

A vision for the future of radio: DAB+ in Europe

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In the last three months, the world's first digital radio switchover has begun in Norway, several new countries have launched DAB services and digital radio is now reaching more listeners with more services than ever before.

EU governments are working together to accelerate rollout of DAB in Europe, building cross-border links to develop a European consensus about radio's digital future.

In this session, speakers from across Europe will look at the growth of DAB+, why broadcasters are excited by DAB+'s potential and the countries on the path to digital switchover.

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11:00	Welcome and Introduction to the session Olivier Oddou, Journalist at La Lettre Pro, Editor of F2 Radio
DAB+ in the UK	
11:05	Wireless Group's investment in digital radio Wireless Group owns several national and local radio stations in the UK and Ireland, including talkSPORT, runs several DAB multiplexes throughout the UK, and is the largest local radio operator in Ireland. In September 2016, Wireless Group was acquired by News Corp, who cited the significant opportunities to grow reach, share talent, cross-promote brands and offer cross-platform opportunities to advertisers and partners. Jimmy Buckland, Director of Strategy, Wireless Group GB
11:15	DAB+ at the heart of Jazz in the UK The UK's No 1 jazz station - Jazz FM - is now available across most of the UK on DAB+. Jazz FM recently undertook a unique collaboration with the BBC providing programming for a Jazz pop-up station on DAB. Jonathan Arendt, CEO, Jazz FM
	Q&A - 5 minutes

Digital switchover and DAB+ in Europe	
11:30	DAB+ digital radio across Europe – status report Countries across Europe continue to protect radio's future by planning and implementing DAB+. This presentation gives an update on European status of DAB+. Jean-Marc Dubreuil, Manager (France), WorldDAB
11:40	Heading towards digital switchover Norway Digital switchover in Norway started on 11 January 2017 and will be complete by December 2017 - all national and large local FM services are switching off FM. Hear in this presentation how have the first stages have gone. Jørn Jensen, Senior Advisor, NRK Norway
11:50	Switzerland Switzerland has led the way in the roll-out of DAB and has shown how to make a success of switching from DAB to DAB+. Now bringing together broadcasters and Ofcom through the working group DigiMig, this session explores how Switzerland is planning DSO. Marcel Regnatto, Head of Media Section, Ofcom Switzerland
	Q&A - 10 minutes
DAB+ in France	
12:10	Radio on-air on DAB+ in Paris, Lille and Strasbourg In addition to the three cities already covered, the deployment of DAB+ services in Lille, Lyon and Strasbourg has put France on a track to cover more than 20% population - at which point new receivers will be required to implement DAB alongside FM. This presentation explains why, for Les Indés Radios, DAB+ represents the future of radio. Speaker: J-E Valli, Président, Les Indés Radios

PANEL DISCUSSION – DAB+ for France’s neighbours

12:20 – 12:40

What are France’s neighbouring countries doing about digital radio? Why have they decided to implement DAB+? What challenges are they facing and how have they secured stakeholder commitment?

Facilitator: Antoine Baduel, President, Radio FG

Germany

Political commitment for DAB+ is growing in Germany, at both the federal and state level. German stakeholders are now work together on moving forward with digital radio, and are considering the possibility that DAB will be required in receivers.

Carsten Zorger, Director, Digitalradio Büro Deutschland

Belgium

DAB+ coverage in both Flanders and Wallonia is around 95%, and there will be a launch of DAB+ across Belgium in September 2018.

Nicolas Bresou, Digital Radio Manager, RTBF

The Netherlands – fast track rollout of DAB+

All public and commercial broadcasters, national and regional, are working on extending network coverage, and developing a marketing plan for digital radio.

Jacqueline Bierhorst, Project Director, Digital Radio Netherlands

Q&A – 5 minutes