

DIGITAL RADIO

A historic 2 October

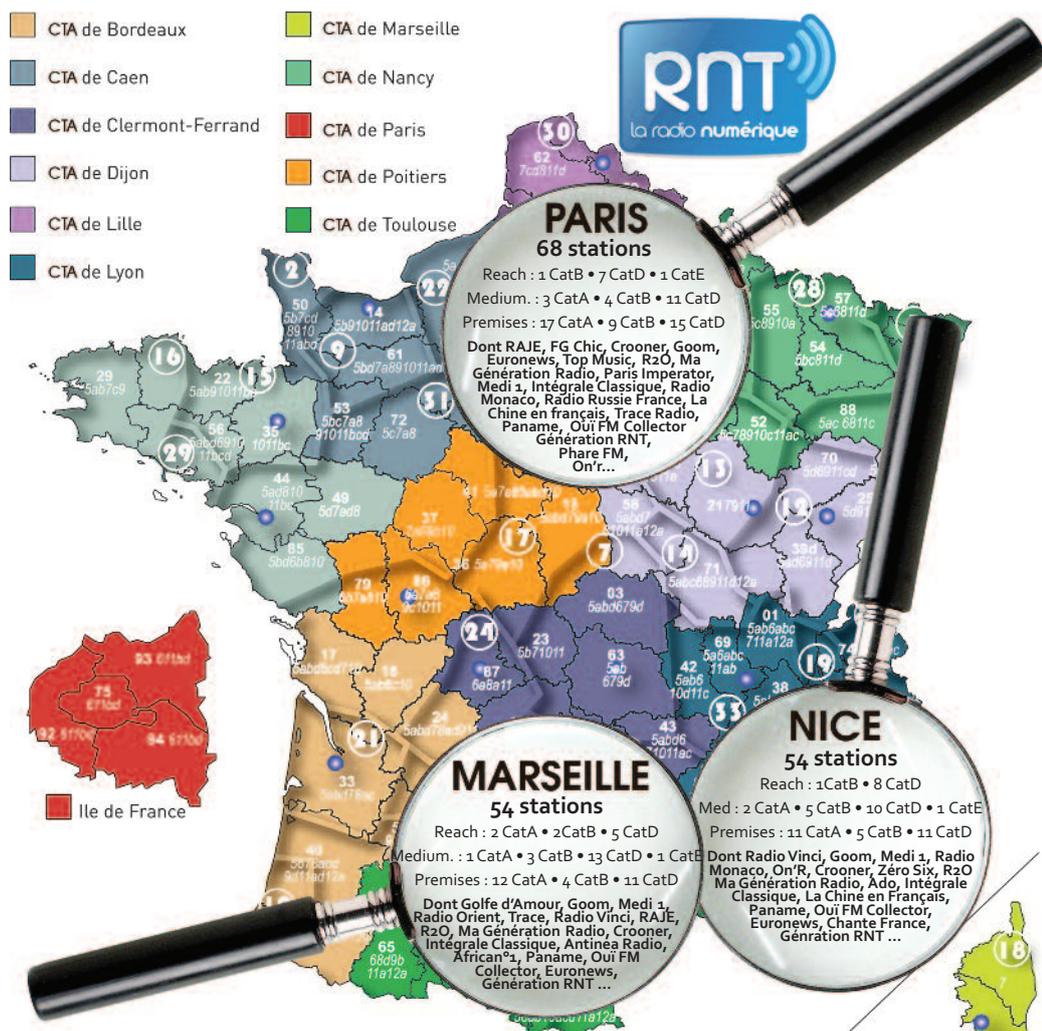
THE WORD FROM MICHEL BOYON OF THE CSA

AND CAN THERE BE A FUTURE FOR DAB? ONE FRENCH RESIDENT IN THREE HAS ACCESS TO ONLY A DOZEN RADIO STATIONS ON MODULATED FREQUENCY. THIS INEQUALITY BETWEEN REGIONS CAN'T LAST. THE CSA IS TO GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO THE LAUNCH OF DAB IN THE ILE-DE-FRANCE (GREATER PARIS) REGION, MARSEILLE AND NICE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AS FAR AS OTHER AREAS ARE CONCERNED, WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST ORDERED. THE CSA SUGGESTED TWO YEARS AGO THAT DAB COULD OPERATE ACCORDING TO A STANDARD WHICH HAS THE HUGE ADVANTAGE OF CUTTING BROADCASTING COSTS. BUT IN ORDER TO IMPOSE A STANDARD IN FRANCE, THE AGREEMENT OF THE BRUSSELS COMMISSION IS REQUIRED. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO REFER THE MATTER. ONCE THIS STANDARD HAS BEEN APPROVED, THE WAY AHEAD SHOULD CLEAR: IN CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DAB IS BEGINNING TO WORK WELL.

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Just when digital audio broadcasting (DAB) was thought to have been buried forever, on 2 October the Higher Broadcasting Council (CSA) published a list of the first operators selected in Marseille, Nice and Paris. After a time of experimentation, now it's the time for broadcasting. A turning point in the history of French radio.

Nobody was expecting it... After the very many twists and turns of the past few months, DAB is becoming a reality supported by the CSA. While the government had decided not to ask the CSA for priority allocation of frequencies to Radio France, the broadcasting authority has published a list of stations selected for DAB in the near future, in Marseille, Nice and Paris. A decision based on the pledge made before the Council of State in March to issue permits by the end of 2012. •



- ALLOTISSEMENT GE06
- 1 ALPES-HTEPROVENCE
- 2 ALPES-MARITIMES - VAR
- 3 ALSACE MOSELLE - VOSGES
- 4 CHAMPAGNE ARDENNES
- 5 ARIEGE-EST SUD-OUEST
- 6 AUDE-TARN - AVEYRON-SUD
- 7 AUVERGNE-NORD
- 8 AVEY-CANT-CORRLLOT - LOZERE - HAUTE-LOIRE - GARD HERAULT
- 9 BASSE-NORMANDIE
- 10 BAYONNE-LANDES
- 11 BOUCHES-DURHONE
- 12 BOURGOGNE-EST - FRANCHE-COMTE
- 13 BOURGOGNE-NORD
- 14 BOURGOGNE-SUD
- 15 BRETAGNE-EST
- 16 BRETAGNE-OUEST
- 17 CENTRE-POITOU-CHARENTES
- 18 CORSE
- 19 DAUPHINE - HAUTE-SAVOIE NORD
- 20 DORDOGNE-SUD
- 21 GIRONDE
- 22 HAUTENORMANDIE
- 23 HAUTE-SAVOIE SUD
- 24 HAUTE-VIENNE - DORDOGNE
- 25 ILE-DE-FRANCE
- 26 ISERE
- 27 MANCHE-NORD
- 28 MEURTHE-ETMOSELLE - MEUSE
- 29 MORBIHAN
- 30 NORD-PAS-DECALAIS - SOMME
- 31 PAYS-DE-LOIRE
- 32 PYRENEES ORIENTALES
- 33 RHONE-ALPES OUEST
- 34 SAVOIE
- 35 SENS
- 36 VAUC-DROME-ARDECHE