

# 5G and spectrum: different approaches

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5G race: overview of 5G spectrum assignement

The Americas

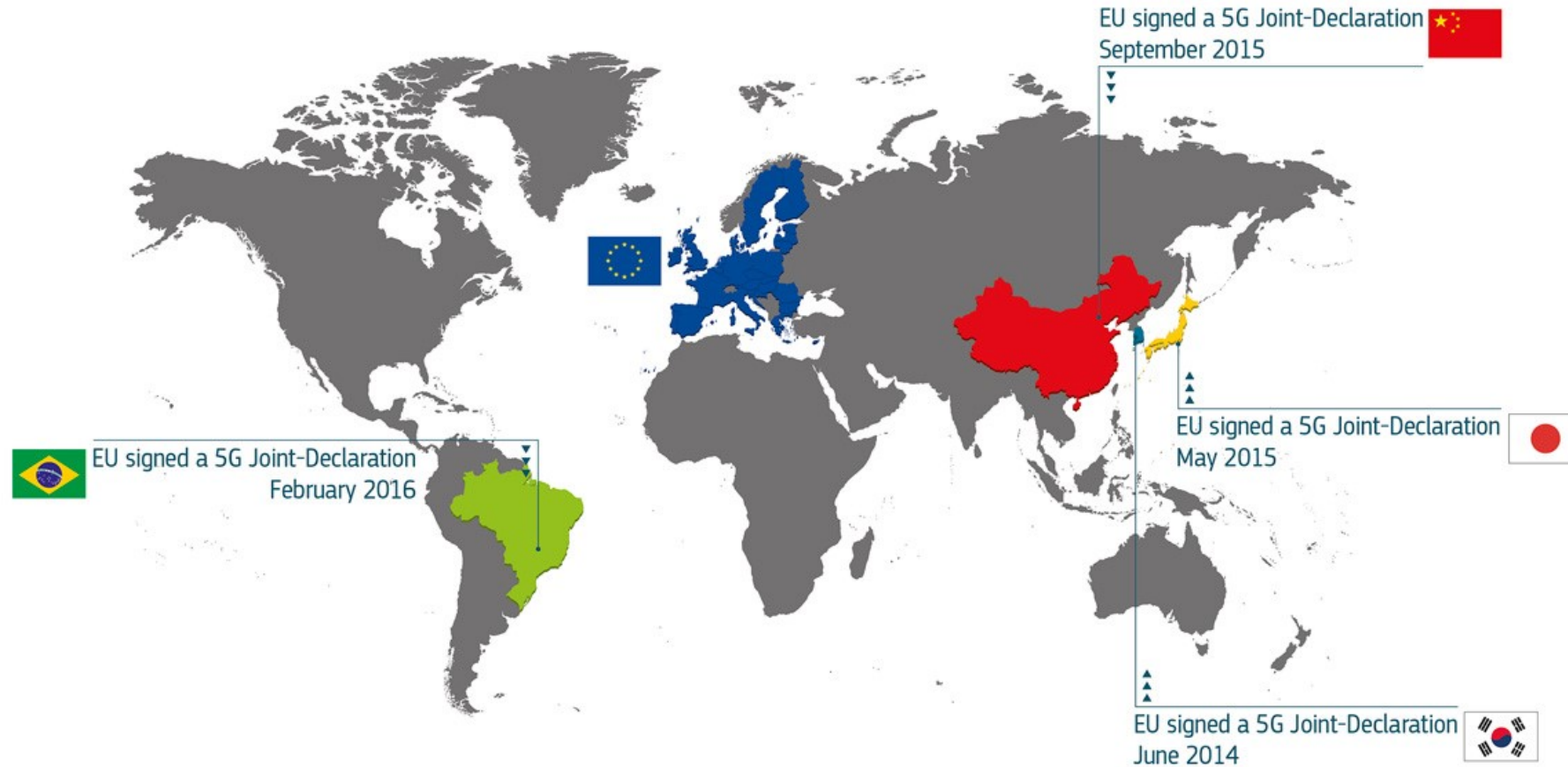
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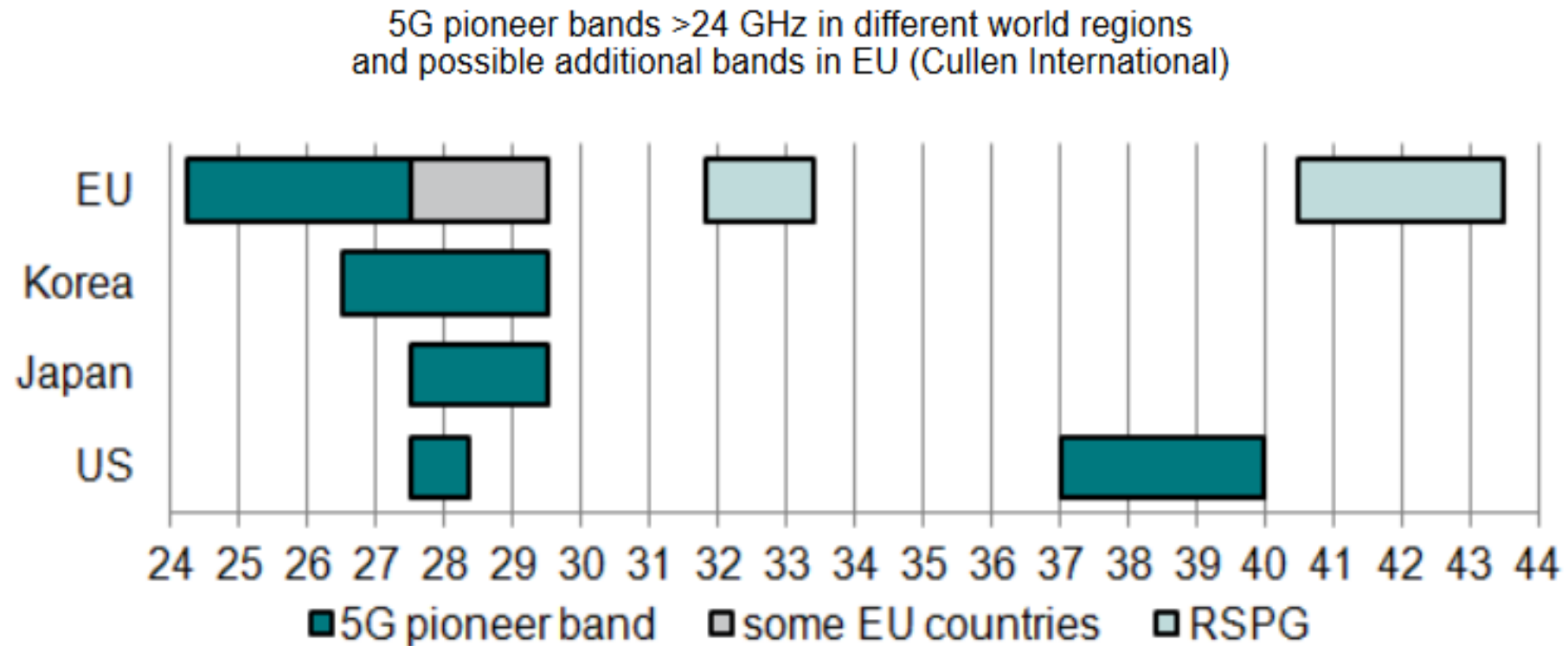
# Race to 5G: cooperation...

