

# "700 MHZ BAND DE-ALLOCATE IN ALBANIA"

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#### MAIN GOAL

The 700 MHz band currently used by terrestrial TV broadcasting should be released by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The quantity (number of the TV channel) and quality (SD or HD) of audio-visual content will not change in the next period, so the capacity currently used must be taken into account.

# Institutional Framework in terms of terrestrial TV broadcasting)

- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (MIE)
- Audio visual Media Authority (AMA)
- Authority for Electronic and Postal Communication (AKEP)

### INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

- Lamy report
- IABM report

#### North Western Europe

has very high Pay-TV penetration and the dominant broadcast infrastructure consists of cable and satellite

**IPTV** 

#### Eastern Europe

has a moderate penetration rate of Pay-TV and heavily relies on cable and satellite distribution

#### South Western Europe

has relatively low Pay-TV penetration and is heavily dependent on terrestrial transmission. The region remains a challenge for many vendors



[Source: IABM report August 2020]

### **NATIONAL OUTLOOK**

- 90% of Albania's population is covered,
- 80% of households access media content by the DTTV,
- 7 multiplexes at national level.
- 10 HD + 13 SD FTAs and 25 HD + 54 SD Pay TVs are available at national level.

## **MODEL AND LICENSING**

- Strong multiplex model
- Weak multiplex model
  - Must carry rules
- Levels:
  - National
  - Regional
  - **→** Local

## **BANDS (VHF, UHF)**

- GE06 plan (UHF, VHF)
- DD1 (800 MHz)
- DD2 (700 MHz)
- SEDDIF, Adriatic group and other coordination agreements

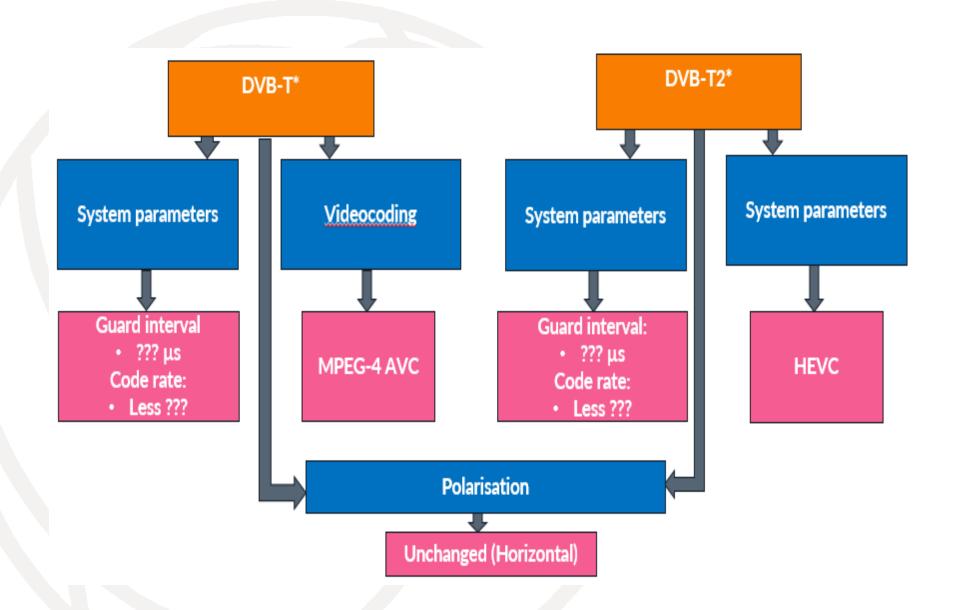
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#### SPECTRUM-EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES

Narrower bandwidth -> Do not reduce the data transmission capacity • Till July 30. 2022: 320 MHz From July 31. 2022: 224 MHz Applying new spectrum efficient Planning larger SFN coverage area and technologies successful international coordination in the DVB-T2 remaining band (based on SEDDIF) HEVC Result: set of frequencies for DVB-T and/or DVB-T2 networks in the 470-694 MHz frequency band

### SPECTRUM-EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES



#### **ACTION PLAN**

## Options for possible solutions:

- Infrastructure sharing
- Allotment enlargement

=> Frequency coordination strategy

## **Priority:**

- National layers (multiplexes)
- Regional layer(s) (multiplexes)
- Local TV

## **Frequency coordination**

- Get allotment extension data and assignment data from neighbours. Possible deadline: November of 2020
- Based on the received data start the planning process. Possible deadline: December of 2020
- Finish the planning process at latest 30<sup>th</sup> of July in 2021
- Start bilateral coordination based on the planning process results. Possible deadline: July of 2021
- Based on the outcome of the bilateral coordination the new allotment distribution should start, discussion with the providers over the switchover should come to finalization. Possible deadline: December of 2021
- All the switch over should be done by 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

# Infrastructure sharing

- Identify restrictions at latest 31 October 2020
- Preparation of a proposal for their elimination at latest 30 November 2020
- Public consultation of the proposals at latest 31 December 2020
- Processing of received comments and suggestions at latest 31 January 2021
- A final law put into force at latest 28 February 2021.

# Infrastructure sharing

Establish an **incentive system** for use of common infrastructure.

- Preparation of a proposal for incentive system (financial compensation and / or recalculation of the present permissions) at latest 31 December 2020
- Public consultation of the proposal at latest 31 January 2021
- Processing of received comments and suggestions at latest 28 February 2021
- Launch of the incentive system at latest 1 March 2021

#### **ADDITIONAL OUTCOMES**

Questionnaire on spectrum use and spectrum needs for terrestrial television broadcasting in the UHF frequency band in Region 1 and the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with Resolution 235 (WRC-15)

-Answered by Albania