

Workshop: “The future of the 470-694 MHz band within the EU”

The RSPG has included topic “Assessment of future usage of the frequency band 470-694 MHz within the EU” in its 2024-2025 work programme. After circulating a questionnaire on the topic, the sub-group working on it has now organised a workshop open to representatives of RSPG member countries and stakeholders.

The workshop will take place on **Friday 11 April 2025** from 9.30 to 16.30 at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36 - 1040 **Brussels**. It will also be possible to follow the workshop remotely.

The RSPG invites all interested parties to attend. Please [register](#) by **2 April**, if you intend to participate in person. In order to favour the presence of several different entities, the organisation reserves the right to limit the number of participants in attendance from the same entities. There is no limitation to the online participation, but it is necessary to [register](#) by **9 April**.

Programme

09:30 Welcome and Introduction

09:40 Session 1 - The present use of the band

The session will be devoted to illustrating the current situation of bandwidth usage, both from a regulatory point of view and based on the results of the questionnaire.

- European Commission, Nineta Vretou
- RSPG subgroup co-chairs, Andreas Agius and Umberto Mascia

10:10 Session 2 - Cases from the four corners of the world

The session will explore the regulatory aspects in various countries where future uses of the band are moving in different directions, with a look at what is happening in countries outside the EU.

Regulators in EU countries with intensive use for DTTB in the future:

- Spain, Angel Leon Alcalde
- France, Guillaume Delaire

Regulators in EU countries with reduced or no use for DTTB in the future:

- Sweden, Jonas Wessel
- Slovenia, Meta Pavšek Taškov

Regulators from countries outside the EU

- United Arab Emirates, Tariq Al Awadhi
- United Kingdom, Claire Lyons

11:30 Break

11:45 Session 3 - The future use of the band

The session will focus on the views of stakeholders, also in the light of the regulatory aspects presented in session 2. The aim is for each community to provide a picture of its “ideal situation” in terms of band usage over the next decade. In order to get a fair view of the interests of each sector, associations representing the different stakeholders in each community have been invited.

- TV - DTTB: EBU, Elena Puigrefagut
- PMSE: APWPT, Vaughan John
- Mobile - IMT: GSMA, Stuart Cooke
- Mobile - PPDR: TCCA, Noel Kirkaldy
- Military applications: NATO, Adam Kugler
- Radioastronomy: CRAF, Waleed Madkour

13:00 Lunch break

14:15 Session 4 - Round table: “What if...”

The round table will be a more open debate. If Session 3 allowed each sector to present its ideal vision, the Round Table will ask the speakers to consider the concrete problems of coexistence and balancing different needs that might arise in the next decade, aiming to discuss potential solutions and trade-offs.

- Networks: Nokia, Ulrich Rehfuess
- Services: BNE, Jaume Pujol
- Regulators: Italy, Luca Rea
- Regulators: Sweden, Jonas Wessel
- PPDR: BDBOS, Bernard Kryszak
- PMSE: Shure, Wolfgang Bilz
- Public broadcasters: ORS, Michael Wagenhofer
- Public broadcasters: YLE, Janne Holopainen

16:05 Summary and conclusions

16:15 Closing