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| Regional Initiative on Digital Broadcasting including Digital Radio |
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| **Priority area:**Priority setting for Regional Initiatives, related projects and financing mechanisms**Summary:**Looking beyond developing digital radio broadcasting, countries have engaged at varying speed and success in deploying digital radio broadcasting systems and delivery of new services. In this context a new regional initiative on digital radio broadcasting is proposed to provide a platform for cooperation, exchange of best practices, capacity building and technical assistance to be provided to the countries in need.**Expected results:**RPM-EUR is requested to examine this document**References:**WTDC Resolution 17 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) |

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- Regional review of released spectrum to new services and aplications.

- Monitoring of the evolution of the digital radio broadcasting (DAB, DAB+, OMRI DRM, RadioDNS, MPEG-1 Audio Layer 2 to MPEG-4 High Efficiency AAC v2 profile (HE-AAC v2), etc.

- Review of the implementation of digital radio broadcasting, including identification of challenges.

- Capacity building through relevant awareness and technical trainings on digital broadcasting, including especially digital radio, taking into account outcomes of the ITU conferences and regional agreements

- Provision of equipment for countries in need for assistance.

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