



# TUNISIA'S GLOBAL VISION FOR DIGITAL RADIO

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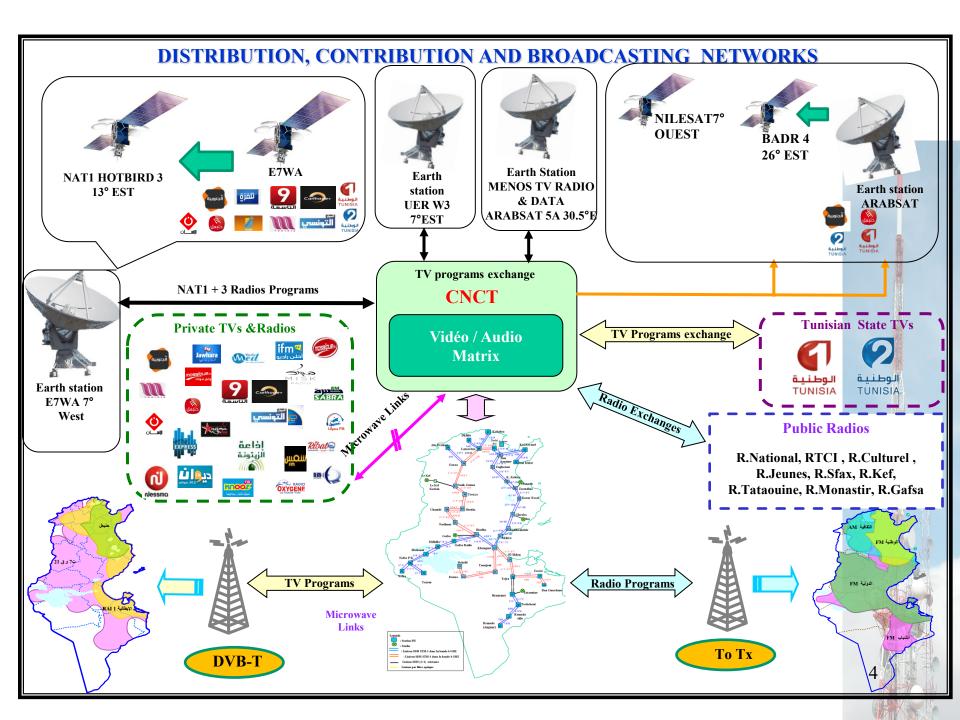
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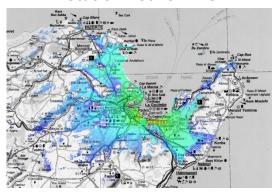
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## 1- Digitization stages in Tunisia

