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## Frequency Coordination Agreement between the Administrations of Malta and Italy for the use of radio spectrum in the 174-230 MHz band

### Introduction

The purpose of this Agreement which is entered into between the Administrations of Italy and Malta (hereafter "Administrations") is to facilitate the introduction of terrestrial digital audio broadcasting ("T-DAB") and digital terrestrial television services ("DTT") in the 174-230 MHz band.

This Agreement describes the radio frequencies which can be used by the Administrations in their respective exclusive zone for T-DAB and DTT within the 174-230 MHz band.

This Agreement is the result of several bilateral meetings held in a cooperative spirit in order to define an acceptable solution for the Signatory Administrations.

### 1. Frequency blocks in the 174-230 MHz band

The Administrations agree that in the exclusive zone the 174-230 MHz frequency band shall be distributed as described in Annex 1 hereof. The Administrations therefore agree that they shall only use the frequency blocks as set out in Annex 1 hereof.

In using these frequency blocks each Administration shall guarantee full protection and no interference to the respective Administration in relation to these frequency blocks. The applicable provisions of the Geneva 2006 ("GE06") Agreement shall apply.

For the frequency blocks allocated on an exclusive basis (i.e. not-shared), the Administrations may register such frequency blocks in the Digital Plan annexed to the GE06 Agreement without seeking any prior agreement from the other administration. For those frequency blocks allocated on a shared basis, the Administrations shall undertake frequency coordination, using the procedures set out in the GE06 Agreement prior to bringing such frequency resources into use.

## **2. Procedural and technical requirements**

The Administrations shall apply the procedures established in the GE06 Agreement to coordinate additional radio spectrum to that described in Annex 1 for digital terrestrial broadcasting services in the 174-230 MHz. The requirement to apply the GE06 frequency coordination procedures shall be respected by both Administrations prior to making use of those shared frequency blocks within their jurisdiction, as described in Annex 1 hereof.

The Administrations commit to collaborate with the intent of defining the technical criteria in respect of any shared frequency block and additional radio spectrum to that described in Annex 1, by 31 March 2020. Such criteria shall constitute an integral part of this agreement. In the absence of such criteria, the technical criteria established in the GE06 shall apply.

## **3. Exclusive zones**

The exclusive zones between the Administrations includes the entire territory of Malta and all administrative border of the provinces of Sicily, excluding the Provinces of Palermo and Messina as described in Annex 2.

## **4. Review of the Agreement**

With the prior written consent of the other Administration, this Agreement may be modified at the request of one of the Administrations where such a modification becomes necessary in the light of administrative, regulatory or technical developments.

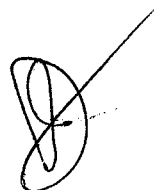
An Administration may also request the other Administration to review this Agreement, in view of concluding a multilateral agreement between the Administrations and Greece concerning the relevant coordination area of mutual interest to the Administrations and Greece. In requesting such review, the Administration shall provide the other Administration with all the relevant details, including those of a technical and administrative nature.

In the event that such review is required, and if necessary, the Administrations shall take utmost account of those distribution of frequency blocks as listed in Annex 1 with a view of maintaining an equitable distribution of frequency blocks.

An Administration cannot withdraw unilaterally from this Agreement.

## **5. Language of the Agreement**

This Agreement has been executed in triplicate in the English language, with each original being retained by each Administrations.



**6. Rights of use effective date**

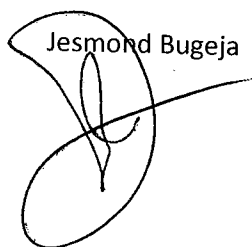
The right for the Administrations in allowing the use of the radio spectrum not registered in the GE06 Agreement shall come into effect on 1 July 2022, unless agreed otherwise in writing.

**7. Entry into force and Execution of the Agreement**

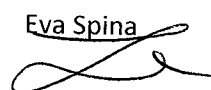
The Agreement enters into force for each Administration on the date of its signature.

Signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

For the Administration of Malta

Jesmond Bugeja  


For the Administration of Italy

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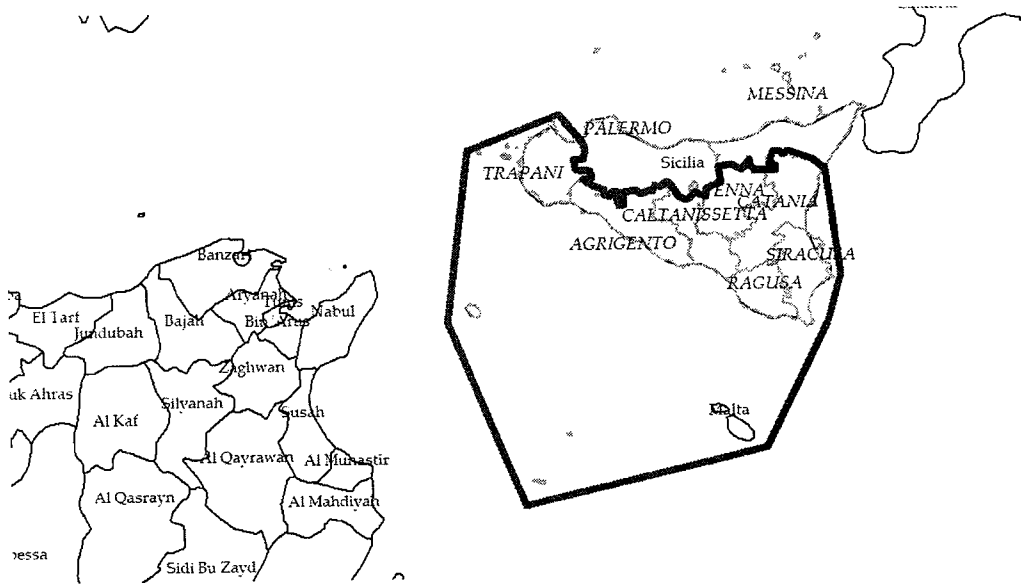
**Annex 1 – Distribution of the digital terrestrial broadcasting frequency blocks in the exclusive zone**

Frequency block No.	TP	EN	AG	CL	CT	RG	SR	Malta	Frequency block No.
5A								X	5A
5B								X	5B
5C								X	5C
5D								X	5D
6A	S							S	6A
6B	X	A	A	A					6B
6C	S							S	6C
6D	X	A	A	A					6D
7A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X		7A
7B	A	A	A	A	X	X	X		7B
7C	A	A	A	A	X	X	X		7C
7D	A	A	A	A	X	X	X		7D
8A	A	A	X	X	A	A	A		8A
8B	A	A	X	X	A	A	A		8B
8C	A	A	X	X	A	A	A		8C
8D	A	A	X	X	A	A	A		8D
9A	A	X	A	A	X	A	A		9A
9B	A	X	A	A	X	A	A		9B
9C	A	X	A	A	X	A	A		9C
9D	A	X	A	A	X	A	A		9D
10A		X						A	10A
10B	A	X	A	A	A	A	A		10B
10C		X						A	10C
10D	A	X	A	A	A	X	X		10D
11A								A	11A
11B								A	11B
11C								A	11C
11D								A	11D
12A	S							X	12A
12B	A	X	X	X	X	A	A		12B
12C	S							S	12C
12D								A	12D

Total frequency blocks:	21	19	17	17	15	15	15	15
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A = Agreed  
 S=Shared use  
 Grey background = GE06 right.



**Coordination Zone between Italy and Malta**

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