# DIGITAG

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Digital Switch Over Experiences across Europe

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## What is DigiTAG

 DigiTAG is an association of stakeholders in the digital terrestrial TV industry

 Its members include: broadcasters, network operators, regulators, and professional equipment and consumer electronics manufacturing organisations.

 DigiTAG's mission is to defend and promote digital television worldwide, regardless of the technical standard used on the DTT platform



## **DigiTAG Members**





























































## Vocabulary

**DTT** Digital Terrestrial Television



**ASO** Analogue Switch Off



**DSO** Digital Switch Over



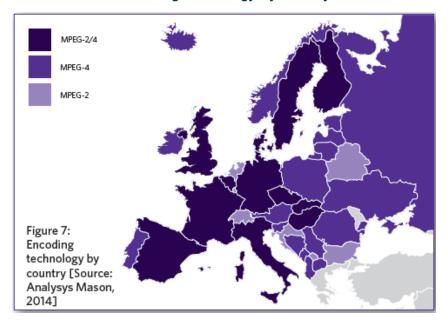


# DTT & ASO situation in Europe

## **DTT** status in Europe\*

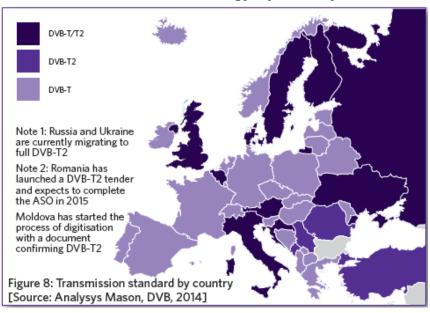
## DTT networks in Europe are based on the DVB family of standards. DVB-T2 is currently the state-of-the-art broadcasting technology

#### **Encoding technology by country**



- The most recent encoding standard, HEVC, has not been adopted yet. It is likely to be deployed along with DVB-T2
   e.g. deployment is expected in Germany in 2017
- Broadcasters have already started showcasing HEVC during special events transmitted in UHD

#### Transmission technology by country



- Most countries in the world, including all European countries have adopted the DVB transmission standard as opposed to
  - ATSC, used in North America
  - ISDB-T, used in Japan, the Philippines and South America
  - DTMB, used in China

## **Different strategies**

Terrestrial countries		Dominant business model is a free-to- air platform	Long simulcast period	
		Many new services are offered to viewers		
		France, UK, Italy, Spain,		
Nordic countries		Mixture of free-to-air and pay services offered	Short simulcast period	Strategy
		Aggressive ASO strategy		YB
		Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark		
Cable		Limited new services offered( not all)	Short simulcast	
countries		Emphasis on portable/mobile reception	period	
		NL, CH, Belgium, Germany		



## DTT offer as it was by 2010

Country

UK

UK

Spain

Lithuania

Hungary

**Portugal** 

Latvia

Note: countries such as Italy and Spain, alike France, have later used MPEG-4 for HD TV

8

6

40

Free-to-air

Pay

22

15

28

2

**TBC** 

30

**PushPVR** 

Compression techno.

MPEG-2

MPEG-2

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MPEG-4

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**DTT launch** 

1998

2000

2003

2008

2008

2009

2009

Phase 1	
Phase 3	

Italy	2004	31	PPV	MPEG-2
Germany	2004	~24	0	MPEG-2
France	2005	18 (+3 HD)	9	MPEG-2/MPEG-4
Spain	2005	20	TBC	MPEG-2
Austria	2006	6	0	MPEG-2
Czech Rep	2006	12	0	MPEG-2
Denmark	2006	4	25	MPEG-2/MPEG-4
Estonia	2006	7	24	MPEG-4
Slovenia	2006	7	TBC	MPEG-4
Norway	2007	5	20	MPEG-4

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4

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3 (+3 HD)

## Followers\*

Country	Launch date	Free-to-air platform	Commercial platform	Compression format	ASO planned date
Bulgaria	2009	2 Muxes	3 Muxes	MPEG-4	2012
Poland	2009	1 Mux	1 Mux	MPEG-4	2013
Slovakia	2009	1 Mux	2 Muxes	TBC	2012
Ireland	2010	1 Mux	3 Muxes	MPEG-4	2012
Bosnia	2010	1 Mux	TBC	MPEG-4	2012
Romania	2010	TBC	TBC	MPEG-4	2012
Greece	2010	2 Muxes	TBC	MPEG-4	2012
Cyprus	2010	1 Mux	2 Muxes (TBC)	MPEG-4 (TBC)	2011

## **ASO** dates

Mixed / Cable markets

Terrestrial markets

	D.T.T.	100 10 1	
Country	DTT Launch	ASO real Date	
Sweden	1999	2007	
Finland	2001	2007	
Switzerland	2001	2008	
Germany	2002	2008	
Belgium	2002	2010	
Netherlands	2003	2006	
Luxembourg	2006	2006	
Denmark	2006	2009	
Austria	2006	2010	
Norway	2007	2009	
UK	1998	2012	
Spain	2000/2005	2010	
Italy	2003	2012	
France	2005	2011	
Czech Republic	2005	2011	
Portugal	2009	2012	

