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1. General aspects of coordination (1)

- ➤ Goals of frequency coordination
 - ✓ To ensure interference-free operation in border areas
 - ✓ To assist in long-term planning of frequencies
 - ✓ To promote efficient spectrum utilization
 - ✓ To help to resolve interference between neighboring countries
- ➤ Parameters for coordination are defined in Nos. 1.166 1.176 of the Radio Regulations (RR), e.g.
 - ✓ Interference
 - Permissible interference, Accepted interference, Harmful interference
 - ✓ Coordination
 - Coordination distance, Coordination contour, Coordination area





1. General aspects of coordination (2)

Interference: Permissible interference, Accepted interference, Harmful interference

1.166 *interference*: The effect of unwanted energy due to one or a combination of *emissions, radiations,* or inductions upon reception in a *radiocommunication* system, manifested by any **performance degradation**, misinterpretation, or loss of information which could be extracted in the absence of such unwanted energy.

1.167 *permissible interference*: Observed or predicted interference which complies with quantitative interference and **sharing criteria** contained in these Regulations or in ITU-R Recommendations or in special agreements as provided for in these Regulations.

1.168 *accepted interference*: Interference at a higher level than that defined as permissible interference and which has been agreed upon between two or more administrations without prejudice to other administrations.

endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs, or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service





1. General aspects of coordination (3)

➤ Methods to facilitate frequency sharing

Freq. separation	Spatial separation	Time separation	Signal separation*
Channelling plans	Geographical site	Time division	Coded modulation:
Band segmentation	separation	multiple access	e.g. CDMA system
Frequency division	Space diversity	(TDMA)	Interference
multiple access	Antenna	Duty cycle control	power/bandwidth
(FDMA)	characteristics:	Dynamic real-time	adjustments
Control of emission	- polarization/	frequency	- Power control
characteristics	pattern	assignment	- Low power, SRD
	discrimination	Etc.	Adaptive signal
	Physical barriers		processing: e.g.
	and site shielding		SDR

^{*}These techniques may also be applied together with the technologies of former separations. See Rec. ITU-R SM.1132





1. General aspects of coordination (4)

- **≻**Initiation
 - ✓ On planning stage
 - based on calculated values
 - ✓ On operating stage
 - based on measured values
- ➤ Steps of coordination
 - ✓ Identification of potentially affected countries
 - using agreed characteristics and the worst-case assumption
 - ✓ Coordination
 - using real parameters, environmental data including terrain elevation data and agreed methods





1. General aspects of coordination (5)

Mandatory or Voluntary	Mandatory coordination	Voluntary coordination
Criteria	Coordination shall be effected before notification among administrations identified with defined criteria	Coordination can/may be effected among concerned administrations with agreed criteria
Basis	Coordination is mandated by: - Article 9 (Nos. 9.16, 9.18, 9.19), No. 5.457 - Worldwide Plan (e.g. Appendix 25) - Regional Plans (e.g. GE85-EMA, GE06) - Res. 150 (WRC-12), resolves 4 and 8 of Res. 168 (WRC-19), Res. 612 (Rev.WRC-12)	Coordination is established among concerned administrations in accordance with Article 6 (Special Agreements), e.g. cellular networks
Examination	BR examines with respect to: - No. 11.32 (for assignments under Nos. 9.16 , 9.18 , 9.19 , other provisions or Resolutions in the RR)	BR does not take the voluntary coordination information into account in its examination process
When	Prior to the notification for recording in the MIFR	Any time agreed among concerned administrations





1. General aspects of coordination (6)

- Coordination criteria (coordination trigger) is given in a form of
 - ✓ Coordination criteria (I/N) (e.g. I/N = 6 dB for mobile service)
 - ✓ Permissible field strength (E) (e.g. $E = 25 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V/m}$ in GE06)
 - ✓ Permissible power-flux density (pfd) (e.g. pfd = -154.5 dB(W/(m2.4 kHz)) in No. **5.431B**)
 - ✓ Distance separation (e.g. d=175 km in Res. **749** (Rev.WRC-19) and **760** (Rev.WRC-19); 1200 km in RoP on No. **9.19**)
 - ✓ Coordination contour/area (e.g. earth station coordination contour, Non-planned BSS service area)
- ➤ The conversion among the form of the criteria (E, I and pfd) is possible referring to Recommendation ITU-R P.525
- ➤ Coordination point
 - ✓ At the border (e.g. with respect Non-planned BSS area)
 - ✓ At a station (e.g. FSS earth station in Appendix 7)





