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## **Coordination Agreement between the Administrations of Italy and Switzerland regarding a terrestrial frequency DVB-T and T-DAB Plan in the VHF band**

The undersigned Administrations,

*Agree* on a specific TV and DAB channels distribution in the VHF band along the common border, taking into account the topographical decoupling of the mountainous areas.

Background: The GE06 Agreement allocates the VHF band for TV and DAB services.

In Switzerland the VHF band is allocated to broadcasting using only T-DAB according to the National Frequency Allocation Table.

In Italy the VHF band is allocated for DVB-T and T-DAB according to the National Frequency Allocation Table.

Considering that this band shall be distributed on the basis of equitable access between both Administrations.

Considering that the mountains between Switzerland and Italy have a strong decoupling effect in some regions, which can be used for efficient frequency planning.

Considering that a coordination zone includes transmitter sites affecting the populated regions of the coverage areas of the neighbouring country.

Considering that the transmitter sites outside the coordination zones have no influence into the populated regions of the coverage areas of the neighbouring country depending on the technical parameters.

### **Coordination zone**

The GE06 buffer zone (Annex 1) will be used. The allotments Wallis, Valais and Valle d'Aosta, Wallis-Piemonte and also Graubunden-West Bozen are considered as fully compatible. Into the allotment Muenstertal-West Bozen the coordination zone is limited to the coverage areas of the following respective existing transmitters: S Maria i.M. Crappetta, Malles Venosta and Alta Val Venosta

Into the allotment of Ticino-Piemonte Lombardia, Sondrio-Poschiavo and Muenstertal-West Bozen (limited to the coverage areas of the transmitter sites of S. Maria i.M. Crappetta, Malles Venosta and Alta Val Venosta) the available channels (ch.5 to ch.12) are distributed to Italy and Switzerland, in the coordination zone, as indicated in Annex 2.

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The following coordination rules shall be used in order to minimize the administrative burden to apply the ITU-R rules for both Administrations:

- a.) Existing transmitter sites outside the coordination zone may be notified in the updated GE06 Plan with any channel and without any need of additional agreement, as long as the defined threshold is not exceeded, according to the criteria indicated in the "Calculation method" section.
- b.) Existing transmitter sites inside the coordination zone which fulfil the criteria according to "Calculations method" may be notified in the updated GE06 Plan with any of the channels according to the table of the channel distribution in Annex 2 without any need of additional agreement.

For new transmitter sites or modification of the technical parameters outside the coordination zone point a.) has to be applied.

New transmitter sites or modification of the technical parameters inside the coordination zone can be treated according to point b.).

If the operation of a transmitter, although made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, results in unacceptable interference to the other Administration (affected Administration), the interfering Administration shall, in cooperation with the affected Administration, immediately take the necessary actions to eliminate the interference.

#### **Calculations method.**

The field strength prediction model to be used is ITU-R 1812 or the IRT-2D. The interfering field strength calculation refers to 1% of time. The admissible protection ratio, the antenna discrimination and a threshold for T-DAB interfered by T-DAB is  $39\text{dB}(\mu\text{V}/\text{m})+30*\log(f/200)^1$ , for T-DAB interfered by DVB-T is  $45\text{dB}(\mu\text{V}/\text{m})+30*\log(f/200)^1$ , for DVB-T interfered by T-DAB is  $39.6\text{dB}(\mu\text{V}/\text{m})+30*\log(f/200)^1$  on test points inside the service areas of any co-channel assignment shall be applied. Areas above 2100 MSL or areas with less than 200 inhabitants are not considered in the evaluation of interfering field strength.

#### **Review of the Agreement**

With the consent of the other Administration, this Agreement may be modified at the request of one of the signatory Administrations where such a modification becomes necessary in the light of administrative, regulatory or technical developments. Each of the signatory Administrations cannot withdraw unilaterally from this Agreement.

#### **Language of the Agreement**

This Agreement exists in two original versions in English. Each Administration has one of the versions.

#### **Entry into force**

This Agreement will enter into force on the date of signature.

