

How Ireland can best benefit from its digital dividend?

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Topics to consider

- Transformations in broadcasting: digital video, audio, text
- Radio spectrum
- Ireland Inc.

- Digital dividend
- What can RTÉ offer? RTÉ Television, Radio, Online
- National spectrum policy
- Opportunities



Transformations in broadcasting

Convergence

- Engaging our audiences wherever they are
- Digital audio, video and text
- Any content, any device, anytime, anywhere
- On-demand, mobile

- Content universally available on every platform
- Distribution and consumption models transformed
- User-generated content
- Future innovative technologies



Radio spectrum

'The digital dividend is a **unique opportunity to meet the fast growing demand for wireless communications services**. It opens up sufficient spectrum for **broadcasters to significantly develop and expand their services** while at the same time ensuring that **other important social and economic uses**, such as broadband applications to overcome the **"digital divide"**, have access to this valuable resource. The digital dividend therefore potentially creates a **"win/win" situation** for all interests.'

European Commission 13.11.2007: Reaping the full benefits of the digital dividend in Europe: A common approach to the use of the spectrum released by the digital switchover. COM(2007) 700 final.



Ireland Inc.

- Radio spectrum: exceptional social, cultural and economic value
- Opportunities for new electronic communications services:
 - Wireless broadband communications
 - Additional terrestrial broadcasting services
 - Mobile multimedia services

while safeguarding broadcasting and other services of public interest.

- Enabler for economic growth and competitiveness
- Supporting social inclusion and media pluralism



Digital dividend

- Payback for investment in digitisation of broadcasting
- Investment by broadcaster and consumer/citizen
- More efficient use frees up some spectrum currently used for analogue television (470-862 MHz) for new and innovative uses in a two stage process:
 - Analogue to Digital Conversion
 - Digital to Digital Conversion
- Those uses should be in public interest:
 - new TV services such as HD
 - extra channels and services
 - open mobile media services



RTÉ Digital Television

- Digital Television on satellite, cable and MMDS
- DTT DTT Trial 2006-2008, RTÉNL
- HDTV
- Digital Text and Interactive services
- Extra services time-shifted and archive-based
- Video-on-Demand RTÉ Media player
- Internet programming extensions and enhancements

RTEInternational Diaspora TV service

RTÉ Digital Radio

- Radio requires a <u>digital primary platform</u>.
- DAB on trial in Greater Dublin, the Northeast, Cork and Limerick (44% of population).
- New Content: 8 new low cost services on DAB and online.
- DAB Receivers available in trial areas.
- National rollout contingent on commercial licensing.
- Recent development of single standard by EBU/WorldDMB





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- News, current affairs, sport, business, entertainment and lifestyle content in text, audio and video formats.
- Over 60 hours of on demand video content available online per week
- News Now 24 hour News service online and mobile
- Worldwide Live radio streaming
- RTÉ Mobile

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Audio and Video Podcasting



•43.6m page impressions*

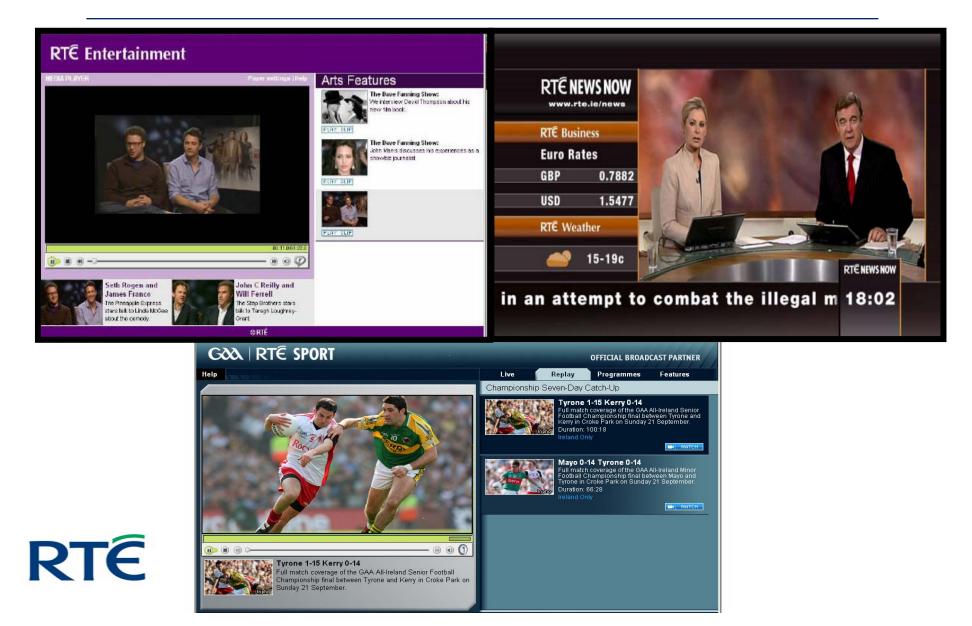
•2.1m unique users* Worldwide Reach - 50% users outside of Ireland accounting for 44% of traffic*