### **But still difficult situations**

A number of countries even in the North of Region 1 will not meet the 17th of June ITU deadline related to Analogue TV

Even more critical situations in the South of Region 1

Note that June 17th is not a deadline for switching off analogue TV:

It is the date after which analogue TV will not be protected from interfering emissions from neighbouring countries and after which remaining analogue TV emissions will be forbiden to create interferences to neighbouring countries

## Key factors of success



## Legislative framework including ASO targets

Early involvement of Government and regulators is essential

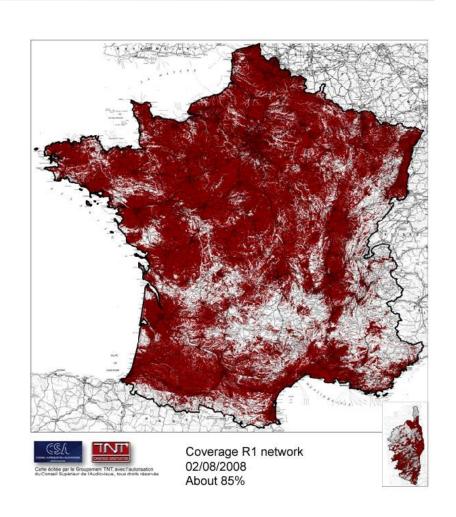
- ☐ To define ASO strategy and roadmap
- ☐ To ensure sufficient financial resources
- ☐ To ensure adequate digital receivers are available at a reasonable price



## **Sufficient DTT coverage**

### French example

- Previous 85% population coverage was considered insufficient
- Law and Decrees (2008) require a 95% population terrestrial coverage
- Availability of the DTT services on a free satellite platform to complete





## But you also need sufficient DTT penetration

French example, two years before ASO:

- 70% of households had access digital TV services on at least one television set
- while 39% had converted all of their television sets to digital
- But, still 17% only received television via analogue terrestrial TV!

## **DTT** penetration by early 2010

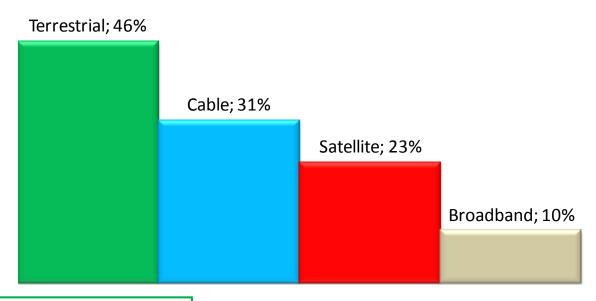
EU SWO target: end of 2011

Country	Terrestrial dependency	DTT penetration	DTT coverage	Years since DTT launch	Years ASO process
UK	49%	39%	80%	11 years	4 years
Spain	82%	67%	96%	9 years	2 years
Italy	78%	52%	80%	5 years	4 years
France	58%	43%	89%	4 years	2 years
Germany	9%	9%	90%	7 years	0-9 months

Penetration: number of homes relying on DTT for their main TV set To be compared with terrestrial dependency for ASO



## And today in the European Union(28)



"Terrestrials" - approx: >100 million households >250 million people 45-50% of Europeans 2000 TV Channels

Data from Eurobarometer 396, 2013 and Mavise. Adds to more than 100%. Households may use more than one platform.



## **DTT** coverage today\*

Country	PSB multiplex	Other multiplexes
Czech Republic	100%	95-85%
Denmark	99%	97%
Finland	99.8%	99.8%
France	95%	95%
Germany	90%	90%
Italy	99%	95%, 90%, 85%
Norway	95% plus satellite shadow areas	95%
Portugal	92.7%	n/a
Spain	98%	96%
Sweden	99.8%	98%
Switzerland	99%	n/a
UK	98.5%	90%



## A precise ASO roadmap



#### 2008

Border

#### 2009

Border / Granada / Wales / West Country

#### 2010

STV North / STV Central / Wales / Channel Islands

#### 2011

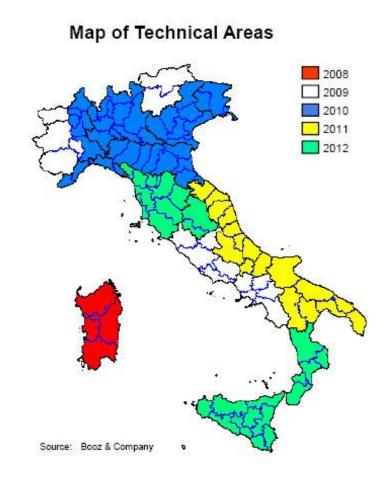
STV Central / Yorkshire / Central / Anglia / West

#### 2012

Tyne Tees / London / Meridien

## A precise ASO roadmap

- In Sept 2008, the Italian Government published its ASO timetable
- 16 technical areas have been switched-off in 4 years



## **Communication is key**

 Viewers must understand what will happen, when, and, how to prepare?



