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TVWS trials and demonstrations...



White Space (DSA) gaining momentum



DSA Members



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CEPT Workshop on Spectrum Occupancy Measurements

CEPT Workshop on How Measurement of Spectrum Occupancy Can Help Spectrum Management

Organised by the Working Group Frequency Management (WG FM) of the ECC

15 January 2014, Mainz (Germany)

The WGFM Project Team FM 22 discussed in April 2013 the technical aspects of monitoring concepts such as the Microsoft Spectrum Observatory (Microsoft opened in early 2013 a first fixed observatory station in Europe, in Brussels). This was subsequently reported to the WGFM and the ECC.

To manage spectrum more effectively and increase usage efficiency, frequency regulators want to know how the different frequency bands are being used and which are being underused or left vacant. This has always been part of the considerations in frequency management within administrations and has recently been emphasised by the adoption of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme adopted by the European Parliament and the Council which includes a spectrum inventory process (in Article 9 of the RSPP).

Therefore, the question on how spectrum occupancy measurements can help the spectrum management and related questions such as a common storage area for spectrum usage data to be collected, analysed, and presented to those interested in understanding wireless spectrum utilisation needs to be addressed more in detail and the ECC therefore decided that a CEPT Workshop should be staged to address those issues.

Another aspect is to which extent spectrum occupancy measurements could also provide some information that could be used to identify unused spectrum at a given location, i.e. frequency usage opportunities for other radio applications. This relates to the developments at this stage towards the future use of sensing approaches for spectrum access mechanisms in many areas.

During the Workshop, presentations about fixed and mobile monitoring approaches will be discussed.

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Centre for
White Space
Communications



White Spaces in Glasgow

Briefing Meeting
University of Strathclyde

- University of Strathclyde has established itself as a technology leader in this area – founding the ***Centre for White Space Communications (CWSC)*** in 2011
- Key partner in Bute White Space Trial
 - Eight premises connected – trialists speak very highly of their experiences
 - Video streaming (iPlayer, YouTube)
 - Facebook, Twitter, Videoconferencing
 - DEFRA, Internet Banking, VAT returns, ...
- CWSC expertise is in demand from Microsoft to assist in bringing broadband to remote rural areas in its [4Afrika programme](#)*



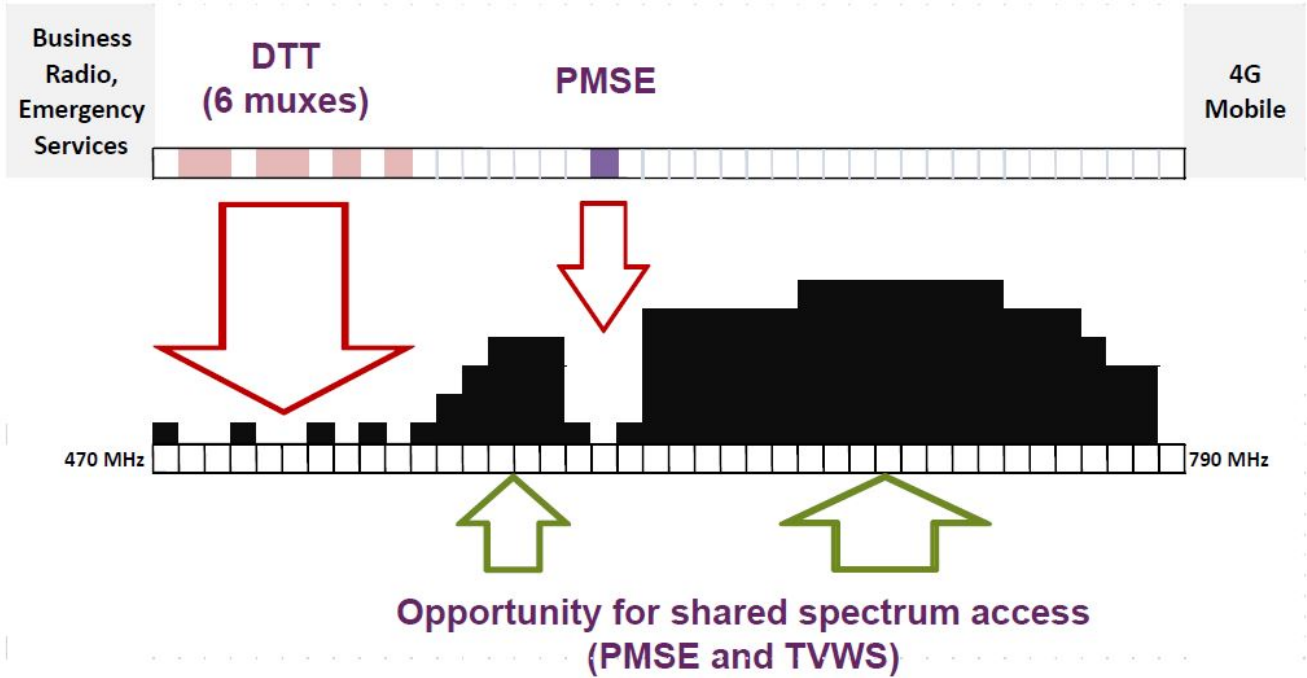
* University of Strathclyde has its own links with Africa (especially Malawi) dating back to David Livingstone, who was one of its students