•2.4m monthly streams for Live & on demand* content (+142% yoy)

•13% of the total adult population have viewed RTÉ.ie over the past 12 months **

* ABCe May 2008 ** JNIR July 07-June 08

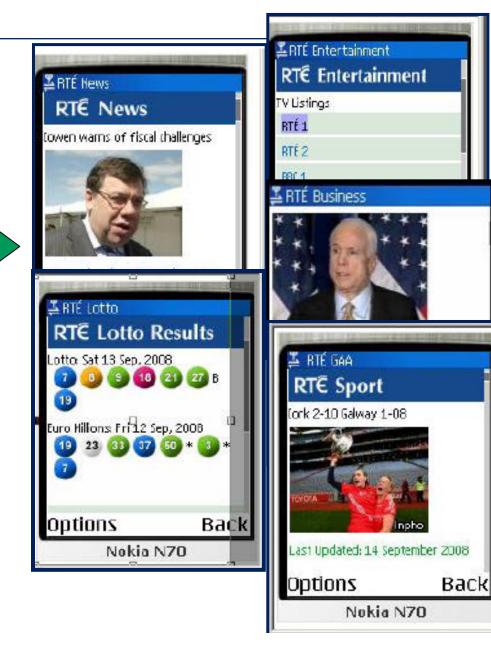
RTÉ on demand



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Podcasts

- Over 100 podcast titles
- Mostly audio, some video
- Available to download free via RTÉ.ie and iTunes
- 648,000 downloads in May 2008*
- 45% visits from outside Ireland*





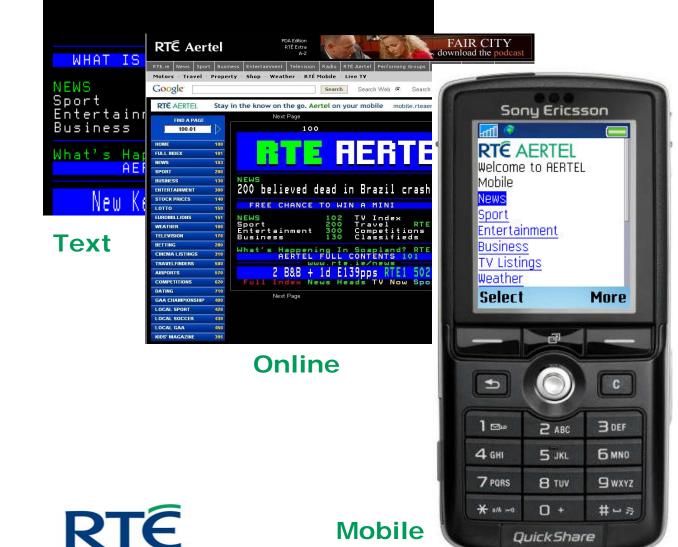


Aertel

- Available on Analogue TV, Online and Mobile
- Digital Text service deployed during DTT Trial
- Full Digital Service to be launched on DTT 2009
- Opportunities to deploy on Cable and Satellite
- 1.8 million users on Teletext*
- 5.5 million monthly page impressions on Aertel online**
- 500,000 monthly page impressions on Aertel mobile**



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Future Developments

- RTÉ Media Player
- Fully Integrated Media Player for IPTV "Catch Up" TV service
- User friendly way to access RTÉ programme content on one service
- Opportunities to make RTÉ Media Player available on multiple end user devices e.g. STBs, Games consoles, Mobile and PDAs
- Opportunity for Digital Text and Interactive applications
- Download services
- Mobile TV





RTÉ Media Player



DVB-H Trial

- DVB-H* Trial undertaken with O2 in 2007
- RTÉ One and RTÉ Two linear broadcasts were available via DVB-H
- Popular with triallists





*Digital Video Broadcasting - Handheld

Opportunities

- Ireland Inc.
- Wireless broadband communications
- Broadcasting:
 - High Definition (and Super High Definition)
 - Digital media content production
 - Accessibility
 - Rich interactive services
 - Media pluralism
 - Digital audio, video, text
 - Mobile TV