Consumer awareness plan in UK						
	3-Years	2-Years	1-Year	<12 months	1 month	Switchover
National Launch of SwitchCo	"Get ready"	"How to get ready"	"Are you ready?"	Countdown – switchover is happening	Countdown – switchover is here	Switchover to 100% digital

## Why is Pink so popular?



## **Tuner availability**



Ensuring that all television sets sold after a set date can receive DTT services

- In France, by law, all TV sets sold since 6 March 2008 had to include a DTT tuner
- In Italy, by law, all TV sets sold since June 09 had to include a DTT tuner
- ➤ In the UK, three major retailers (Currys, Dixons, PC World) took a self decision and announced in January 2008 that they would no longer sell analogue-only TV sets

### And of course...

- Funding for ASO organisation
- Cost of information campaigns



Financial support has proved to be necessary. Intended recipients of aid include low-income households, general public, or households with communal antennas

### **DSO Costs\***

**Purpose** 

Help Scheme

Marketing activities

DTV coupon program

Country

Sweden

USA

France	ASO + Help Scheme	€ 397 million	Government/Broadcasters
UK	Help Scheme	€ 693 million	BBC
	Marketing activities	€ 230 million	Digital UK
	DSO total	€ 4.37 billion	Private/public
Italy	Help Scheme	€ 50 per qualifying HH	Government
	ASO pilots	€ 55 million	Government
	DTT roll-out	€ 33 million (2007)	Government
	DTT subsidy	€ 220 million (illegal?)	Government
Spain	DSO projects	€ 75 million	Government
	DSO as of March 09	€ 1.2 billion	Private/public
Finland	ASO	<€1 million	Increased license fee for YLE

No special budget

€ 2 million

\$ 1.9 billion

Source

Government

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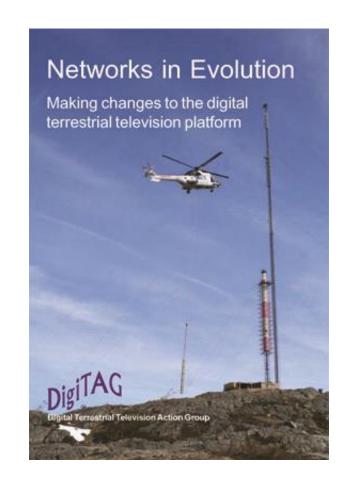
**Amount** 

### **Network costs\***

 Cost of 6 French multiplex networks estimated between 500 and 1000 M€ (Main transmitters)

Quid of 95% coverage?

 Sate help for analogue TV necessary frequency changes during transition about 60 M€



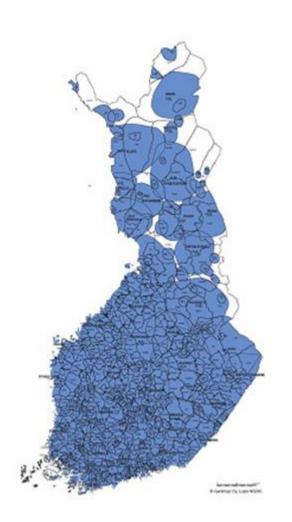
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### **Lessons to learn: Finland**

National ASO on 31 Aug 2007

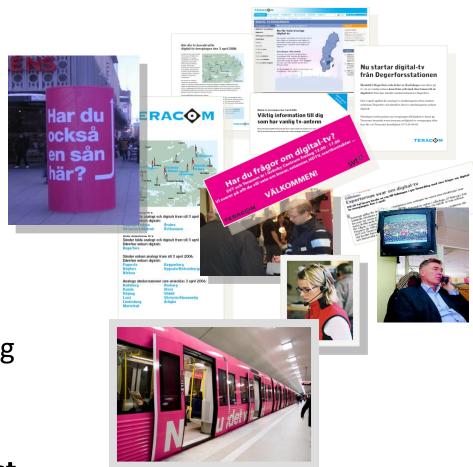
### Issues that arose

- Receivers (subtitles)
- Reception in some areas
- Date: coincided with the weekend
- Public Service Broadcaster on frontline: 20% of viewers stopped paying television license fee



## Lessons to learn: Sweden

- Launch of DTT services in 1999 offering a largely pay DTT platform operated by Boxer
- Attractive programme offer combined with competitive pricing has allowed Boxer to effectively compete with other television operators
- Five phases to switch-off starting in September 2005 and completed in October 2007
- 40% of viewers waiting until last month to purchase DTT receivers

