

The frequencies for a creative Europe in the UHF Band must be clearly defended for the long term in European spectrum policy and in the ITU process

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The Sub-700 MHz band is essential for all the dimensions represented by the 16 members of the Wider Spectrum Group:

- Trade associations and companies in audiovisual creation, production and distribution; in radio; in live performance, programme making and special events;
- Viewers, listeners and consumer organisations;
- European trade union organisations representing journalists, creators, technicians and other works in the media, entertainment, and arts.

The Wider Spectrum Group has supported the strategic and balanced compromise found in Europe around the allocation of the UHF Band. As a result, the EU UHF Decision is designed to support two European industrial policies for the long-term:

- On the one hand, the decision allowed the mobile sector to harmonize the 700 MHz band to the mobile service *simultaneously* in all Member States, a major building block of the Path to the Digital Decade.
- On the other hand, the European Audio-Visual Model is *strengthened* by the long-term allocation of the Sub-700 MHz band to terrestrial broadcasting and PMSE.

The principles behind the UHF band allocation are balanced and in line with the general interest. Now that the frequencies for the telco sector have been delivered, the frequencies in the UHF for a creative Europe must equally be clearly defended in EU spectrum policy and in the ITU process. Those frequencies are essential to secure content creation and delivery through broadcasting and PMSE, for the benefit of all.



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