2. Mandatory coordination (1)

➤ Coordination criteria (Appendix 5)

Reference of Article 9	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition	Remarks
No. 9.16 Terrestrial	Frequency bands for which a footnote refers to No. 9.11A	Transmitting terrestrial station is situated within the coordination area of a receiving earth station of Non-GSO	The coordination area of the affected earth station has already been determined using the calculation method of Appendix 7
No. 9.18 Terrestrial	Any frequency band allocated to a space service	Transmitting terrestrial station is situated within the coordination area of a receiving earth station of GSO	The coordination area of the affected earth station has already been determined using the calculation method of No. 9.17 (Appendix 7)





2. Mandatory coordination (2)

➤ Coordination criteria (Appendix 5)

Reference of Article 9	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition	Remarks
No. 9.19 Terrestrial	11.7-12.7 GHz (see Article 6 of Appendix 30) 12.5-12.75 GHz (terrestrial services in Nos. 5.494 and 5.496 as well as in Regions 2 and 3 in respect of BSS allocation in Region 3) 17.7-17.8 GHz (terrestrial services in all three Regions in respect of BSS allocation in Region 2)	i) Necessary bandwidths overlap; and ii) the power flux- density (pfd) of the interfering station at the edge of the BSS service area exceeds the permissible level	Check by using the assigned frequencies and bandwidths (See also Article 6 of Appendix 30)





2. Mandatory coordination (3)

➤ Coordination criteria (Appendix 5)

Reference of Article 9	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition	Remarks
No. 9.19	1 452-1 492 MHz	i) Necessary bandwidths overlap; and	Check by using the
Terrestrial	2 310-2 360 MHz (terrestrial services in all three Regions in respect of BSS allocation in No. 5.393) 2 520-2 670 MHz (see No. 5.416) 40.5-42.5 GHz 74-76 GHz	ii) the power hax-density (pla) of the interiering	assigned frequencies and bandwidths (See also RoP on No. 9.19)





2. Mandatory coordination (4)

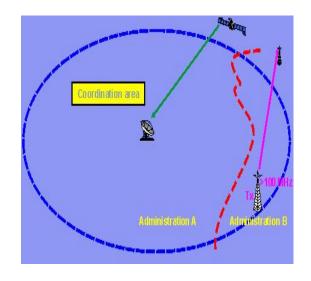
➤ Coordination criteria under other provisions





2.1 Coordination under Nos. 9.16 & 9.18 (1)

- Procedures of coordination under Nos.9.16 and 9.18
 - ✓ 9.16 k) for a transmitting station of a terrestrial service for which the requirement to coordinate is included in a footnote to the Table of Frequency Allocations referring to No. 9.11A and which is located within the coordination area of an earth station in a nongeostationary-satellite network;
 - ✓ 9.18 n) for any transmitting station of a terrestrial service in the bands referred to in No. 9.17 (above 100MHz allocated with equal rights to space and terrestrial services) within the coordination area of an earth station, in respect of this earth station, with the exception of the coordination under Nos. 9.16 and 9.19;







2.1 Coordination under Nos. 9.16 & 9.18 (2)

> Example 1 (1)

BR ID: <u>122047266</u> Administration: BEL

Administration's unique ID: 04160001

Fragment: NTFD_RR
Provision: RR11.2
Notice type: T11 / ADD
Mod type: NOT MODIFY
Date Rcv: 28 Apr 2022
Date In Use: 12 Feb 2022

Stage: FINAL PUB

Publication history: NTFD RR/1/2971, NTFD RR/3/2982

Assigned frequency: 4160 MHz

Bandwidth: 40M0

Examination category: SBD

Class of station: FX
Geographic area: BEL

Site name: SERAING BIPT 3221 **Coordinates:** 5°33'8"E - 50°34'43"N **Coordinates:** 5.5522°; 50.5786°

Administration of F was identified as affected.