## 5G International Cooperation



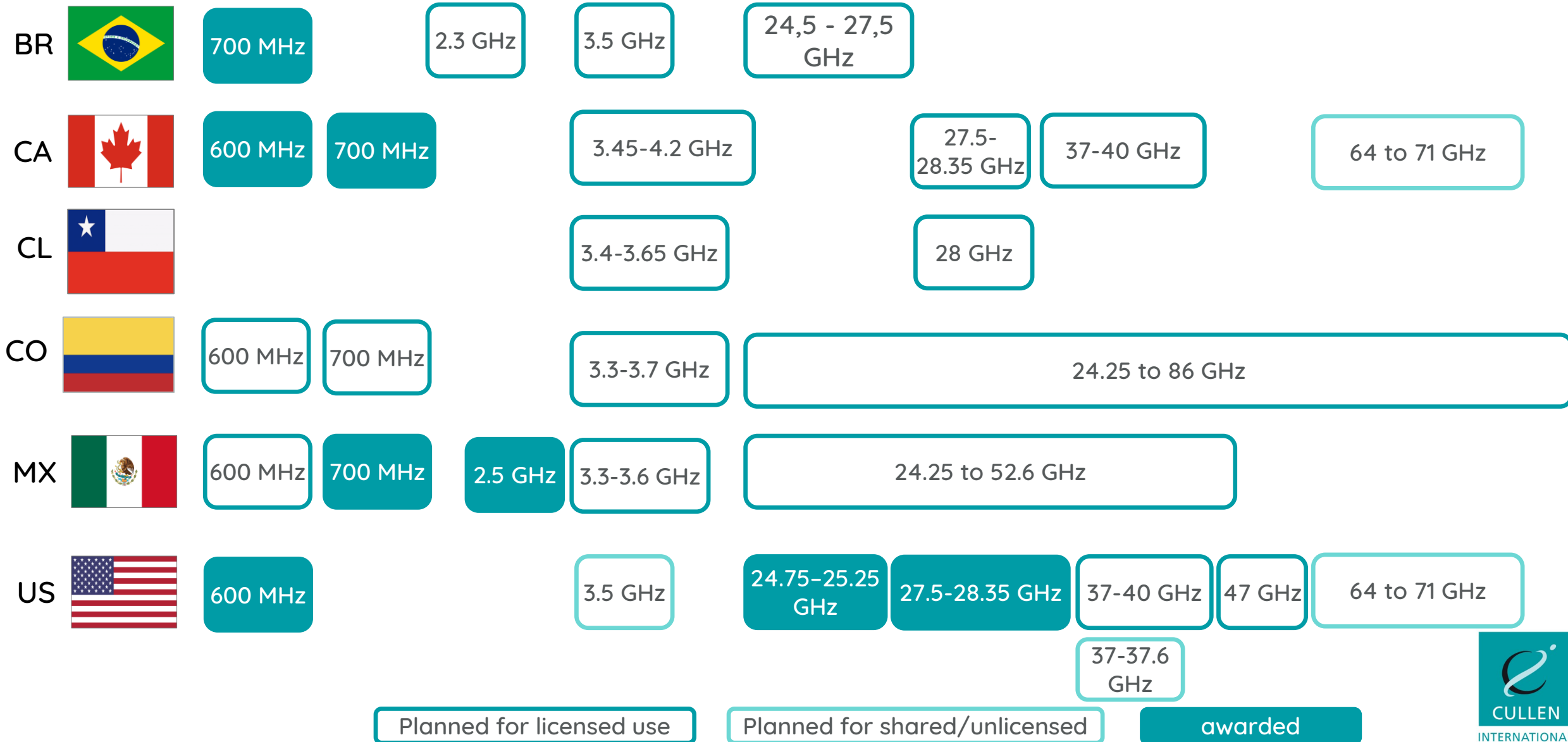
# Race to 5G: ...and competition

## Different views on “pioneer” spectrum bands



# The Americas

# 5G bands: plans and consultations in the Americas



# Main spectrum bands: release dates

## 600 MHz

| Country       | Expected award | Proposed release |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Argentina     | Undecided      | 2021             |
| Canada        | April 2019     | Mid 2019         |
| Colombia      | Undecided      | Undecided        |
| Mexico        | Undecided      | Available        |
| United States | March 2019     | 2021-2022        |










## 3.4-3.8 GHz

| Country   | Expected award | Proposed release            |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Argentina | Undecided      | 2022                        |
| Brazil    | 2H 2019        | Undecided                   |
| Canada    | Undecided      | 2020-2022                   |
| Colombia  | Undecided      | In process to free the band |