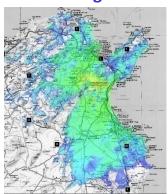




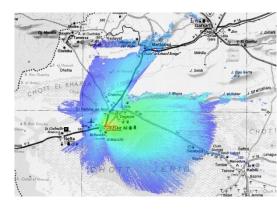
**Station Boukornine** 



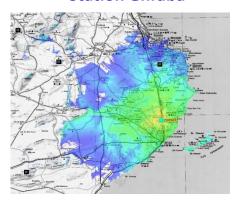
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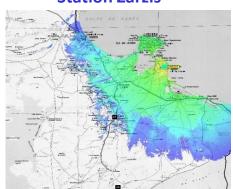
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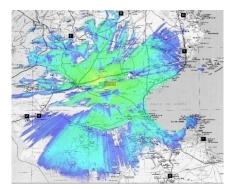
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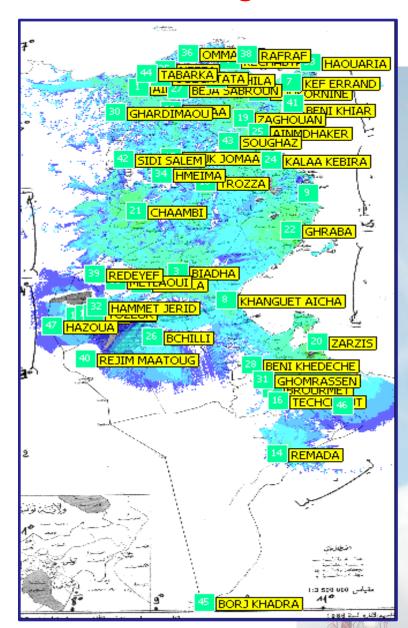
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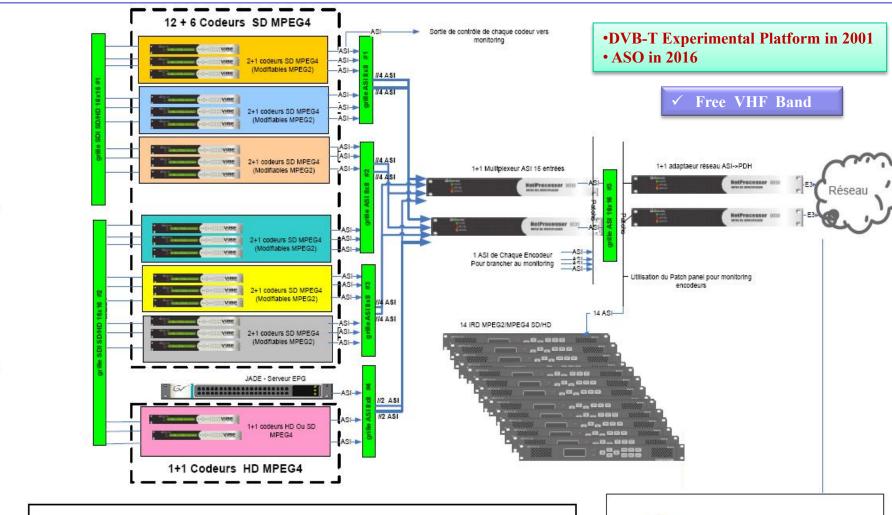


**Station Biadha** 



## **DVB-T Coverage: 98%**





- \* National broadcasting network composed of 64 stations.
- \* 14 programs in SD (standard definition) or 10 SD programs and one HD (high definition) program.
- \* DVB-T broadcasts in UHF band, MPEG4 AVC compression standard (SD / HD), Modulation 64 QAM, MFN.
- \* DVB-T coverage is 98% of the population..
- \* Commissioned: May 2010



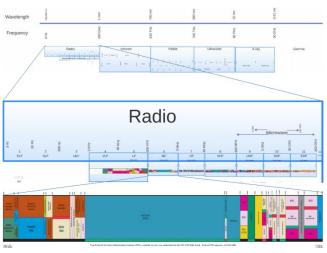
## DAB+ PROGRESS REPORT IN TUNISIA



## 2- FM Landscape Occupation







## In many markets, FM spectrum is full – difficult to innovate





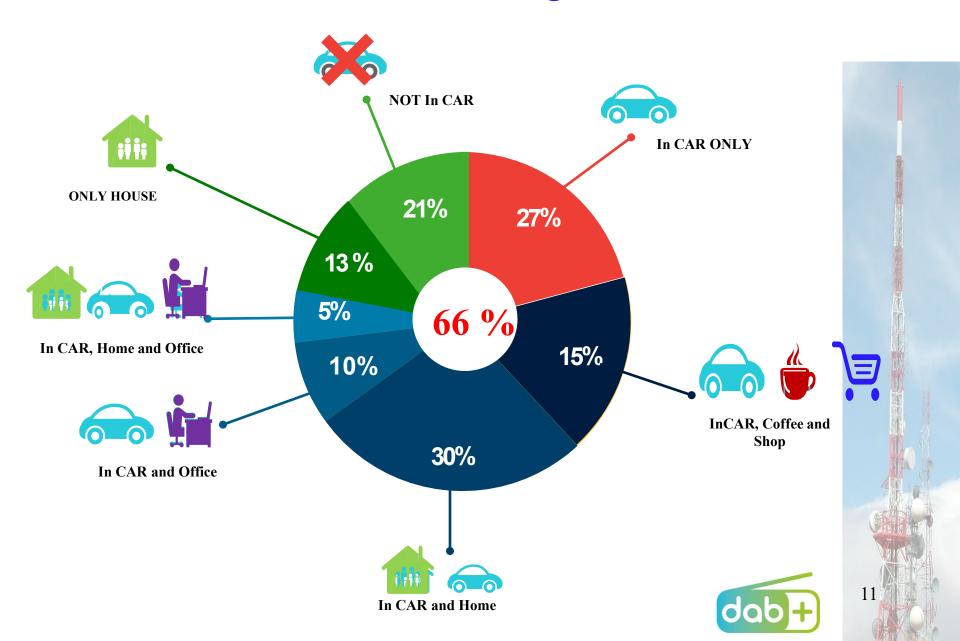
- Overloaded airwaves
- No capacity for new services / poor audio quality
- Difficult to innovate
- Long term decline