Ofcom Pilot



TVWS – The opportunity

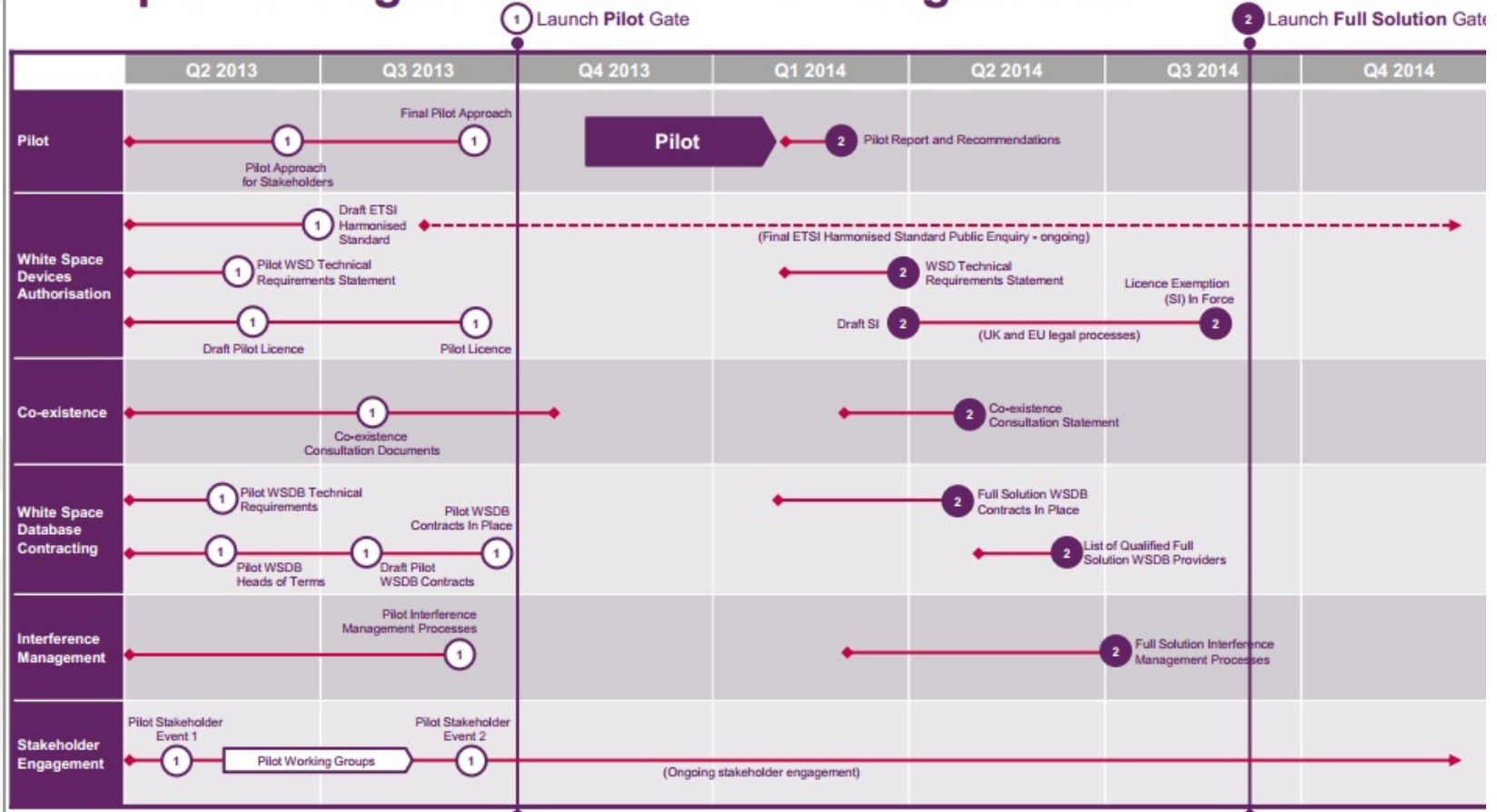




Ofcom Pilot



Implementing access to TVWS – target dates



Glasgow White Space Pilot - aims



- Build demonstrations showcasing how white spaces technology can be used to:
 - Fill broadband coverage gaps in urban and suburban areas
 - Enable a whole new world of machine to machine applications



- Provide support and access for Ofcom's tests and coexistence measurements

Powerful backing

- Microsoft, together with other major industry partners, is backing the CWSC proposal for a pilot TVWS network in Glasgow
 - Building on successful trials in Bute and Cambridge, which helped pave the way for Ofcom to make the enabling regulations
 - The Pilot will allow Ofcom to make final checks on and adjustments to its draft regulation
 - First IEEE 802.11af prototype radios have been promised for use in the Glasgow pilot



Three phases

Design and Build the Network

- Define applications
- Plan and design network
- Secure sites and procure equipment
- Build & test network



Implement & Test the Application

- Install applications
- Test functionality and performance
- Perform co-existence measurements
- Obtain user feedback
- Report findings



Run Showcase Events

- Use the occasion of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games to celebrate growing wireless broadband connectivity, and cooperation across the Commonwealth – highlighting Glasgow's leading role