| Mexico    | Undecided      | Under analysis              |

## Upper bands

| Country       | Expected award  | Proposed release                       |
|---------------|---|--|
| Argentina     | Undecided   | 2023                                   |
| Canada        | Undecided   | Undecided                              |
| United States | 28 GHz: Jan. 2019<br>24 GHz: April. 2019<br>Upper 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 42 GHz: Dec. 2019 | 28 GHz: Nov. 2019<br>24 GHz: Undecided |

# Spectrum awards announced

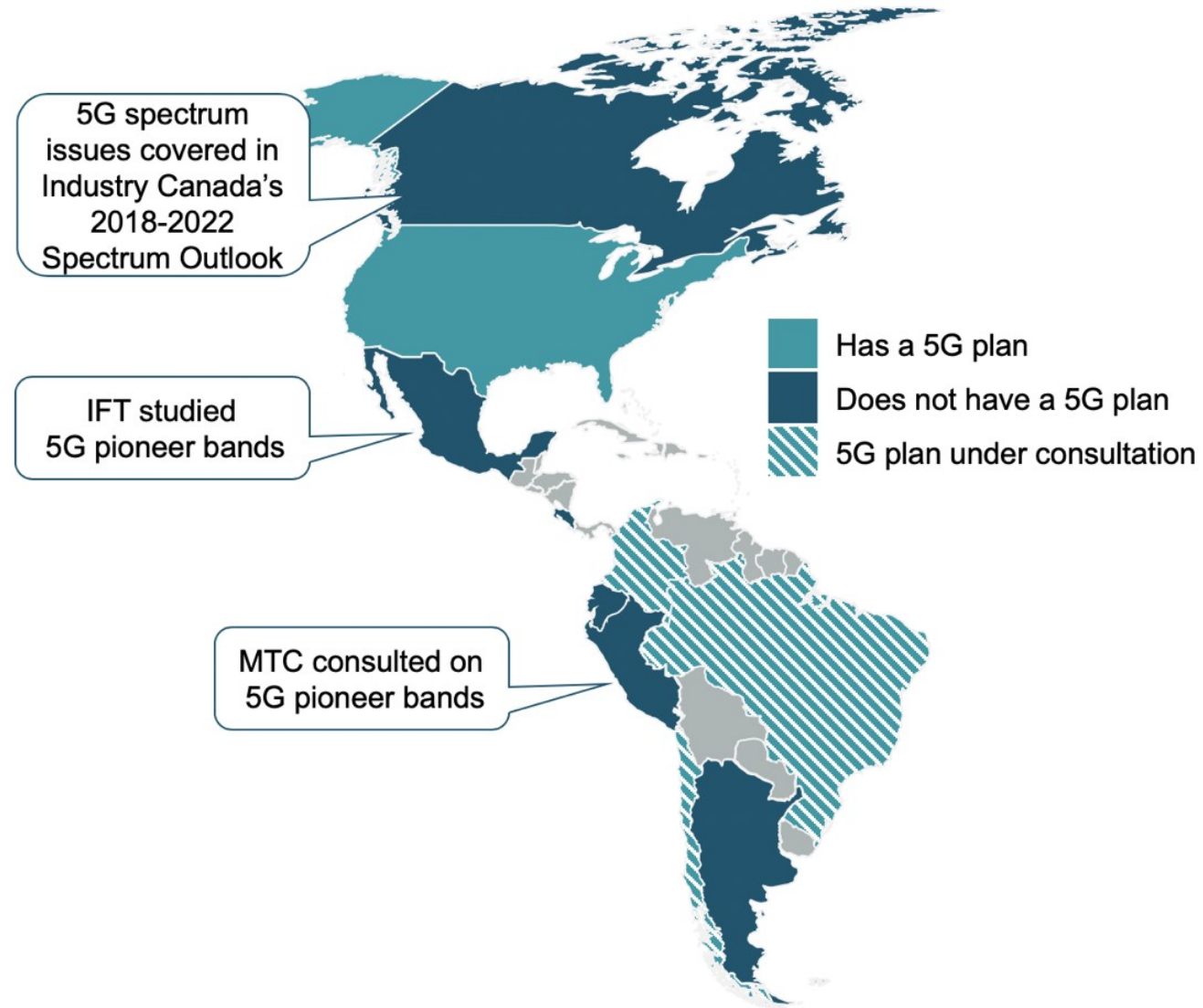
| AR   | BR  | CL  | CO   | EC  | MX  | PE  | CA  | US  |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 450 MHz  | 700 MHz   | 700 MHz   | 700 MHz  | 700 MHz   |   |   | 800 MHz   |   |
| AWS  |   | AWS   |  |   | AWS   | AWS   |   |   |
| 1900 MHz   |   |   | 1900 MHz   |   |   |   |   |   |
|  | 2.3 GHz   |   | 2.5 GHz  | 2.5 GHz   | 2.5 GHz   | 2.3 GHz   |   |   |
|  | 3.5 GHz   | 3.5 GHz   |  | 3.5 GHz   |   |   | 3.5 GHz   | mmWave  |
|  | mmWave  | mmWave  |  |   |   |   | mmWave  |   |