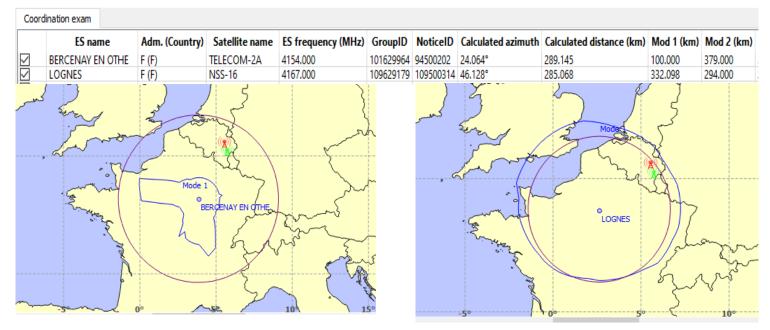
√ 2 earth stations of F





2.1 Coordination under Nos. 9.16 & 9.18 (3)

➤ Example 1 (2)







2.1 Coordination under Nos. 9.16 & 9.18 (4)

Example 2

BR ID: <u>122046130</u> Administration: AZE

Administration's unique ID: FX0837-2021

Fragment: NTFD_RR

Provision: RR11.2

Notice type: T11 / ADD

Mod type: NOT MODIFY

Date Rcv: 13 Apr 2022

Date of entry: 13 Apr 2022

Date In Use: 16 Jan 2021

Stage: FINAL PUB

Publication history: NTFD_RR/1/2970, NTFD_RR/2/2982

Assigned frequency: 7268.5 MHz

Bandwidth: 7M00

Examination category: SBD

Class of station: FX
Geographic area: AZE
Site name: Duz Rasullu

Coordinates: 45°27'29"E - 40°39'9"N **Coordinates:** 45.4581°; 40.6525°

No earth station was identified as affected





2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (1)

Procedures of coordination under No.9.19

√ 9.19 o) for any transmitting station of a terrestrial service or any transmitting earth station in the fixed-satellite service (Earth-to-space) in a frequency band shared on an equal primary basis with the broadcasting-satellite service, with respect to typical earth stations included in the service area of a space station in the broadcasting-satellite service.







2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (2)

➤ Rules of Procedure 9.19

- For transmitting IMT stations notified with nature of service "IM" in the frequency band 1 452-1 492 MHz, in Regions 1 and 3: frequency overlap and the power flux-density of −154 dB(W/(m² · 4 kHz)) at the edge of the service area of non-planned BSS, is calculated using Recommendation ITU-R P.452-16 for 20 % of time;
- ✓ For non-IMT stations in the frequency band 1 452-1 492 MHz, as well as all transmitting terrestrial stations in other non-planned BSS frequency bands: frequency overlap and the distance from the location of the terrestrial station to the national border of any country included in the service area of the BSS assignment is less than 1 200 km.





2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (3)

Example 1

BR ID: <u>122035648</u> Administration: F

Administration's unique ID: 1157973

Fragment: NTFD_RR
Provision: RR11.2
Notice type: T11 / ADD

Mod type: NOT MODIFY
Date Rcv: 08 Mar 2022
Date In Use: 08 Oct 2021

Stage: FINAL PUB

Publication history: NTFD_RR/1/2968,

NTFD RR/3/2982

Assigned frequency: 73.875 GHz

Bandwidth: 500M

Examination category: SBD

Class of station: FX Geographic area: F

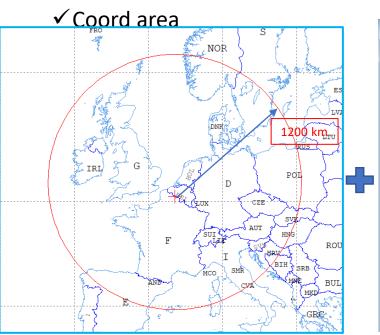
Site name: ESCAUTPONT BRUNCHAUT2 Coordinates: 3°33'15"E - 50°24'56"N Coordinates: 3.5542°; 50.4156°