**Broadcasting of public and private radio channels** on terrestrial and satellite networks **AM Microwave Links Network STUDIOS FM Public Radios CNCT** Private Radios **Public Radios** TX ifm<mark></</mark> **Regional Radios** ا كالزيتونة الزيتونة **Microwave Links** (studios to stations) **Private Radios** Linison SDH STM-1 dans la bande 6 GHZ : Lizison SDH STM-1 dans la bande 4 GHZ Linison SDH (1+1) existante **Satellite** (Nilesat, Arabsat and **Hotbird**) إذاعة **Community** الزيتونة **Radios** 

## The Car is the 1<sup>st</sup> Radio listening means in Tunisia



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## For broadcasters, the competitive landscape is changing

#### **Online music services**























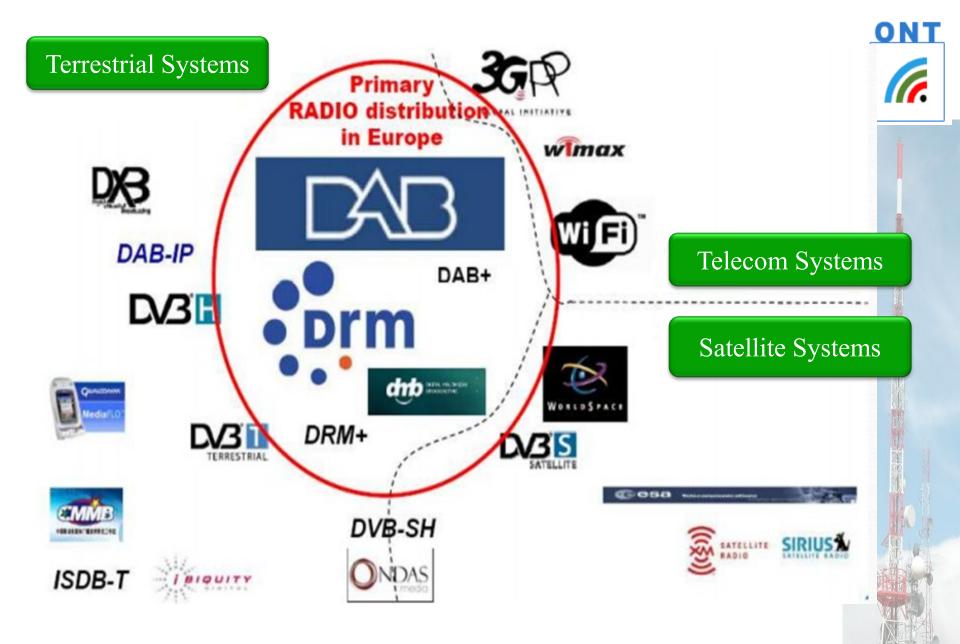
Digital music services

Smart devices

Competition with FM radio

A digital radio wave is moving across all over the world





## Benefits of DAB+



Replaces the existing AM and FM audio broadcast services

Wery well suited for mobile reception S/N

Migh robustness against Multipath Reception

High quality digital audio services (near CD quality)

Ancillary data transmission (travel and traffic information, Automatic tuning - PAD)