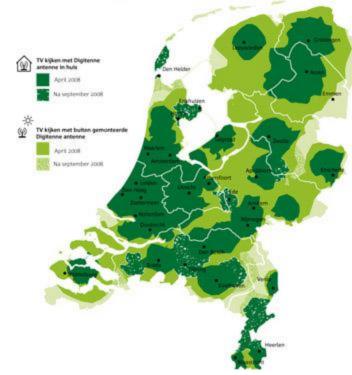


## **Lessons to learn: The Netherlands**

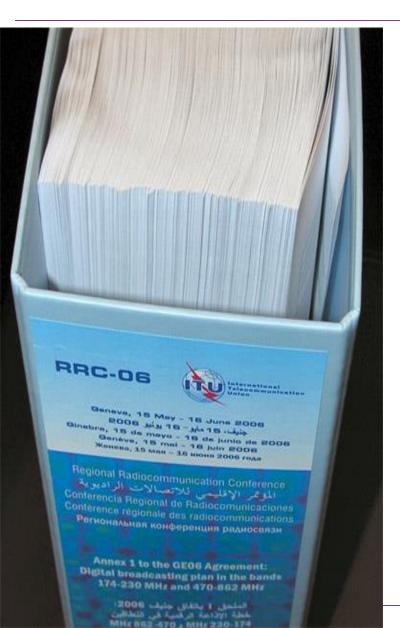
DTT platform launched in 2003
 offering limited free-to-air services
 from the PSB and extensive pay
 services from Digitenne

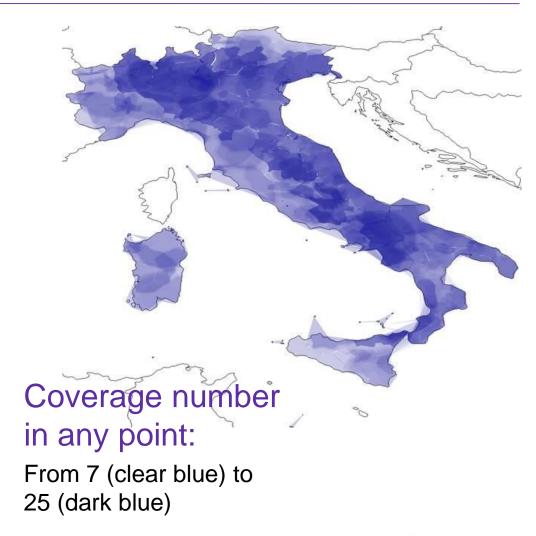
- ASO completed on a single day on 10 December 2006
- Since then, DTT penetration has increased from 3-5% to 12% of the population





## Lessons to learn: Italy (the Theory)

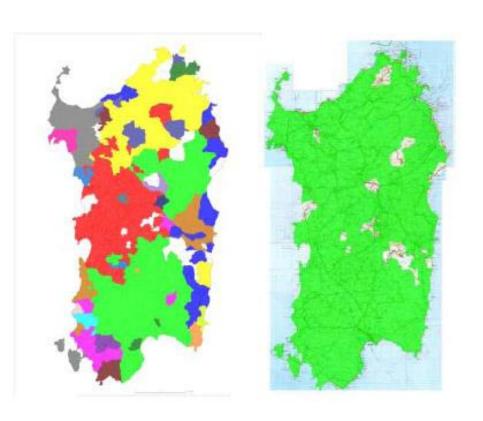




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## Lessons to learn: Italy (Real life) started with Sardinia

MFN pre switch-off SFN post switch-off



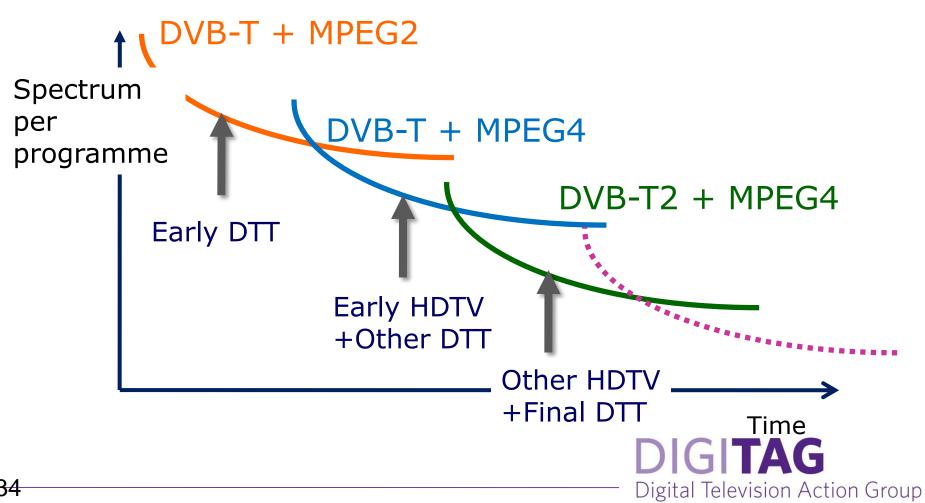
#### Switch-off benefits

- 14 frequencies "switched-off" in the island
- 22 national MUXes 20 local MUXes (some with partial coverage) - 4 radio MUXes
- DTT offering of 59 digital channels
  - 29 national
  - 30 local