## Challenges on new 5G awards

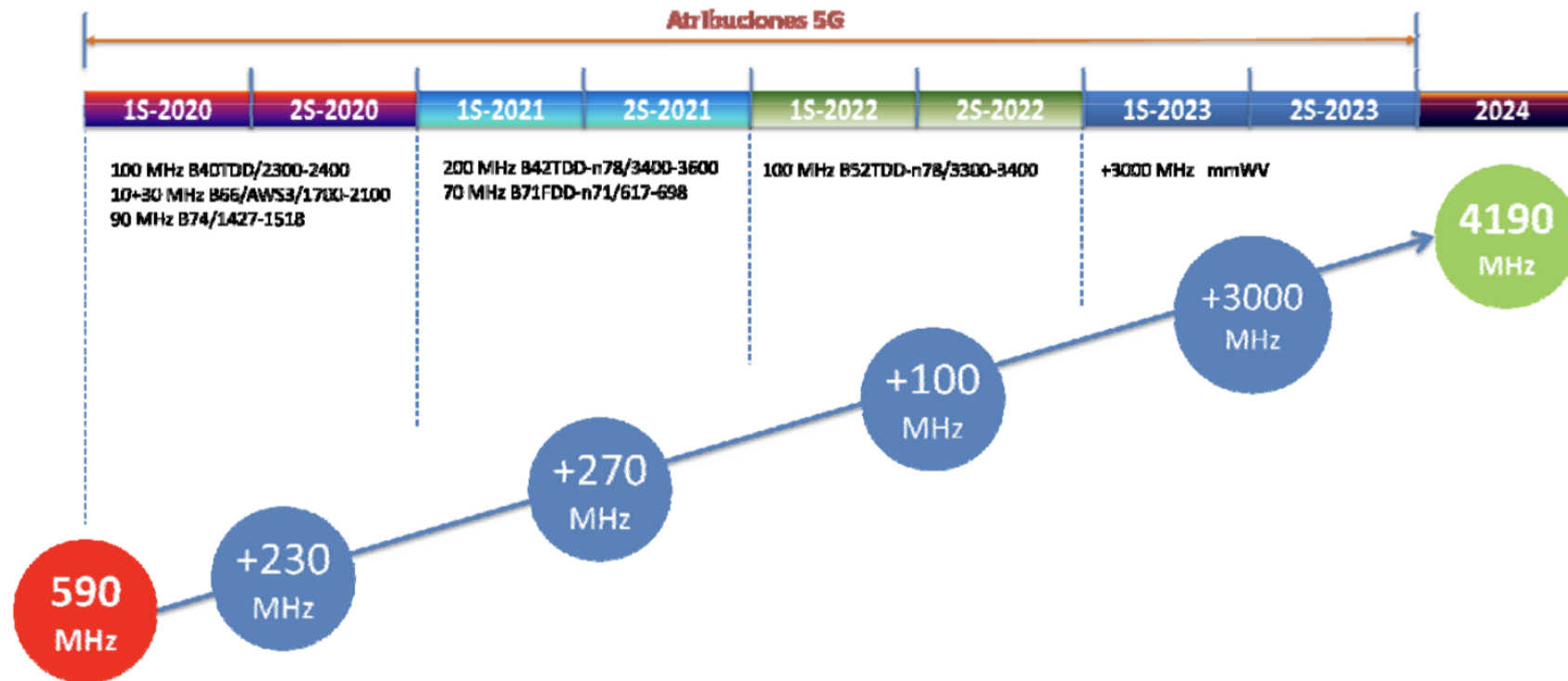
- Design of the award
- Local or national licences
- Different approaches for urban and rural areas
- Detail spectrum roadmap to provide certainty

# 5G plans in the Americas



## VII. Hoja de ruta para la disponibilización de espectro

- More spectrum: roadmap to assign spectrum by 2021





- More spectrum: Anatel consulted until 15 Sep. 2018 on allocating the 2.3 and 3.5 GHz bands for mobile services (auction by the end of 2019).
- Licensing and taxation frameworks to accelerate the adoption of 5G services
- Developing local applications and network equipment for 5G services
- promote trust and security in 5G networks and services

# Canada

## Mainly spectrum:



**Canadian auction of the 600 MHz band raises US\$ 2.6bn**

16 April 2019 - Carolina Limbatto

- 600 MHz awarded
- Release of mmWaves:
  - 28 GHz (27.5-28.35 GHz) for flexible and mobile use
  - 64-71 GHz for licence-exempt use



15 July 2019 - Carolina Limbato

- More spectrum
- Identify the technical and regulatory challenges related to the deployment of 5G
- Promote the demand of 5G-related services; and
- Simplify and update regulatory and policy frameworks.