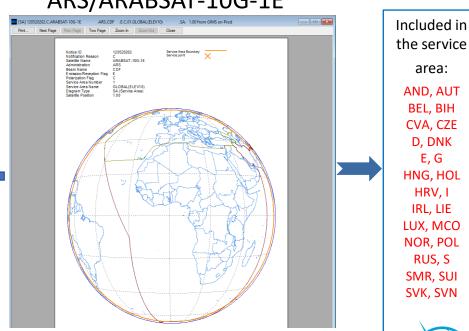


2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (4)

>Example 1



Service area of ARS/ARABSAT-10G-1E



area:

E, G

HRV, I



SNL: https://www.itu.int/snl/freqtab snl.html

2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (5)

>Example 1

More than 100 satellite networks involved

Unfavorable e	Unfavorable examination results in NBSS bands						
Terrestrial	Adm	NBSS	NBSS	NBSS	NBSS	NBSS	Affected
BR ID	Auiii	sat name	assigned freq	bandwidth	notice id	group id	service areas
122035648	ARS	ARABSAT-10G-1E	74250	500	120520202	120739613	AND/874.754 AUT/542.857 BEL/8.321 BIH/1074.589 CVA/1148.058 CZE/605.578 D/176.324 DNK/606.719 E/865.758 G/173.048 HNG/985.493 HOL/91.300 HRV/922.665 I/561.545 IRL/715.362 LIE/559.723 LUX/165.933 MCO/794.501 NOR/873.406 POL/779.308 RUS/1175.675 S/831.226 SMR/981.129 SUI/411.915 SVK/985.390 SVN/857.877





2.2 Coordination under No. 9.19 (6)

Example 2

BR ID: <u>115153219</u>
Administration: CAN

Administration's unique ID: FX00000010

Fragment: NTFD_RR Provision: RR11.2 Notice type: T11

Date Rcv: 16 Dec 2015

Assigned frequency: 2311 MHz

Bandwidth: 5M00

Examination category: NBSS

Class of station: FX Geographic area: CAN

Site name: GRAND BEACH MB

Coordinates: 96°34'42"W - 50°36'19"N

➤ Non-Planned BSS exam is applicable.

- Used coordination distance: 1200 km.
- No NBSS networks found, which require coordination within a range of 1200 km.





2.3 Coordination under other provisions (1)

- ➤ Mandatory coordination required by Worldwide Plans
 - √ (for example, App 25). The procedures to be followed in these cases are explicitly explained in the corresponding Plans.
- ➤ Mandatory coordination required by Regional Plans
 - ✓ (for example, GE06). The procedures to be followed in these cases are explicitly explained in the corresponding Plans.
- ➤ Coordination required by some WRC Resolutions
 - ✓ e.g. Resolution 612 (Rev.WRC-12)





2.3 Coordination under other provisions (2)

➤ Coordination criteria (Res. **612** (Rev.WRC-12))

Reference	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition
No. 5.132A No. 5.145A No. 5.161A Res. 612 (Rev. WRC- 12)	4 438-4 488 kHz 5 250-5 275 kHz 9 305-9 355 kHz (R1, R3) 13 450-13 550 kHz 16 100-16 200 kHz 24 450-24 600 kHz (R1, R3) 24 450-24 650 kHz (R2) 26 200-26 350 kHz (R1, R3) 26 200-26 420 kHz (R2) 39-39.5 MHz (R1) 39.5-40 MHz (R3) 41.015-41.665, 43.35-44 MHz (No. 5.161A) 42-42.5 MHz (R1)	resolves 6 of Resolution 612 (Rev. WRC-12)





2.3 Coordination under other provisions (3)

➤ Coordination criteria (Res. 612 – resolves 6)

	Land pa	th (km)	Sea or mixed path (km)	
Frequency (MHz)	Rural	Quiet rural	Rural	Quiet rural
5 (± 1 MHz)	120	170	790	920
9 (± 1 MHz)	100	130	590	670
13 (± 1 MHz)	100	110	480	520
16 (± 1 MHz)	80	100	390	450
25 (± 3 MHz)	80	100	280	320
42 (± 3 MHz)	80	100	200	230

✓ RoP on **5.312A**, **5.145A** and **5.161A**:

As the Bureau has no means for the identification of rural or quiet rural areas, the Board decided that for examination of the notified frequency assignment to a station in the radiolocation service from the view point of its conformity with resolves 6 of Resolution 612 (Rev.WRC-12) the Bureau shall use the separation distances for quiet rural paths listed in Columns 3 and 5, as appropriate, of the Table of resolves 6.





