

**CONSULTATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN RSPG OPINION ON
PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMUNITY IN THE
WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE 2007**

RETEVISION AND TRADIA COMMENTS

RETEVISION and TRADIA are two broadcasting transmission operators which belong to the Spanish ABERTIS Group. They are actively involved in the promotion of Digital Terrestrial Television in Spain and currently provide DTT services to national and regional broadcasters.

They are pleased to comment on some of the issues raised by the RSPG consultation relating to the forthcoming WRCs 07 and 10.

RETEVISION and TRADIA consider in the first place that it is highly desirable to harmonize the use of spectrum at European level in order to allow the achievement of mass markets in Europe and their development in a competitive context.

Another element which should be kept in mind for the preparation of WRC 07 and during the negotiations is the fact that there will be no "spectrum dividend" following the switch off in the UHF bands, as RETEVISION and TRADIA have already had the opportunity to explain in their response to a previous RSPG consultation¹: on the one hand, because of the need to maintain the simulcast in a first stage; on the other hand, because Digital Terrestrial Broadcast services will have to offer a larger choice of programming to meet the consumer demand, while ensuring that the television public service benefit from the same population coverage as today. Spectrum capacity requirements may even increase depending on the reception mode (portable, mobile, handheld receivers).

Additionally, the agenda for WRC 10 (point 2.4) expressly refers to a possible allocation to the mobile service of the existing terrestrial broadcasting bands 806-862 MHz in Region 1, following the transition from analogue to digital TV. In fact, these bands are already used for Digital Terrestrial Television services, as it is currently the case in Spain, or will be used for DTT in the coming years in other European Member States. No need to say that the allocation of these bands to other services once DTT services have been launched would cause a tremendous harm to the European viewers, in particular due to the necessary massive adaptation of aerial installations.

As a conclusion, RETEVISION and TRADIA would like to draw the attention of RSPG to the fact that, when the forthcoming World Conferences take place, Digital Terrestrial Television will have

¹ RETEVISION and TRADIA submission to the RSPG Consultation in the context of the development of a RSPG Opinion on the spectrum implications of switchover to digital broadcasting

been launched in the European Member States but will certainly not yet be well established, at least in all of them. Any decision to be taken then should therefore take into account the concrete situation of this new technology in order not to jeopardise a means of delivery of a public service which is close to the population and contributes to guarantee cultural diversity and pluralism and to promote the development of Information Society.