## Be prepared for evolution



## Technical innovation is essential, but be careful and smart when using it!



## Technical innovation provides opportunities, but be careful!

#### Opportunities

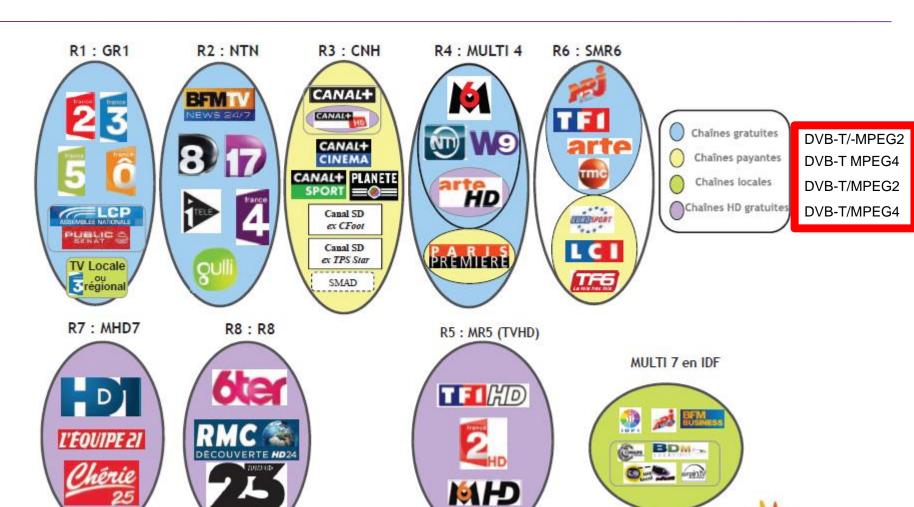
- Spectrum is a scarce resource, but is needed for introducing new services, so that the DTT platform keeps its attractiveness in comparison with other plaforms
- Use of T2 for countries not having yet DTT, or for introducing new services( i.e. HD) for countries not having it yet( UK, Sweden...) is the right thing to do

#### But be careful!

- The current context where there is pressure for finding additional spectrum for Wireless Broadband, leads to create pressure on the early DTT adopters for migrating towards the more efficient technology that is T2
- But introducing new technology at the occasion of launching new services(
  what France, Italy, Spain... did with MPEG4 for HD, and UK, Sweden... with
  T2) is one thing, to migrate existing services is a completely different thing,
  and is equivalent to a transition from Analogue to Digital, WITHOUT ANY
  BENEFIT FOR CONSUMERS!



## Be flexible French example



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## **Prepare evolution: Tuner mandating**



French legislation has played an important role in HD DTT success:

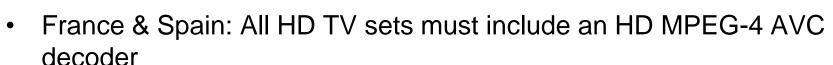
- ➤ All HD-ready television sets had to include a MPEG-4 AVC HD tuner as of 1 December 2008.
- Manufacturers had to include an MPEG-4 AVC HD tuner in all TV sets sized 26 inches and above, as of 1 December 2009.
- By 1 December 2012, all TV sets had to include an HD DTT tuner.
- ➢ By 1 December 2012, all new DTT receivers had to be able to receive both SD and HD content.
- ➤ This will be used to create a large enough basis of MPEG-4 enabled basis of receivers, for preparing a SWO of DVB-T/MPEG-2 emissions by May 2016

### **HD / DTT services**

### Labelling is essential for consumer guidance

### Launching HD services using DVB-T

- Sufficient capacity to provide 3 HD services per multiplex
- France, Hungary, Norway, Italy, Denmark





- Benefiting from a compression gain of over 60%
- United Kingdom, Sweden



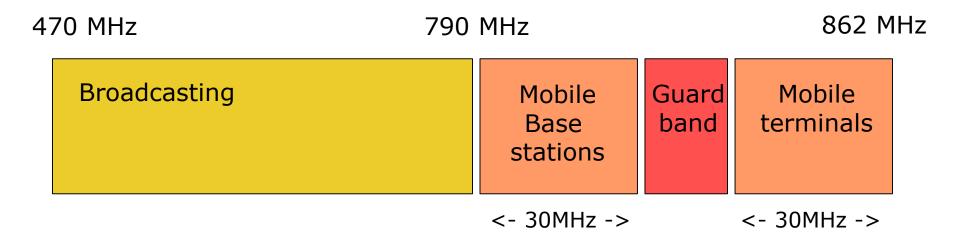
## WRC-07 started a new process\*

ITU WRC-07 added an allocation to the Mobile Service in the 790-862 MHz subband as a co-primary service with Broadcasting



