

Will Spain deploy DAB+?

3 November 2020





Digital Terrestrial Radio - Current situation (1/2)

- DAB regular transmissions in Spain since 2000... but radio audience do not know (!) ۲
- A digitization plan was established in 2011 by Agreement of the Council of Ministers ٠
 - 1. Migration from DAB to DAB+
 - 2. Redistribution of the programs in the multiplexes
 - 3. Promotional activities
 - DAB+, DRM and DRM+ tests 4.
 - 5. FM Switch-off study





Digital Terrestrial Radio - Current situation (2/2)

- There has not been a single campaing in 20 years
- On Air: 3 national multiplexes, 18 DAB stations
- Only simulcast DAB services, with the exception of Radio Exterior de España
- Coverage of the metropolitan areas of Madrid and Barcelona 20% of the population
- Average DAB listening time per person per day: unmeasured and irrelevant





Digital Terrestrial Radio - New proposal of law (1/2)

A political party presented a proposal of law on urgent measures on digital terrestrial radio last summer, accompanied by recommended measures for the deployment

- 1. Migration from DAB to DAB+ and RadioDNS
- 2. Adequate coverage objectives (FM equivalent)
- 3. Tenders on a national, regional and local basis
- 4. Promotional campaigns
- 5. Funding for public radio
- 6. FM switch-off criteria
- 7. Technical planning of DAB+ networks
- 8. MW switch-off on a voluntary basis



Lo que se publica para general conocimiento.



Digital Terrestrial Radio - New proposal of law (2/2)

Current status (17 October 2020)*

* May have changed on 3 November 2020

- 1. The proposal of law passed its consultation without objections (17 September 2020)
 - No government opposition
 - It will be debated at a Plenary Senate sitting in the next months
- 2. Recommended measures are to be discussed in the joint Parliament and Senate Commission on Digital Transformation and Economic Affairs in short



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PROYECTOS Y PROPOSICIONES DE LEY

Proposición de Ley de medidas urgentes para el impulso de la radiodifusión sonora digital terrestre. (622/000034)

TEXTO DE LA PROPOSICIÓN

En cumplimiento de lo dispuesto en el artículo 108.2 del Reglamento del Senado, se ordena la publicación en el Boletín Oficial de las Cortes Generales de la Proposición de Ley de medidas urgentes para el impulso de la radiodifusión sonora digital terrestre, presentada por el Grupo Parlamentario Izquierda Confederal (Adelante Andalucía, Més per Mallorca, Más Madrid, Compromís, Geroa Bai y Catalunya en Comú Podem).

El plazo para la presentación de otras proposiciones de ley sobre el mismo objeto o materia, por analogía con lo dispuesto en el artículo 106.2 del Reglamento del Senado, finalizará el próximo día 17 de septiembre de 2020, jueves.

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Will Spain deploy DAB+?

- 1. Although Spain has National Technical Plan since 1999 and it have been modified, Digital Terrestrial Radio has not been widely deployed
- 2. Although the proposal of law has not been amended, it has to be approved by a majority in the Senate in order to be sent to Parliament
- 3. There has been no reaction against the proposal of law until now, but...
 - Public positions of the different stakeholders are not known
 - Historic reluctance of private radios can come up at any moment
- 4. Last chance for Spain to establish an updated framework for deploying DAB+ on time?











THE QUESTION WILL BE FINALLY SOLVED IN THE NEXT MONTHS



Thank you

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BONUS SLIDES

What does "DAB" or "DAB+" mean in Spain?

- Nothing at all
- A "type of radio" that failed many years ago
- Lack of receivers
- Expensive receivers
- A beer available in supermarkets
- ...
- ...
- In the best case, "it's something that no one listens to..."

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BONUS SLIDES

What does "digital radio" means in Spain?

Digital radio = Only IP distribution (Streaming + Podcast)

- Radio apps
- Platforms
 - ✓ Radio contents usually cannot be controlled by radio stations... and even most of the platforms distribute radio contents without permission
 - ✓ Radioplayer España was launched one year ago, but it is not widely promoted... nor used





BONUS SLIDES

What seems to be the future of radio in Spain?

- Majority opinion: Smartphone is the future of radio because it brings together...
 - ✓ Streaming and podcast
 - ✓ Social networks
 - ✓ Visual radio
- But almost everyone overlooks the fact that...
 - ✓ FM reach is 14 times bigger than Streaming reach
 - \checkmark Podcast reach is only a 2% of the total radio reach
 - ✓ Most of radio consumption takes place in radio receivers (cars, kitchens, bathrooms, etc.)
 - ✓ 3.24 million of Spanish citizens had not used Internet during 2019 (source: ONTSI)

TOTAL RADIO REACH 2019	56,9%		
MW	1,7%		
FM	51,7%		
INTERNET	4,8%		
Streaming	3,7%		
Podcast	1,2%		
DTT	1,2%		

Source: AIMC - Marco general de los medios en España 2020