Larger coverage area than current FM and AM systems

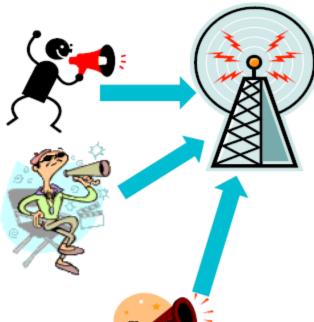
**Æ** Efficient frequency spectrum use

*Example 18* Low transmitting power

**Most Cost effective infrastructure** 





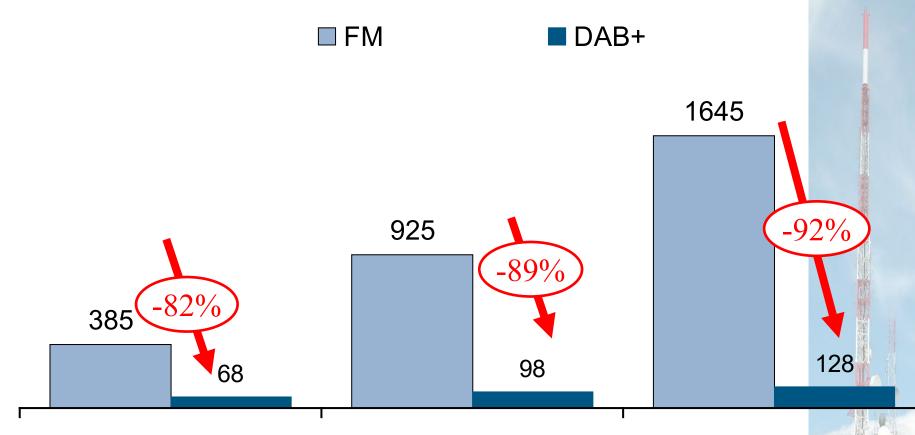






#### **DAB+** offers lower distribution costs





Owned site

Regional site

Metro site

Source: Harris Broadcast

*Note:* (1) Opex costs; on DAB+, assumes 18 services on multiplex

## **Personal / Portable / Smartphone receivers**



Different functionality for different areas of the home

Kitchen, Living room and Bedrooms

- Stand alone or HiFi connected
- Easy to operate
- Good sound and external connections to HiFi
- Good DLS display





#### Options

- More volume
- Colour screen
- Docking
- Smartphone control app

























## **European Digital Radio Alliance established in March 2016**

#### **Countries population coverage**



99.7 % of pop coverage **ASO FM 2017** 



97.3 % of pop coverage 50% DAB+ share plateform



Germany 98 % of pop coverage



99.5 % of pop coverage ASO FM 2021-2024



98 % of pop coverage 95 % of pop coverage



**Netherlands** 



**France** 



Czech 20 % of pop coverage DAB+ coverage 80% by



Italy 80 % of pop coverage

Austria 29 % of pop coverage



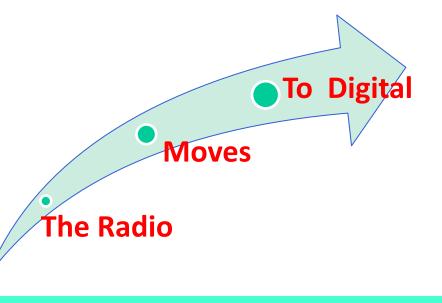
**Poland** 56 % of pop coverage



**Belgium** 95 % of pop coverage



Australia 65 % of pop coverage





- for more programs
- for a better reception
- for a better sound
- for wide broadcasting area





#### **EMERGING MARKETS**

#### Algeria



Trial DAB+ 7% coverage

## **\***

National launch May 2019 – 60% coverage

Austria

Croatia



Trial DAB+ 70% coverage

Czech Rep.



Regular DAB+ 66% coverage<sup>29</sup>

Greece



Trial DAB+ Athens

Hungary



Trial DAB+ 30% coverage

Indonesia



Trial DAB+ Jakarta 2 million population coverage

Ireland



Regular DAB 52% coverage<sup>30</sup>

Kuwait



Regular DAB+ 100% coverage

Serbia



Trial DAB+ Belgrade 35% coverage

Poland



Regular DAB+ 56% coverage<sup>31</sup>

Romania



Trial DAB 10.4% coverage 32

Slovakia



Trial DAB+ 38% coverage

Slovenia



Regular DAB+ 73% coverage

#### South Africa



New 8 month DAB+ trial from March 2019<sup>33</sup>

Sweden



Regular DAB 41.8% coverage<sup>34</sup>

Tunisia



Regular DAB+ Q2 2019 50%

#### Thailand



DAB+ trial Bangkok April 2019, 14%

Turkey



Trial DAB+ 21.5% coverage

UAE



DAB+ receiver specifications published

Ukraine



Regular DAB+ Kyiv 2018-2025

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## 4- Vision of Tunisia Digital 2025