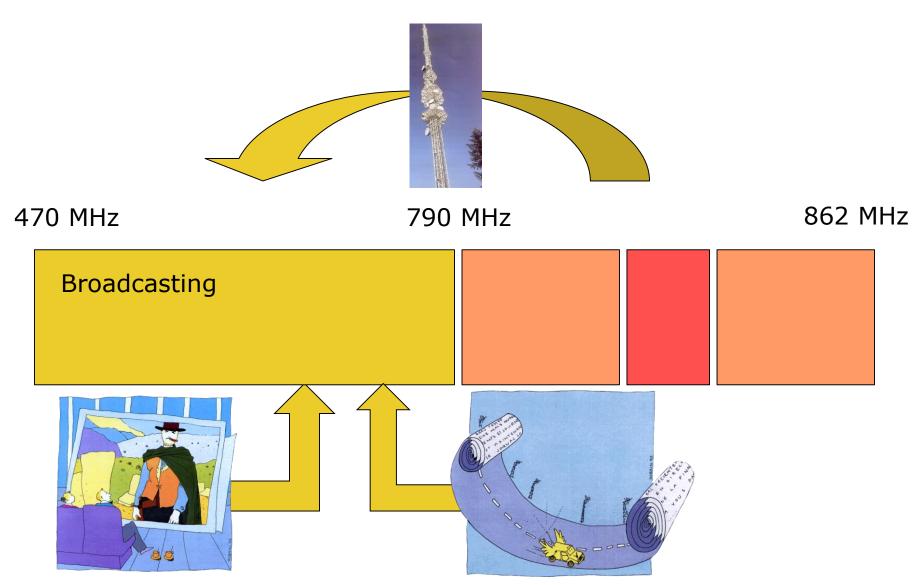


## What has happened\*





# **Consequences for Broadcasting\***



# Some very difficult situations\* Example of Spain

#### **RRC06** situation:

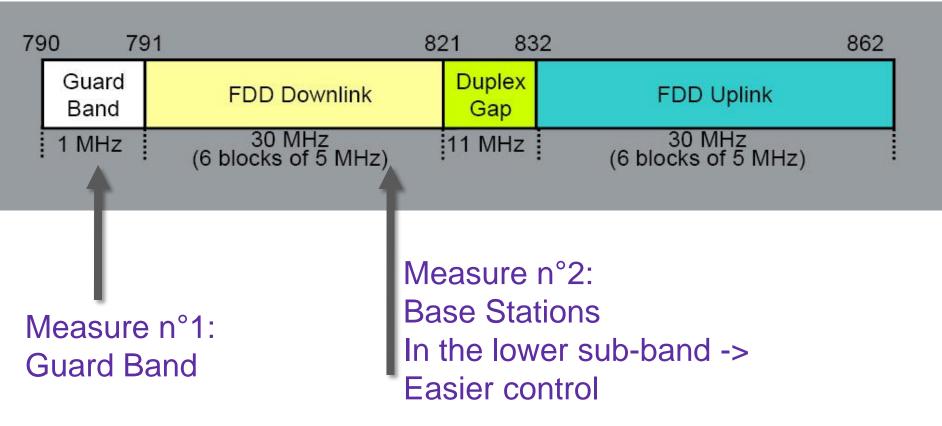
#### Intense use of SFN





# Impact on DTT resulting from LTE in 800 MHz band

### How to avoid interferences:



Measure n°3: if this is insufficient take additional actions according to DigiTAG, EBU, BNE and ACT recommendation



# DigiTAG & All recommendation related to LTE downlink interferences



October 2010

Minimising the potential interference to Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) broadcasting services from Mobile/Fixed Communications Networks (MFCN) operating in the 790-862 MHz frequency band

Joint recommendations from DigiTAG1, EBU2, BNE3, ACT4

See annex for details



### Coexistence between LTE and DTT

- Frequency plan
- 2 issues
  - **Protection ratio (PR):** minimum C/I ratio needed
  - Overloading threshold (Oth): maximum level not to be exceeded

1 medicine: efficient and cost competitive domestic LTE mitigation filters are available on the European market today 77x24x27mm



470-790 MHz band (TV)

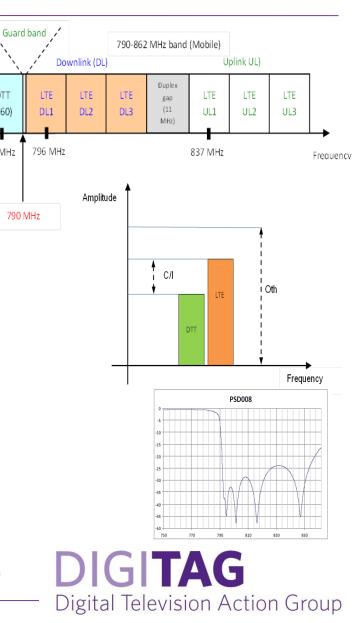
DTT

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## And also issues with LTE User Equipments!