Colombia proposes spectrum bands for 5G

5 April 2019 - Carolina Limbato

# Colombia

## ANE consulted on:

- low and mid bands identified for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT – ITU’s name for the 3G/4G/5G technologies) during the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015;
- high bands to be discussed for IMT identification during the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19), which will be held from 28 October to 22 November 2019; and
- the 28 GHz spectrum band.

- More spectrum: 150 MHz in the 3.5 GHz band and 850 MHz in the 28 GHz band
- Award design and mitigation of interference with satellite in the 3.5 GHz and 28 GHz bands
- ID services, applications and industries that will use of 5G
- Access to passive infrastructure, infrastructure sharing agreements and national roaming for 5G
- QoS and net neutrality in the context of 5G services
- Network security requirements for 5G service provision





Mintel announced that:

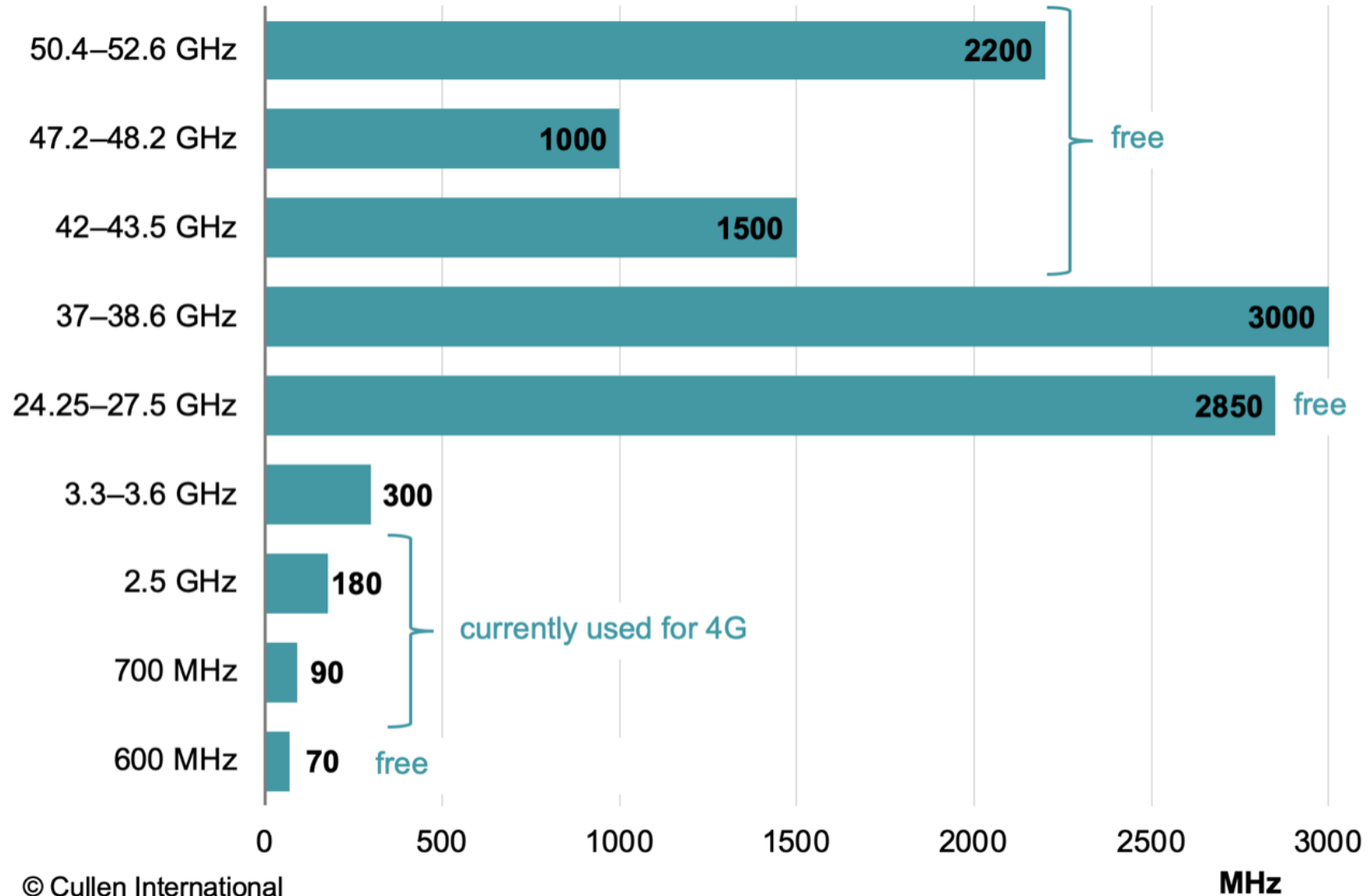
- 3.5 GHz band to be tendered in 2020
- New rules for the award of 700 MHz and 2.5 GHz bands by Nov. 2019

