Messages, send text messages, send videos, send sounds. You can make phone calls, which you already could. Sending text messages is quick and cheap.”

SUPER CAPTION: Diogo, Student 15 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“I’m always in touch, my mother doesn’t worry so much, because she can call me any time when she needs something. I don’t have to give so much information, I don’t have to program things ahead, because at any moment I can speak with anybody that needs to talk to me.”

SUPER CAPTION: Sara, Student, 16 Years Old

QUESTION: (Portuguese)

“You talk a lot or do you send more messages??”

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“No, I send more messages than I talk..”

SUPER CAPTION: João Pedro, Student, 14 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“To talk with my friends, see where they are, to talk with my parents a little bit, too. E basically that’s it, to schedule things, messages and so.”

SUPER CAPTION: Mariana, Student, 17 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“I have that image of the emergency... By the way, that’s the reason why i got a cell-phone in the first place. If something happens, you’re in a place with no phone and you’ve got the cell phone there. You have a resource.”

SUPER CAPTION: Ana, Student, 17 Years Old

In our days, it is hard to find a teenager in Portugal that hasn’t got a cellular phone. But it’s not an impossible task.

QUESTION: (Portuguese)

“Have you got a cell-phone?”

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“No.”

SUPER CAPTION: José Miguel, Student, 16 Years Old

QUESTION: (Portuguese)

“Why not?”

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“I think that it’s something that I don’t need very much, because I’m in contact with my friends, I speak with them, I don’t need a cell-phone. For that I have e-mail and I think that there are other new technologies through which we can contact our friends.”

SUPER CAPTION: José Miguel, Student, 16 Years Old

Not having a cell-phone can have it’s advantages.

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“Advantage? I have the advantage that I don’t spend any money. I save money for myself and I can spend it on other stuff.”

SUPER CAPTION: José Miguel, Student, 16 Years Old

One thing is sure, once you get used to it, it’s hard to live without it...

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“It would be tough getting used to it, but I don’t know, it wouldn’t be the same thing living without it..”

SUPER CAPTION: Inês, Student, 17 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“I would miss it a lot, really. I’m completely hooked to my cell-phone. I don’t know, maybe because I don’t have internet it’s the only way I have to talk to others.”

SUPER CAPTION: Filipa, Student, 17 Years Old

In the communication societies your friends are a click away.

[NATSOUND UP: Messenger]

The Internet allows young people to chat with a lot of friends, send e-mails and search the web.

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“To chat in those messaging programs. To obtain all kinds of information, for some paper that I have to write. It’s my main resource.”

SUPER CAPTION: Ana, Student, 17 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“Now, with the internet, to talk is like we’re talking in person, because the speed is great and you can chat nicely.”

SUPER CAPTION: Diogo, Student, 15 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“To talk to my friends, as little as possible, because you lose a lot of time instead of studying.”

SUPER CAPTION: Sara, Student, 16 Years Old

SOUNDBITE: (Portuguese)

“To check out sites, like from newspapers, talk to my friends on MSN Messenger. We chat, I can contact them, trade images, trade files, talk about everything.”

SUPER CAPTION: José Miguel, Student, 16 Years Old

Television seems to have a secondary role in the life of Portuguese teenagers.

The majority of the interviewed doesn’t spend more than one hour in front of the TV, opposite to two (2) or more hours at the computer..

Even in a country like Portugal, which is not among the wealthiest of Europe, the new technologies of global and personal communications seem to attract more and more youngsters.

[NATSOUND UP: Scream]