 Need to protect the consumer receiving conditions from interferences caused by nearby mobile phones (OOB emissions issues)





## What is really experienced?

Here are already some elements related to what is experienced in France

- So far, the foremost (99%) source of complaints comes from aerial amplifier overloading
- Impact to DTT households is lower than anticipated, although significant, and appears to be manageable through swift provision of filters
- No impact on broadcast transmitters and gap fillers pilot reception so far



# Conclusion

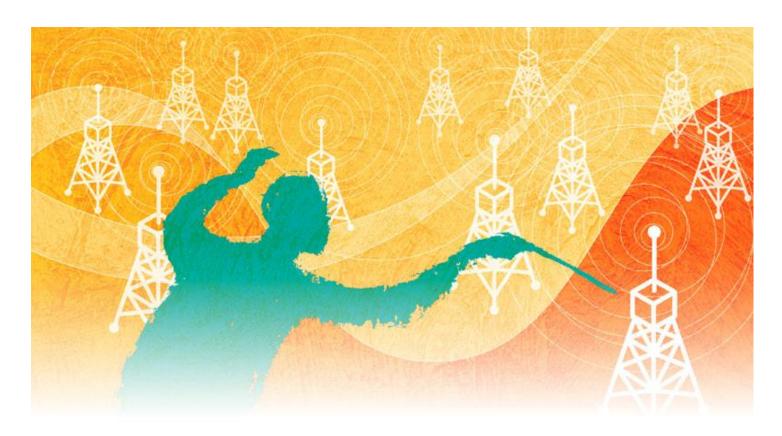


# RRC-06 Plan has proved to be a good starting point for evolution

- ➤ It has already accommodated more networks and services than foreseen in 2006...
- Broadcasting DTT will need to have enough spectrum secured for the long term to protect its infrastructure investments and a very flexible evolutionary approach to be able further innovate (HDTV for all channels, UHDTV...), thanks to technology innovations, in spite of continuous pressure to release more spectrum for WBB!
- Hence "no change for spectrum below 694MHz" at up coming WRCs!



# Many thanks for your attention



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## **ANNEX\***

**Recommandations for protecting DTT** 

from interferences

of LTE base stations in 800 MHz band

#### Recommendations

In order to provide an appropriate level of protection to DTT services below 790 MHz with respect to emissions from mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN) operating within the 790-862 MHz band, DigiTAG, EBU, BNE and ACT, recommend that prior to the award of licences for use of the spectrum, the following protection measures be applied:

- a) the most protective level defined in EC decision 2010/267/EC (baseline requirement in case A) should be applied in all cases;
- b) additional mitigation measures are required to be put in place, as necessary, by mobile/fixed communication network licence holders to ensure full protection of DTT broadcasting services. These services include also portable and mobile DTT when these reception modes are part of the national coverage concept. The basis for this protection should be careful network planning by the MFCN operator to avoid situations that may create interference to the reception of DTT. The associated costs of implementing remedies should not be borne by broadcasters, broadcast network operators or viewers. Depending on the actual situation, these measures may include but are not limited to:
  - reducing the power of the MFCN transmitters and adjusting their antenna characteristics to reduce interference problems, taking into account local conditions, especially for the MFCN Base Stations using the first frequency block above 790 MHz;
  - using a Base Station antenna polarisation that is opposite to that of the DTT transmitter, especially for Base Stations using the first frequency block above 790 MHz;
  - use of additional RF filtering at MFCN Base Stations, especially for Base Stations using the first frequency block above 790 MHz;
  - use of on-channel low-power DTT repeaters at the MFCN Base Stations to restore
    the degradation of signal to noise ratio at affected DTT receivers. Such remedies
    should be coordinated with the impacted broadcast multiplex operator, since it
    may not be easily applicable, such as in the case of DTT transmitters operating in a
    Single Frequency Network (SFN);



- c) It is further recommended that when granting frequencies in the 800 MHz band the following additional measures be considered:
  - to make appropriate information on the licences awarded available, for instance on regulators' websites, so that consumers suffering from interference know why this is happening, to whom they can complain and what action can be taken;
  - setting-up an Entity, independent of the MFCN licence holders, as a point of contact to which cases of interference or loss of DTT service can be reported, to ensure a prompt and effective resolution in a timely manner;
  - ensuring that consumers experiencing loss of DTT service, even after mitigation
    measures mentioned above have been implemented, are promptly provided with
    adequate equipment to allow continued reception of DTT services. Such
    equipment may include filters connected in front of the DTT receiver or receiving
    antenna amplifier system to eliminate harmful interference stemming from
    emissions in the frequency band 790-862 MHz. Such measures must not unduly
    impair reception of channel 60. The associated costs of these necessary remedies
    should not be borne by broadcasters, broadcast network operators or the viewers;
  - any other actions necessary for circumstances when the above measures have proven ineffective.
- d) It is highly recommended that field trials be organised to observe the 'real world' impact of the deployment of mobile/fixed communications services versus the results of theoretical models utilised for prediction purposes. The results should be made available to interested parties in Europe.

The DigiTAG, EBU, BNE and ACT members are fully open for cooperation with Administrations, Regulators, and all parties interested in the use of the 800 MHz band, in the context of the above recommendations.