# Mexico



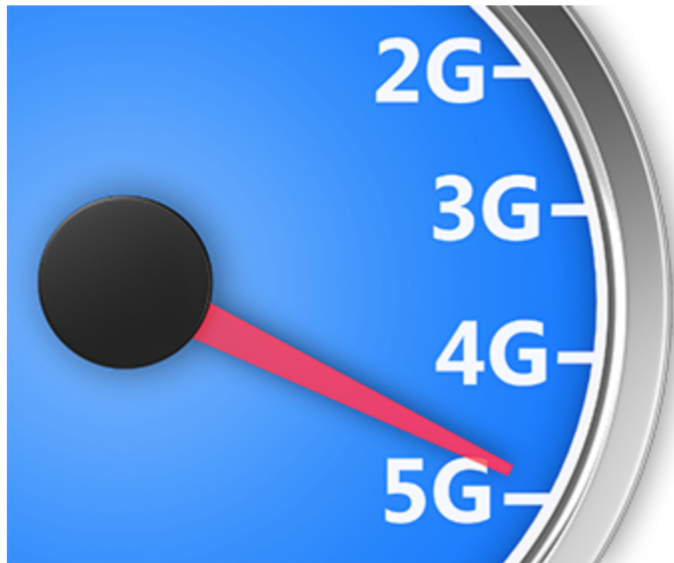
## IFT spectrum unit identifies 5G spectrum bands for Mexico

12 April 2019 - Carolina Limbatto



# 5G in the US: first strategy adopted in the Americas

## Leading the World Toward a 5G Future



The United States is moving swiftly to lead the world in the next generation of wireless connectivity—or 5G. These new networks and technologies will enable faster speeds and low-latency wireless broadband services, cultivating the Internet of Things and innovations not yet imagined.

Under Chairman Pai, the FCC is pursuing a comprehensive wireless strategy to ensure that the U.S. will lead the world in the deployment of next-generation wireless technologies.

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***"Forward-thinking spectrum policy, modern infrastructure policy, and market-based network regulation form the heart of our strategy for realizing the promise of the 5G future." – FCC Chairman Pai***

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# FCC 5G Fast Plan

- Low band: 600 MHz assigned (changes in 800 and 900 MHz)
- Mid band: exploring 2.5 GHz, 3.5 GHz, and 3.7-4.2 GHz
- High band: 24 and 28 GHz in 2018 | 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 47 GHz in 2019 | 26 and 42 GHz timing undefined

## Spectrum

## Wireless infrastructure

- Traditional cell towers
- Small cell deployment
- Regulated fees for deployment

- Encourage investment
- One-Touch Make-Ready
- Restoring Internet Freedom order
- Supply Chain Integrity rules

## Reducing regulatory barriers

## USA: from plan to action

- 28 GHz and 24 GHz bands awarded
- Consultation to assign spectrum for 5G services in the upper 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 47 GHz bands.

# 5G plans in the Americas

Spectrum is a key element

Beyond spectrum:

- Infrastructure deployment
- Use and applications of 5G
- Network and terminal equipment
- Updated policy/regulatory framework: QoS, Neutrality, Cybersecurity, Privacy
- Detail spectrum roadmap to provide certainty

# Europe

# 5G “pioneer” bands

| Band    | Amount    | Range                      | Details  |
|---------|-----------|----------------------------|--|
| 700 MHz | 2x30 MHz  | 703-733 MHz<br>758-788 MHz | Electronic comms services<br><b>License by 30 June 2020</b><br>(possible to delay for two years)   |
|         | 20 MHz    | 733-758 MHz                | Supplemental downlink  |
|         | 2x3 MHz   | 733-736 MHz<br>788-791 MHz | M2M  |
| 3.6 GHz | 400 MHz   | 3.4-3.8 GHz                | Pioneer 5G band<br><b>License by end 2020</b><br>Possible to use FDD in lower part of band (3.4-3.6 GHz)<br>Already harmonised for mobile networks |
| 26 GHz  | 3,250 MHz | 24.25-27.5 GHz             | Pioneer 5G band<br><b>License by end 2020 (some)</b>   |







# Deployment targets - 5G Action plan

| Timing      | Goals   |
|-------------|---|
| 2017        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary trials</li><li>• March: industry to present detailed roadmaps for pre-commercial trials to be promoted at EU-level</li><li>• End of March: Commission, industry and European Investment Bank (EIB) to assess the feasibility to enhance public funding, in particular through the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI, <a href="#">Tracker</a>)</li><li>• End 2017: member states to include 5G deployments in their national broadband plans (<a href="#">Table</a>)</li></ul> |
| From 2018   | Pre-commercial trials <i>“with a clear cross-border dimension”</i>  |
| End of 2020 | At least one major city in every member state to be 5G-enabled  |
| By 2025     | All urban areas and <i>“major terrestrial transport paths”</i> to have uninterrupted 5G coverage  |

# 700 MHz

Seven countries have awarded 700 MHz,  
and three more countries have set a target date for an award in 2019 or 2020

