Basic information

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Mobile and wireless communications system: frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications **Subject** 3.30.05 Electronic and mobile communications, personal communications	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	PLEGUEZUELOS AGUILAR Francisca (PSE)	15/01/2008

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2835	2007-11-29

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Communications Networks, Content and Technology	REDING Viviane

Key events

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25/07/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0367	Summary
03/09/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
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2007/0126(COD) - 29/11/2007

The Council reached a general approach on a draft Directive, repealing Directive 87/372/EEC on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community (GSM Directive).

The repeal of the GSM Directive will allow the use of these bands (890-915 MHz and 935-960 MHz) by systems that are capable of offering electronic communications services beyond the GSM. It will, in particular, enable the opening of currently restricted frequencies to third generation services which allow, for example, video streaming and fast downloads on a mobile handset.

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2007/0126(COD) - 25/07/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to repeal Council Directive 87/372/EEC on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: the GSM Directive presently requires Member States to reserve the whole 890-915 MHz and 935-960 MHz bands for GSM. This constraint prevents the bands from being used by pan-European systems other than GSM, capable of providing advanced interoperable voice, data and multimedia services with a high delivery bandwidth.

To contribute to the objectives of the i2010 initiative "A European Information Society for growth and employment" and the internal market and to maximise competition, the use of the 900 MHz band should be opened as much as possible to additional types of technologies provided that it remains coordinated to introduce compatible pan-European services while allowing users as much freedom in the choice of services and technologies as possible.

Market developments have led to a general support from industry to remove the reservation of the 900 MHz band for GSM, so that new digital technologies capable of providing innovative pan-European services and coexisting with GSM can be deployed in the 890-915 and 935-960 MHz frequency bands.

In order to overcoming the present limitation of spectrum usage to GSM, it is proposed to repeal Council Directive 87/372/EEC on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community in order to allow the use of such bands by systems capable of providing electronic communication services not limited to GSM.

The objective is to allow a larger choice of services and technologies and thereby to maximise competition in the use of the bands so far covered by the GSM Directive, while ensuring that services remain coordinated and protecting the continued operation of GSM. To do so, the use of this spectrum would be allowed, besides for GSM, also for pan-European electronic communication services other than GSM. As a first step, this would include UMTS. This requires new harmonised technical conditions for the spectrum band in question which would be defined pursuant to a Commission Decision to be adopted based on Decision 676/2002/EC on a regulatory framework for radio spectrum policy in the European Community (Radio Spectrum Decision).