May 2011

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#### **2**<sup>nd</sup> set of Recommendations from DigiTAG with regard to interference from User Terminals

#### Introduction

On 22 November 2010, DigiTAG, ACT, BNE and EBU issued a joint Recommendation<sup>1</sup> on measures needed to provide adequate protection to DTT services from downlink interference from mobile/fixed communication networks (MFCNs)

In January 2011, DigiTAG issued a Recommendation<sup>2</sup> on the revision of ETSI standard EN 301 9082 v5.1.1 to align it with the EC Decision 2010/267/EU and the prescriptions of CEPT Report 30, in order to reduce the risk of interference from UMTS/LTE User Terminals operating in the band 790-862 MHz into DTT reception.

In the present document, DigiTAG recommends that additional measures should be implemented to protect DTT services from interference caused specifically by User Terminals (i.e. LTE/UMTS terminals). These terminals are likely to be portable or mobile and to transmit at random times, making them more difficult to trace as sources of interference.

The present document takes into account the current regulatory framework, as set in EC Decision/267/EU and based on the studies of CEPT Report 30, but this does not imply that DigiTAG necessarily agrees with all these provisions, in particular when restrictions are placed upon the broadcasting service.

The present document does not cover EMC issues.

#### **Further recommendations**

In order to provide an appropriate level of protection to DTT services below 790 MHz with respect to emissions from MFCN User Terminals operating within the 790-862 MHz band, DigiTAG recommends that the following protection measures be applied, when possible prior to the award of the license for spectrum use:

a) Administrations, within their scope of competence, ensure that UMTS/LTE User Terminals capable of operating in the band 790-862 MHz are compliant with the EIRP level defined in EC decision 2010/267/EU, and that their maximum out of band emission (OOB) limits are compliant with the prescriptions of CEPT Report 30 (maximum out of band emission level of -65 dBm/8 MHz, intended as EIRP);



Please see <u>http://www.digitag.org/Recommendations\_22Nov2010.pdf.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please see: http://www.digitag.org/Recommendations\_ETSI.PDF

- It is further recommended that the following additional measures be considered by Administrations:
  - The same Entity referred to in the previous joint Recommendation, and which should be independent of the MFCN licence holders, should act as a point of contact to which cases of interference or loss of DTT service can be reported, and should gather information useful for the study of appropriate measures
  - Considering the random nature of interference from User Terminals, the above mentioned Entity should keep a record of cases of interference that are possibly caused by LTE/UMTS User Terminals, in order to gather meaningful statistics and liaise with the Body responsible for market surveillance and enforcement;
  - As in the case of interference from base stations, consumers experiencing degradation of
    DTT service due to interference from User Terminals should be promptly provided with
    adequate equipment and assistance to allow continued reception of DTT services. Such
    equipment may include different types of filters connected between the receiving antenna
    and the DTT receiver to eliminate harmful interference stemming from emissions in the
    frequency band 790-862 MHz. Such measures must not unduly impair reception of any
    DTT channel in use, up to and including channel 60. The associated costs of these
    necessary remedies should not be borne by broadcasters, broadcast network operators,
    television reception equipment manufacturers or viewers;
- c) In cases where the above measures have proven ineffective, in particular, but not limited to, cases where a significant number of complaints are recorded in a particular area, Administrations should ensure that any other relevant action to mitigate such interference is undertaken. The associated costs of these necessary remedies should not be borne by broadcasters, broadcast network operators, television reception equipment manufacturers or viewers;
- d) As noted in the previous recommendation, it is highly recommended that field trials be organised to observe the 'real world' impact of the deployment of mobile/fixed communications services versus the results of theoretical models utilised for prediction purposes. The results should be made available to interested parties in Europe.

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Joint recommendations from DigiTAG¹, EBU², BNE³ and ACT⁴

#### Introduction

Terrestrial broadcasting has an important societal role and economic value. The analogue to digital television switchover, which requires considerable investments and commitments from broadcasters, network operators and viewers, will result in releasing a 'Digital Dividend' in frequency spectrum.

Several national Administrations have decided to allocate the 790-862 MHz frequency band (the 800 MHz band) to mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN), following the switch off of analogue terrestrial television services.

The European Commission issued a Decision (2010/267/UE) on harmonized technical conditions of use of this frequency band in the European Union by MFCNs. This decision is based on studies carried out by the CEPT, the results of which are published in CEPT Reports 30 and 31.

These harmonised technical conditions have been derived aiming to reduce the risk of disturbance that the implementation of MFCN in the 790-862 MHz frequency band may cause to Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) broadcasting services in the lower adjacent band. However, as expressed in the CEPT Report 30, the concept of 'block edge masks' used to define these conditions does not always provide the required level of protection for victim services and, in order to resolve these cases of interference, additional mitigation techniques would need to be applied.

The EC Decision (Article 2, second paragraph) also states that Member States shall ensure that the new systems in the frequency band 790-862 MHz provide appropriate levels of protection to systems in adjacent bands, e.g. DTT broadcasting services.



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