- |    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| FI |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2016 to three MNOs</li><li>• Spectrum fully available from 1 Jan. 2017</li><li>• Licences start from 1 Feb. 2017</li></ul>    |
| FR |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2015 to four MNOs</li><li>• Spectrum available gradually from April 2016</li><li>• Licences start from 8 Dec. 2015</li></ul>  |
| DE |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2015 to three MNOs</li><li>• Spectrum gradually available, mainly in 2018</li><li>• Licences start from 1 Jan. 2017</li></ul> |
| IT |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2018 to three MNOs</li><li>• Spectrum available from 1 July 2022</li></ul>  |
| CH |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2019 to three MNOs</li><li>• 10 MHz SDL acquired by Sunrise (5 MHz remained unsold)</li></ul>                                 |
| SE |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x20 MHz awarded in 2019 to two MNOs</li></ul>  |
| DK |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2x30 MHz awarded in 2019 to three MNOs</li><li>• 20 MHz SDL acquired by TDC</li></ul>   |

## Plans for award in 2019 - 2020



# 3.6 GHz

12 countries have awarded spectrum in the band



- 390 MHz awarded
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 200 MHz awarded
- Within 3.6-3.8 GHz



- 200 MHz awarded
- 3.6-3.8 GHz



- 190 MHz awarded
- Within 3.6-3.8 GHz



- 2x30 + 20 MHz awarded
- 240 MHz not awarded
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 2x55 + 145 MHz awarded
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 350 MHz awarded
- Regional licences
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 2x80 + 240 MHz awarded
- 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 84 MHz awarded
- Regional licences
- Within 3.6-3.8 GHz



- 360 MHz awarded
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz

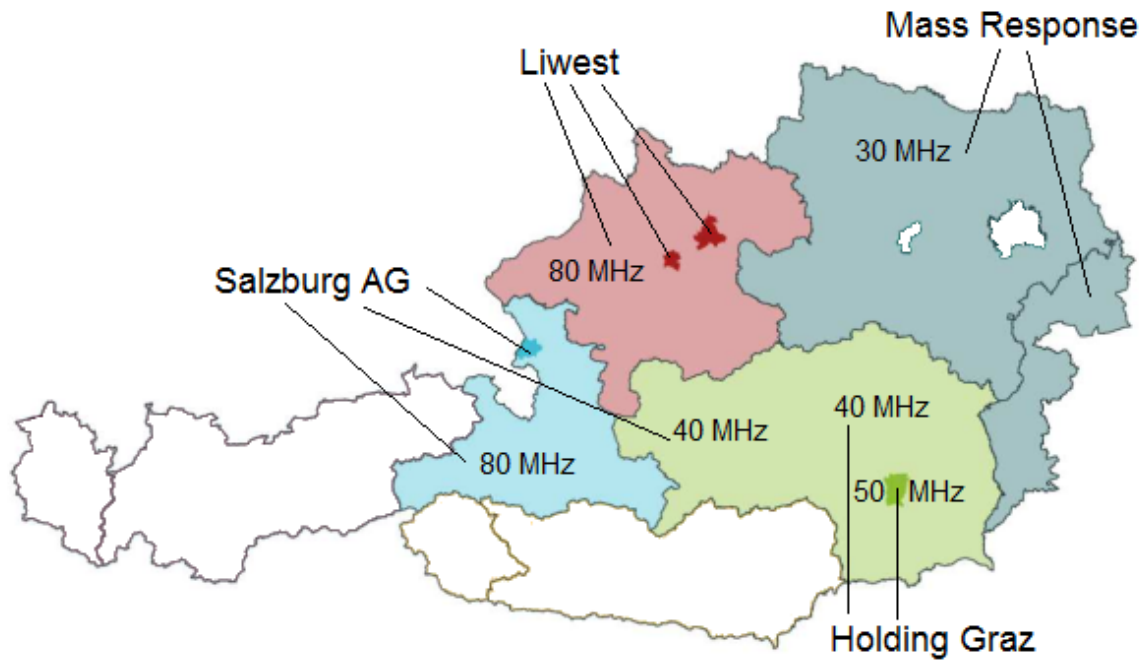


- 300 MHz awarded to 3 MNOs
- Regional licences
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz



- 2x20 + 234 MHz awarded
- Within 3.4-3.8 GHz

# Austria 3.6 MHz- 4 regional operators



| Operator           | Regions  | MHz  | Price paid | Min. base stations to be built by |              |
|--------------------|--|--|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|                    |  |  |            | 31 Dec. 2020                      | 31 Dec. 2022 |
| A1 Telekom Austria | All 12 regions   | 140 (Vienna, Lower Austria, Burgenland)<br>120 (Carinthia, Tyrol, Vorarlberg, city Graz)<br>100 (Upper Austria, Salzburg, Styria without Graz) | €64.3m     | 303                               | 1000         |
| Hutchison          | All 12 regions   | 100  | €51.9m     | 303                               | 1000         |
| T-Mobile           | All 12 regions   | 110  | €56.9m     | 303                               | 1000         |
| Holding Graz       | Styria urban and rural                                       | 50 (Graz)<br>40 (rural)  | €3.0m      | 15                                | 50           |
| Liwest             | Upper Austria urban and rural                                | 80   | €5.3m      | 25                                | 83           |
| Mass Response      | Lower Austria and Burgenland (without Vienna and St. Pölten) | 30   | €1.8m      | 11                                | 35           |
| Salzburg AG        | Salzburg urban and rural<br>Styria rural                     | 80 (Salzburg urban and rural)<br>40 (Styria rural)   | €4.4m      | 29                                | 96           |

