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AETIC thanks the RSPG for giving the industry the opportunity of providing commentaries to its opinion on the introduction of multimedia services in particular in the frequency bands allocated to the broadcasting services. The RSPG's opinion treats, in fact, a very interesting subject, both social and economic, given the technologic developments that let (or will let) the commercialisation of advanced TV services, TV on handheld devices, interactive services, etc.

In general terms, AETIC supports the approach adopted by the RPSG in its opinion, in particular in those matters related to the need of giving new licenses for letting the use of multimedia services, eliminating the unnecessary restrictions, or in the application of the principle of technological or services neutrality or services, principle used by the European Commission in its Communication on the revision of the European Regulatory Frame. AETIC is in favour of a neutral approach on technologies and services, provided that some rules were laid down for preventing the discrimination or endanger the plurality or the public interest services in the Member Estates.

In Spain, a successful implementation of TDT must be consolidated and, for this reason, it is needed enough spectrum. The TV service, considered as a public service in Spain by Law, is developing in three levels: national, regional and local, being still the TDT implantation in the two last levels in the execution phase. Likewise, the national legislation in force forecasts the assignation of more multiplex channels after the "switch off". The RSPG recognizes that in the 470-862 MHz band could be difficult to put together enough spectrum for giving 8 MHz multiplex, even after 2012.

AETIC would like to stress the importance of preserving the broadcasting service and its associate services and considers that the application of the principle of technological or services neutrality might be joined to the need of giving priority to the broadcasting and its associated services when it be considered the redistribution of the spectrum after 2012.