2.3 Coordination under other provisions (4)

➤ Coordination criteria (Footnotes for HAPS)

Reference	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition
No. 5.457 Res. 150 (WRC-12)	6 440-6 520 MHz (HAPS-to- ground direction) and 6 560-6 640 MHz (ground-to- HAPS direction)	The use of HAPS gateway links in these bands requires explicit agreement with other administrations whose territories are located within 1 000 km from the border of an administration intending to use the HAPS gateway links.
5.550D	38-39.5 GHz	resolves 4 and 8 of Resolution 168 (WRC-19)





2.4 Notification of coordination information

➤ How to notify the successful coordination information

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✓ in TerRaNotice.

                                     # on TerRaNotice user
  text file
                                     interface
   <COORD>
                                  Coordination successfully completed with the following administrations
  t adm=B
                                  Available administrations
                                                                     Selected administrations
  t adm=GUY
                                  USA
                                                                   В
                                                          Add >
  t adm=SUR
                                  UZB
                                                                   GUY
  t adm=TRD
                                  VCT
                                                                   SUR
                                                        < Remove
  t adm=VEN
                                  VTN
                                                                   TRD
                                                         << Clear
                                  VUT
                                                                   VEN
   </COORD>
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3. Voluntary coordination (1)

- ➤ When to coordinate?
 - √ Foreseen received interference > Permissible interference
- ► Initiation of the coordination
 - ✓ planning
 - ✓ operating
- ➤ General procedure
 - ✓ 1st stage: Coordination between operators
 - ✓ 2nd stage: Coordination between administrations
 - ✓ 3rd stage: Coordination with BR's assistance





3. Voluntary coordination (2)

➤ Generic coordination criteria (e.g. IMT-2000 base station*)

Item	Formular	1800 MHz band	900 MHz band	
Bandwidth (B)		5 MHz		
Temperature (T)		290) K	
Boltzmann Coefficient (k)		1.38 >	x 10 ⁻²³	
Noise temp. (No)	=10 log(kTB)	-137	dBW	
Noise figure (Nf)		5 dB		
Protect. criteria (I/N)		-6 dB		
Permissible interference (Ip)	= No+Nf+I/N	-138 dBW		
Permissible field stren. (Ep)	= Ip+20*log(f)+77.2	34.3 dBμV/m	28.3 dBμV/m	

^{*}IMT-2000 receiving base station (UTRA FDD Macro) according to ITU-R M.2039





3. Voluntary coordination (3)

➤ Coordination criteria (Footnotes for HAPS)

Reference	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition
No. 5.388B	2110-2170 MHz (Regions 1 and 3 countries listed in the footnote) 2110-2160 MHJz (Region 2 countries listed in the footnote) HAPS-to-ground direction	HAPS operating as an IMT base station shall not exceed a co-channel power flux-density of -127 dB(W/(m2 · MHz)) at the Earth's surface outside a country's borders unless explicit agreement of the affected administration is provided.





3. Voluntary coordination (4)

➤ Coordination criteria (Resolutions for HAPS)

Footnote	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition
5.388A	2110-2170 (Regions 1 and 3) 2110-2160 (Region 2) HAPS-to-Ground	resolves 1.1 and 1.3 of Resolution 221 (Rev.WRC-07)
5.530E	21.4-22 GHz (Region 2) HAPS-to-Ground	resolves 1 of Resolution 165 (WRC-19)
5.532AA	24.25-25.25 GHz (Region 2) HAPS-to-Ground	resolves 2 of Resolution 166 (WRC-19)
5.534A	25.25-27 GHz (Ground-to-HAPS) 27-27.5 GHz (HAPS-to-Ground) (Region 2)	resolves 1, 3, 4 and 10 of Resolution 166 (WRC-19)
5.543B	31-31.3 GHz (HAPS-to-Ground)	resolves 1 of Resolution 167 (WRC-19)
5.550D	38-39.5 GHz	resolves 1, 3, 5 and 6 of Resolution 168 (WRC-19)
5.552A	47.2-47.5 GHz and 47.9-48.2 GHz HAPS-to-Ground	resolves 3 and 4 of Resolution 122 (Rev. WRC-19)