- Glasgow 2014 will be a great international celebration of sporting achievement
- It provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate advances in wireless technology which are helping to create opportunities for ordinary citizens to realise their dreams - across the Commonwealth



White Spaces at Glasgow 2014



- There is increasing international focus on spectrum efficiency as a means of boosting economies
- Glasgow (CWSC)'s leading role in exploiting white space technology is worthy of celebration
- Other Commonwealth members are starting to embrace the benefits, with CWSC's help



- **White spaces are enabling affordable broadband coverage in previously excluded rural areas**
- **Creating education and entrepreneurial opportunities**

Summary of Glasgow Pilot



■ White spaces:

- A new way of managing spectrum
- Significant economic and social potential

■ Ofcom leading the way in Europe:

- Aiming for UK regulations to be in place by Q4 of 2014
- TVWS* Pilot commencing in October 2013, running for 6 r

■ Opportunity for Glasgow to take leading role:

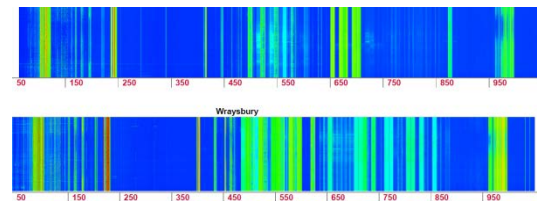
- Showcase demonstration(s)
 - **Future Cities Demonstrator** (£25m recently awarded to Glasgow City Council)
 - **Commonwealth Games – Glasgow 2014**
- Centre for White Space Communications at University of Strathclyde already established as a technology leader in this area

■ The Vision:

- Demonstrate how white space technology can be used to fill broadband coverage gaps in urban and suburban areas, and to enable a new world of M2M applications
- Assist Ofcom with its Pilot as it finalises the enabling regulations for TVWS
- Provide opportunities for high-profile showcase demonstrations in Glasgow

■ Strong backing for Glasgow:

- Microsoft, together with other industry partners, is backing the Centre's proposal for a white space pilot network in Glasgow – building on previous successful trials in Bute and Cambridge





Enabling regulations



- **Regulators around the world are recognizing the importance of white space and have been progressing towards the creation of regulatory frameworks**
 - US regulator (FCC) was first to legalise licence-exempt access to the TV white spaces in the US, in 2008*
 - UK regulator (Ofcom) has proposed a more ambitious and flexible approach, which should increase the efficiency with which this spectrum can be harnessed
 - Urban WiFi is ready to go, but needs a minimum commitment of spectrum or an allocation from regulators in order to give industry the confidence to go to fab...
 - Many other regulators (Asia, EU, Africa) are following closely and progressing towards regulation





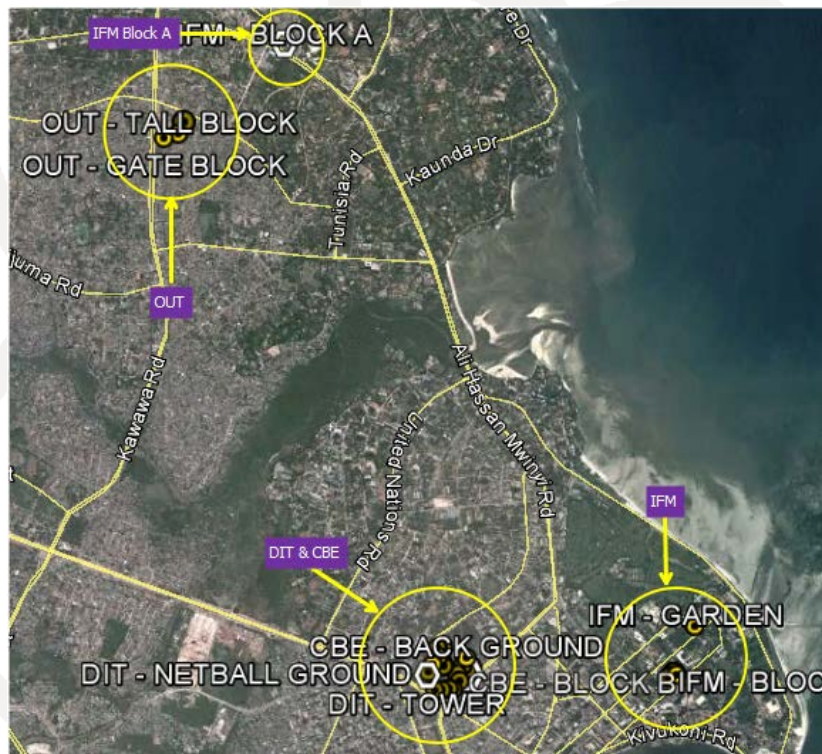
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Tanzania network



University Name	Student Population	Concurrent Users
IFM	12000	800
DIT	15000	1600
CBE	15000	1600
OUT	32000	2200
Total	74000	6200



Mawingu project in Kenya



- Led by Indigo, a Kenyan Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- Branded as “Mawingu” or “cloud” in Swahili
- Under a test license from the Communications Commission of Kenya
- Leveraging TV white spaces spectrum, database access, and solar powered base stations to deliver BB access
- Focused on “off-the-grid” and “off-the-net” regions
- Will enable e-government, distance learning, agricultural extension, and financial transactions



Ofcom plans...



TVWS, just the beginning...?

- Dynamic spectrum access in other bands?
- Dynamic coordination between white space devices?
- Device-based sensing and reporting?
- Dynamic optimisation?
- Widespread adoption for spectrum sharing?
- Future standard model for universal spectrum access?!?
 - ❖ As transformational as Internet Protocol (IP)?!?!