## **VISION OF TUNISIA DIGITAL 2025**

Who lives in a prosperous, democratic and inclusive Tunisia

Who lives in smart and modern countries and cities

A full-blown and hyper-connected CITIZEN

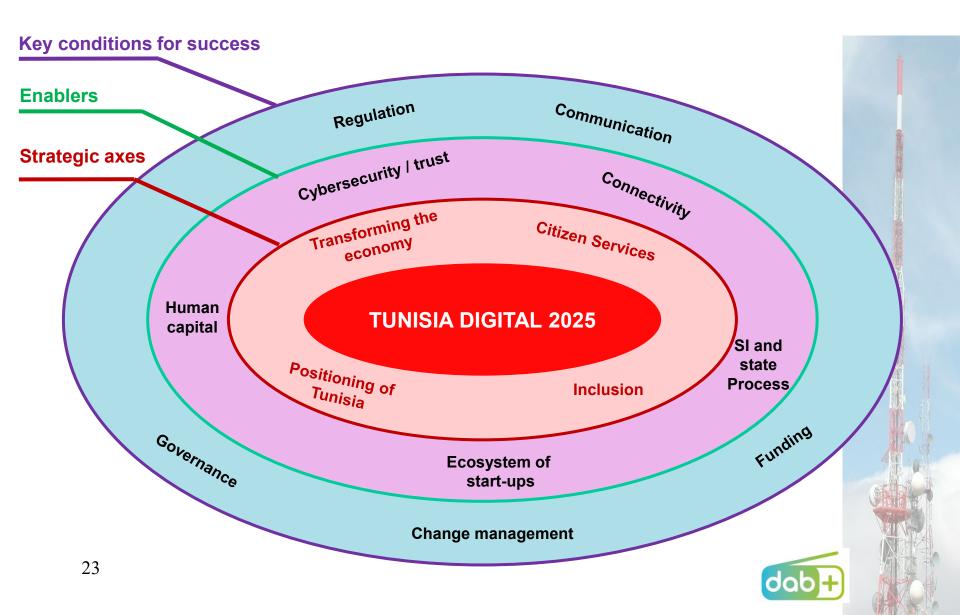
Who lives in a Tunisia creating wealth through innovation and its own talents

Life is easier with digital cashless services and a paperless administration





## **AXES TO BE ADDRESSED**



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## 5- Tunisian Trial Period and decisions



## DAB-Tunisian Experimental Platform (2008-2018)

- DAB+ trial in 2008
- **500W** transmitter in Boukornine, 12 C
- DAB allotments assigned in Channels 10 and 12
- Field strength 68dbμV/m for portable & indoor reception
- One Multiplex of 12 programs/bitrate 96 kbps & one TV program
- In 2010: adjunction of two other transmitters in Kef Errand and Zaghouan working in SFN configuration (channel 12C)

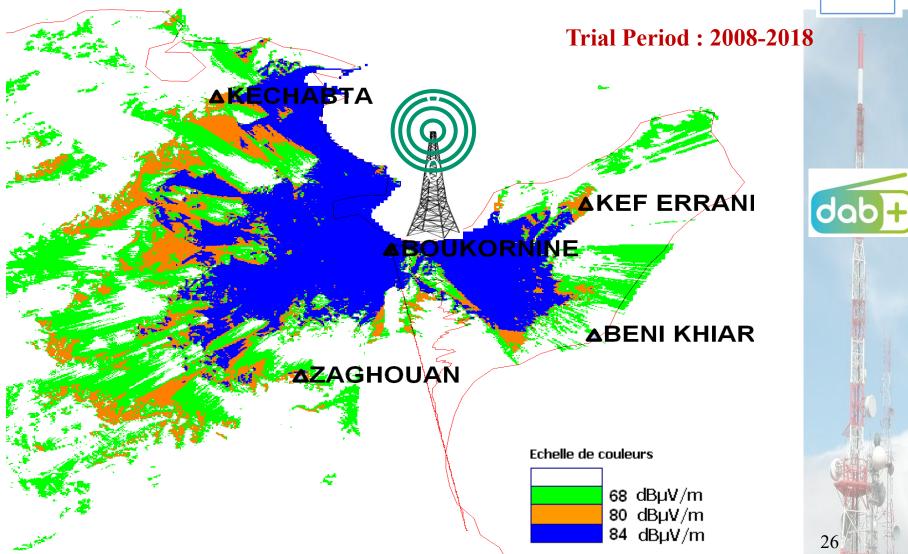
VHF band (174-230MHz) national plan enables the transmission of 5 to 7 multiplexes

140 radio programs with national coverage



## **Planning Tool "SIMPAR"**





## **DAB-Tunisian Experimental Platform (2008-2018)**





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## 6- Tunisian DAB+ ensemble