# 26 GHz

A few countries have plans or ideas but only Italy awarded spectrum in the band

Early plans, consultations



DE



PT



RO



ES



UK



SE



FI

Awarded in  
2018



IT

## Award conditions 700 MHz

| Country | Date of award | Total paid | Price MHz/pop | Duration | Spectrum cap                    |
|---------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Finland | Nov. 2016     | €66.3m     | €0.2          | 17 years | 2x10 MHz                        |
| France  | Nov. 2015     | €2.8bn     | €0.69         | 20 years | 2x15 MHz<br>(2x10 MHz for some) |
| Germany | June 2015     | €1.0bn     | €0.2          | 18 years | None                            |
| Italy   | Oct. 2018     | €2.0bn     | €0.5          | 20 years | 2x15 MHz                        |
| Sweden  | End 2018      | €0.27bn    | €0.677        | 22 years | 40 MHz                          |

# Licence conditions 700 MHz

| Country | Coverage   | MVNO                     | Nat. roaming |
|---------|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Finland | 99% of population within three years   | No                       | No           |
| France  | 98% of population within 12 years<br>60 Mbps (30 Mbps if only 2x5 MHz)<br>+ regional and transport obligations | Yes (if prev. committed) | No           |
| Germany | 98% of population within three years<br>50 Mbps per antenna sector<br>+ regional and transport obligations     | No                       | No           |
| Italy   | 80% within three years (also collective obligation of 99.4% within 4.5 years)                                  | No                       | Yes          |
| Sweden  | Coverage bids and investment commitments   | No                       | No           |

# Award conditions -3.6 GHz

| Country  | Date of award | Total paid | Price MHz/pop | Duration   | Spectrum cap   |
|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Czech    | July 2017     | €38.4m     | €0.02         | 15 years   | Incumbent operators: 40 MHz<br>New entrants: 80 MHz<br>No new entrants: 80 MHz |
| Finland  | Oct. 2018     | €77.6m     | €0.04         | 15 years   | 130 MHz  |
| Hungary  | April 2016    | €2.9m      | €0.004        | 18 years   | 100 MHz, with sub-caps   |
| Ireland  | May 2017      | €60.5m     | €0.04         | 15 years   | 150 MHz per region   |
| Italy    | Oct. 2018     | €6.5bn     | €0.35         | 18 years   | 100 MHz  |
| Norway   | Feb. 2016     | €2m        | €0.002        | 6 years    | No   |
| Romania  | Oct. 2015     | €10m       | €0.002        | 10 years   | No   |
| Slovakia | March 2015    | €1.17m     | €0.002        | 10 years   | No   |
|          | Aug. 2015     | €2.43m     | €0.004        | 10 years   | No   |
| Spain    | May 2016      | €20m       | €0.01         | 14 years   | No   |
|          | July 2018     | €437.64m   | €0.05         | 20 years   | 120 MHz (3.4-3.8 GHz band)   |
| UK       | April 2018    | €1.33bn    | €0.134        | Indefinite | 340 MHz on overall spectrum held   |
| Austria  | March, 2019   | €188m      | €0.06         | 20 years   | National + regional  |



# Licence conditions- 3.6 GHz

| Country  | Coverage   | MVNO | Nat. roaming |
|----------|--|------|--------------|
| Czech    | 40-50% of local regions within five years  | No   | No           |
| Finland  | The licensee's own network must represent 35% of the total 3410-3800 MHz network that it uses (the assessment criteria are unclear)  | No   | No           |
| Hungary  | None   | No   | No           |
| Ireland  | Rollout min. number of base stations   | No   | No           |
| Italy    | 10% of the communes in each region not covered by ultrabroadband within six years (80 MHz licences)<br>5% of the population in each region within four years (20 MHz licences) | No   | No           |
| Norway   | None   | No   | No           |
| Romania  | Rollout min. number of base stations   | No   | No           |
| Slovakia | Cover each region within two years   | No   | No           |
| Spain    | None   | No   | No           |
| UK       | None   | No   | No           |
| Austria  | Defined as numbers of base stations per region   | No   | No           |

# Asia-Pacific

## South Korea

- In June 2018 the ministry of science and ICT auctioned spectrum in the 3.5GHz and 28GHz bands to support the launch of 5G mobile services
- SK Telecom, KT Corp, and LG Uplus signed a deal to launch services simultaneously (March 2019)

## China

- In June 2017 the ministry of industry and information technology requested comments on spectrum bands for 5G:
- mid-bands: 3.4-3.6 GHz & 4.8.-5.0 GHz
- mmWave spectrum: 24.75-27.5 GHz & 37-42.5 GHz
- Spectrum already granted in Dec. 2018

## Japan

- The government aims to make 5G services available for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- Operators DOCOMO, Softbank and KDDI have conducted tests in the 4.5 GHz, 28 GHz, 39 GHz and 90 GHz bands

## Taiwan

- Spectrum bands considered for 5G:
- 700 MHz (a portion is used for disaster relief systems)
- 800 MHz
- 3.4-3.6 GHz (held by Chunghwa Telecom and the military)
- 28 GHz

## Hong Kong

- Bands currently considered:
- 3.3 GHz
- 4.9 GHz
- 28 GHz
- Commercial launch expected by 2020

## Conclusion

- Asia-Pacific: early spectrum assignments + industry-government alliance
- Europe: harmonisation requires time and coordination
- The Americas: the US is leading; Latin America spectrum allocation more aligned with Europe so far





Thank you!

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