European
Radio Spectrum Policy Group

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Topic: **Statement on the World Radio Conference**
No Change 470 – 694MHz

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Verein Digitalradio Österreich welcomes the opportunity to respond to this Consultation, and we like to thank the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) in this way.

We are the Austrian Association behind Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB+), and our most affected members are broadcasters for private radio.

Our only focus is on „4.3 WRC-23 Agenda Item 1.5 (UHF Review)“.
Due to the topography in the alps, Austria has a massive developed Infrastructure for terrestrial broadcast services. TV programmes via DVB-T2 use this spectrum to pay the main infrastructure cost. And the population is still used to watching terrestrial TV, and it is years too early to react to changed behaviours in media consumption because it is not significant yet.

Our stakeholders and we are afraid that the cost of service for broadcasting radio will grow very strongly when digital terrestrial TV is not broadcasted at the same masts and infrastructure. So, we plead to preserve the spectrum 470 - 694 MHz for digital terrestrial TV and wireless equipment like, e.g. microphones used at theatres, stations and festival halls.

Best regards,

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