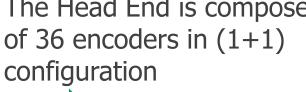
## **ONT's DAB+ Project**

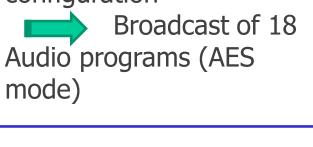
1+1 DAB Head End

## DAB+ Platform 2019



FM Jawhara The Head End is composed of 36 encoders in (1+1)













1 st phase: 2019

**DAB+ ONT Project** 

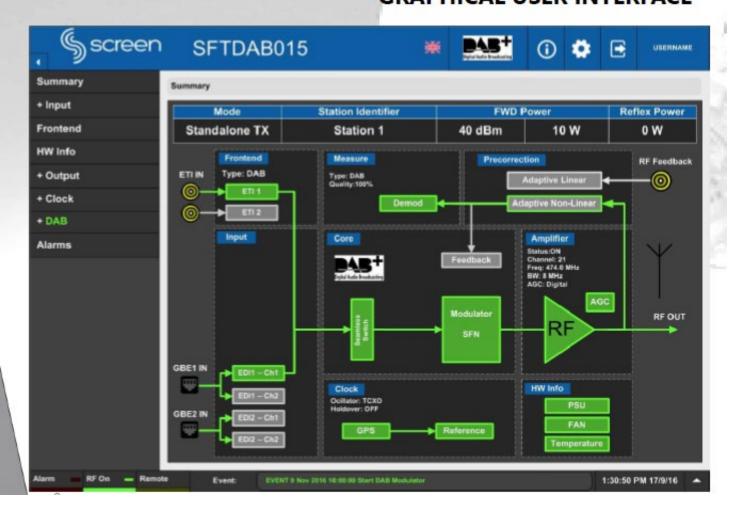
1st Phase

Four transmitters are installed in Zaghouan, Boukornine(capital state tunis), Kchabta (Bizerte) and Kef errand (cap bon).













**Boukornine** 





Zaghouan





**CNCT HeadEnd** 





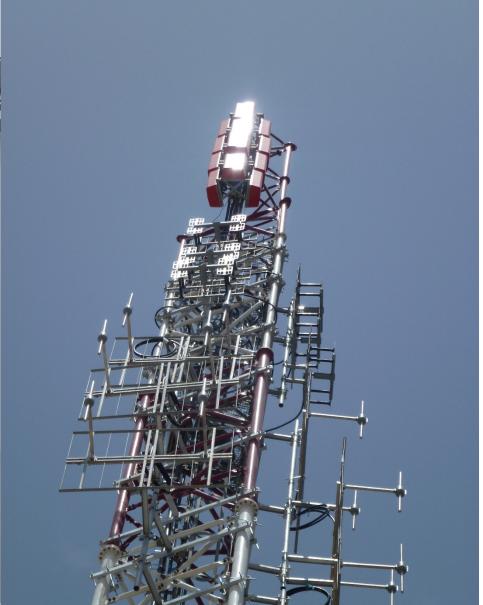














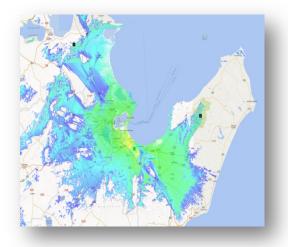




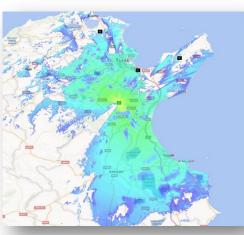
**Kchabta Station** 

# DAB+ Coverage: 51 %

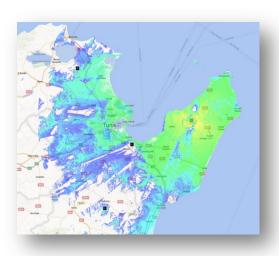




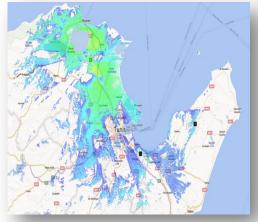
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**Kchabta Station** 

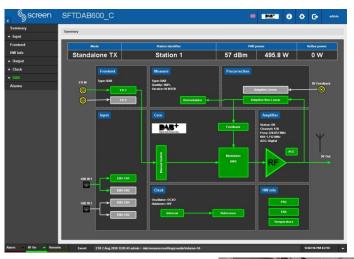




#### 2 nd phase: 2020

# **ONT's DAB+ Project**

Four new sites will be installed in the following stations: Ain drahem, Goraa (beja), Trozza (Kairouan) et Ghraba (sfax).