3. Voluntary coordination (5)

- ➤ What to include in a special agreement?
 - ✓ Frequency range and frequency categories defined when coordinating or planning (e.g. channeling arrangement)
 - ✓ Radiocommunication services and systems concerned, e.g. fixed or mobile service
 - ✓ Permissible interference level
 - Open called as coordination triggering level, e.g. Etrigger, pfd
 - Usually decided based on internationally, regionally, bi-directionally agreed documents (RR, ITU-R Recommendations, regional standard documents)
 - ✓ Propagation model and interference calculation method (to be used in the planning stage), e.g. ITU-R P.1546, ITU-R P.452, etc. agreed between the countries concerned





3. Voluntary coordination (6)

- ➤ What to include in a special agreement?
 - ✓ Coordination procedure method (preferential frequencies, channeling separations, protection at the border, protection of specific stations)
 - ✓ Exchange of appropriate spectrum management information
 - ✓ Measurement method (to be used in the operation stage)
 - ✓ A means of resolving instances of unexpected harmful interference
 - Contact points in Administrations
 - Contact points in Operators
 - Time limit for reporting/resolving the instances
 - ✓ Others agreed





4. Concluding remarks

- The radio **signal spillover** is unavoidable.
- Mandatory (Article 9, Plans, Resolutions or Article 5) or Voluntary (Article 6 special agreement applies) coordination are required.
- The best solution is to have an agreement on channeling arrangement between the administrations concerned.
- For frequencies not having channeling arrangements the practical solution is to coordinate between administrations taking into account **the agreed criteria and methods**.
- ➤ In accordance with No. 6.7 of Article 6 (special agreement) of Radio Regulations, if two or more Member States coordinate the use of individual frequencies in any of the frequency bands covered by Article 5, before notifying the frequency assignments concerned, they shall in all appropriate cases inform the Bureau of such coordination.





References for voluntary coordination

- Rules of Procedure, Part B4 coordination distances for protection of FS/MS vs. FS/MS in the bands 9kHz-28000kHz
- ➤ <u>ITU-R Handbook</u> on Guidance for bilateral/multilateral discussions on the use of frequency range 1 350 MHz 43.5 GHz by fixed service systems
- Rec. ITU-R SM.1049 A method of spectrum management to be used for aiding frequency assignment for terrestrial services in border area
- Rec. ITU-R SM.1132 General principles and methods for sharing between radiocommunication services or between radio stations
- ➤ <u>ERC/REC/(01)01</u> Cross-border coordination for mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN) in the frequency bands: 1920-1980 MHz and 2110-2170 MHz
- ECC/REC/(11)04 Cross-border Coordination for MFCN in the frequency band 790-862 MHz
- ECC/REC/(05)08 Frequency planning and cross-border coordination between GSM Land Mobile Systems (GSM 900, GSM 1800 and GSM-R)
- ➤ ECC/REC/(08)02 Cross-border coordination for MFCN in the frequency bands 900 MHz and 1800 MHz excluding GSM vs. GSM systems





References for voluntary coordination

- ECC/REC/(11)05 Cross-border Coordination for MFCN in the frequency band 2500-2690 MHz
- ECC/REC/(14)04 Cross-border coordination for MFCN and between MFCN and other systems in the frequency band 2300-2400 MHz
- ECC/REC/(15)01 Cross-border coordination for MFCN in the frequency bands: 694-790 MHz, 1452-1492 MHz, 3400-3600 MHz and 3600-3800 MHz
- ECC/REC/(16)03 Cross-border coordination for BB-PPDR systems in the frequency band 698 to 791 MHz
- ➤ <u>ECC/REC/(20)03</u> Frame structures to facilitate cross-border coordination of TDD MFCN in the frequency band 3400-3800 MHz
- T/R 25-0 Planning criteria and cross-border coordination of frequencies for land mobile systems in the range 29.7-470 MHz
- ► HCM agreement 2020 Co-ordination of frequencies between 29.7 MHz and 43.5 GHz for the fixed service and the land mobile service between 17 European administrations
- Arrangement to control cross border spillover and harmful interference in the mobile service between Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Oman and Qatar (March 2013)





Thank you!

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