

Vodafone revenue falls amid tougher competition

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Telecommunications company Vodafone says its revenue dropped 2 percent in the third quarter due to tougher competition, a weak economy, and regulatory changes at home and abroad.

The company said that revenue in the quarter ending on Dec. 31 fell to 11.4 billion pounds (\$17.4 billion).

Several factors have been hurting Vodafone's earnings. In Britain and Italy, lower fees translated into a fall in revenue. In Spain, Vodafone said it lost customers after deciding to pull subsidies on its <u>handsets</u>.

CEO Vittorio Colao said Thursday that, overall, the company faced "very difficult market conditions in Europe."

Vodafone did not publish a <u>net profit</u> figure and a call to the company was not immediately returned.

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