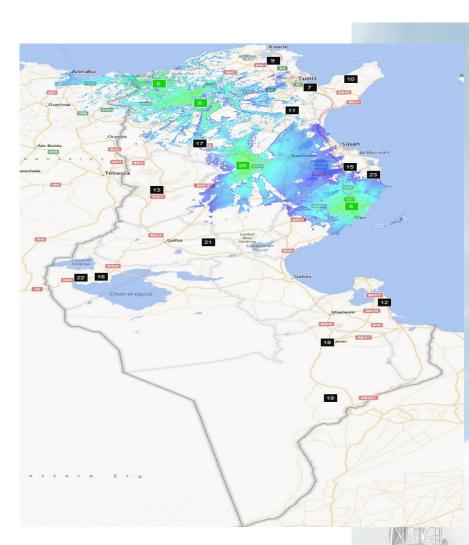


## **Expected coverage of DAB+ in Tunisia**

Four new sites will nsure

a coverage of 24% of Tunisian population



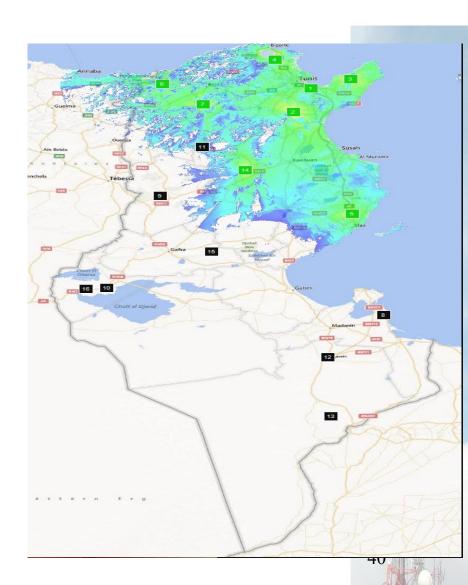


## **Expected coverage for DAB+ in Tunisia 2020**

The two phases will

reach 75% of tunisian population





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# 6- Conclusion & Recommendations





#### **DAB+ Rollout Progress**

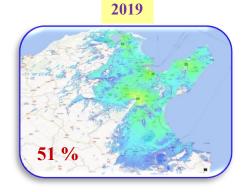
#### 2019

- •Deployment of 4 tansmitters
- •MUX of 18 programs
- •51 %population
- Coverage



#### 2020-2022

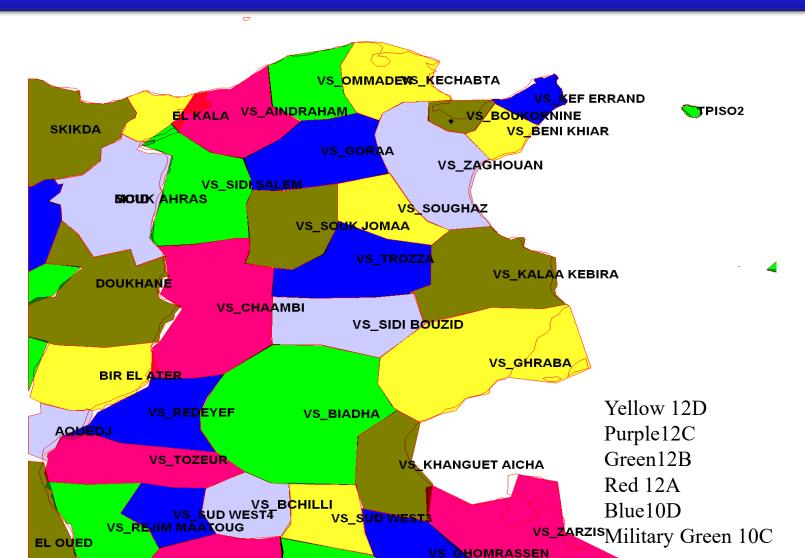
- National Coverage
- Up to 5 multiplexes







#### Frequency allotment for DAB+ according to RRC 06





#### **Tunisia DAB+ Rollout Progress**



PHASE 0:

• Tests, trial priod (2008-2018)

PHASE1:

• June 2019 (51 %)

PHASE 2:

• T2 2020 (75 %)

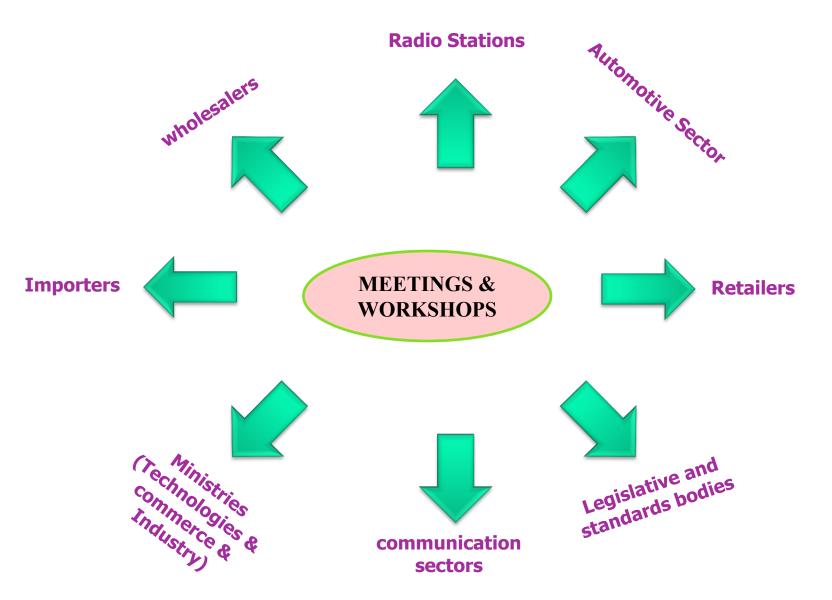
PHASE 3:

• T1 2021 (85 %)

PHASE 4: • T1 2022 (99 %)

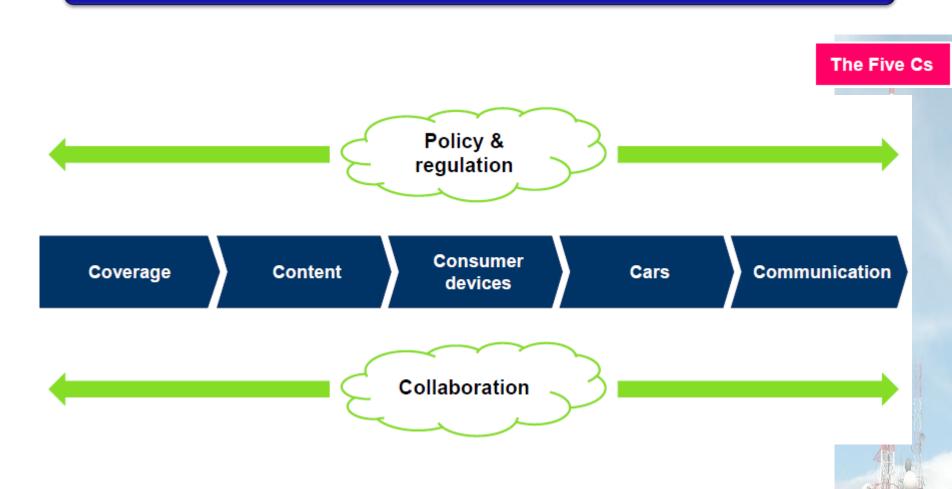


#### Collaboration Is the Key For The Successful Roll Out Of DAB+





## Key to success is political vision and industry collaboration



#### Conclusion



• Conduct tests and experimentations

• Set the legal and legislative framework for integrating the specifications of receivers whether manufactured locally or imported.

• Set a timetable for the integration of this service into the reception equipment. It is advisable to start with cars and other vehicles

• Form a national committee composed of legislative bodies from radio and communication sectors, bodies responsible for standards, in order to develop a national road map for its implementation

• 2020 : all devices sold to consumers or provided by the automotive industry have to be digitally DAB+ (regulated by LAW- B2B & B2C)

#### **ACTION PLAN FOR DAB+ DSO**

➤ Invite the broadcasting organizations that have started the service to respect the following steps :



Put Flashes on various media to inform the audience of the benefits of digital audio broadcasting



Use this service to broadcast archival programs from the national heritage as well as specialized programs.



Invite manufacturers of radio receivers to organize exhibitions to advertise their products and to provide various quantities and models.







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