Done at Milan on 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

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<sup>1</sup> f is the center frequency of each VHF channel expressed in MHz

  
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For the Administration of Italy



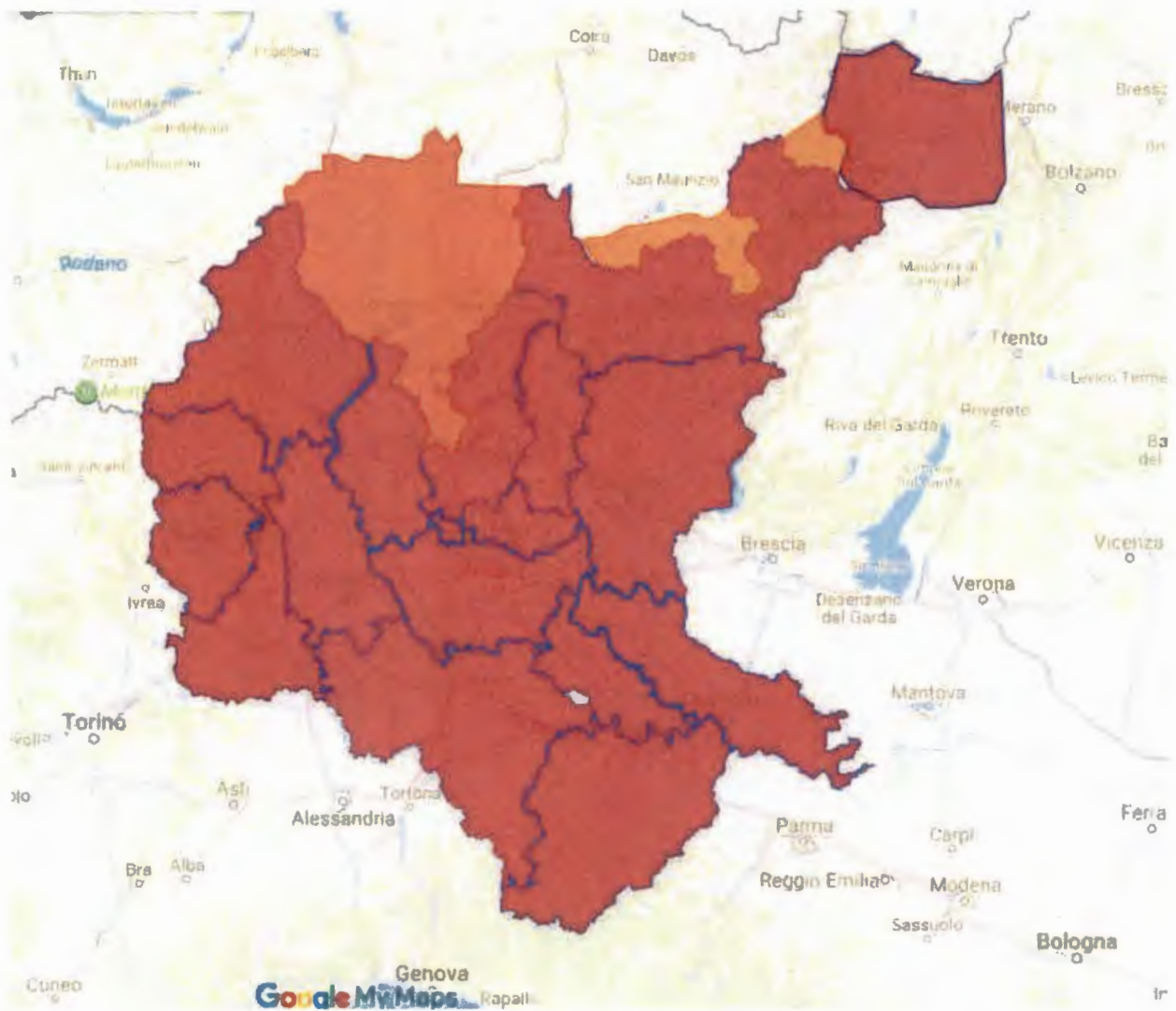
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**ANNEX 1**  
**Coordination Zone (\*)**



**(\*) In case an allotment extends beyond the national border, the protected areas comprise only the national territory of the affected Administration.**

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