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Multi Band Spectrum Award

Completion of Assignment Round determining
the Provisional Assignment Plan and start of
Negotiation Phase

Information Notice

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1. On Wednesday 14 December 2022, ComReg published an Information Notice (Document 22/105),¹ which set out the Main Stage² results of the Multi Band Spectrum Award (MBSA2)³ indicating that there are four Winning Bidders: Eir, Imagine, Three and Vodafone.⁴
2. On Monday 19 December, ComReg completed the Assignment Round where the specific frequency assignments for each band and the Additional Prices to be paid by Assignment Bidders were determined.
3. The Provisional Assignment Plan is as set out in Figure 1 and the Additional Prices to be paid by Assignment Bidders, along with the spectrum rights of use for each band, is set out in Table 1.
4. The award should raise circa €448 million for the State.

Next steps

5. With the completion of the Assignment Round, the Negotiation Phase is now underway (running until 11 January 2023) in which Assignment Bidders have an opportunity to negotiate a reorganisation of the frequency assignments.
6. If Assignment Bidders do not submit a request for an alternative configuration of frequency assignments, ComReg will rely on the Provisional Assignment Plan. Following the completion of the Negotiation Phase ComReg intends to issue a further Information Notice with the Final Assignment Plan.

¹ [Document 22/105](#), “Multi Band Spectrum Award – Results of the Main Stage”, published 14 December 2022, available at www.comreg.ie.

² Details of the Main Stage can be found in the Information Memorandum for the Award Process (ComReg Document 21/40).

³ [Document 20/122](#) and D11/20, “Multi Band Spectrum Award - Response to Consultation and Decision - The 700 MHz Duplex, 2.1 GHz, 2.3 GHz and 2.6 GHz Bands”, published 18 December 2020, available at www.comreg.ie.

⁴ Bidding as Meteor Mobile Communications Limited, Imagine Communications Ireland Limited, Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited and Vodafone Ireland Limited, respectively.

Figure 1: Provisional Assignment Plan

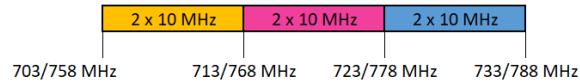
Licence Duration

Time Slice 1: Until 11 March 2027

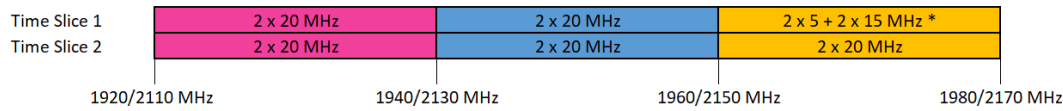
Time Slice 2: 11 March 2027 to 13 February 2042

EIR/METEOR
Three
Vodafone
Imagine
Unsold

700 MHz Duplex (FDD)



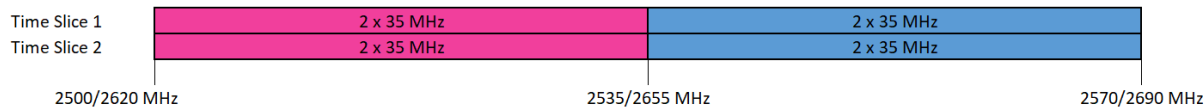
2.1 GHz Band (FDD)



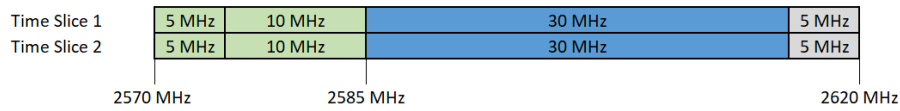
2.3 GHz Band (TDD)



2.6 GHz Band (FDD)



2.6 GHz Centre Band (TDD)



* New assignment made contiguous with Existing 2.1 GHz Licence of 2 x 15 MHz

Table 1: Main Stage and Assignment Round Results

Band and Time Slice (Time Slice 1 to 2027 - Time Slice 2 from 2027 to 2042)		Imagine Communications Ireland Ltd	(Eir) Meteor Mobile Communications Ltd	Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd	Vodafone Ireland Ltd
700 MHz Duplex	Time Slice 1 and 2	-	2 x 10 MHz	2 x 10 MHz	2 x 10 MHz
2.1 GHz Band	Time Slice 1	-	2 x 5 MHz	2 x 20 MHz	2 x 20 MHz
	Time Slice 2	-	2 x 20 MHz	2 x 20 MHz	2 x 20 MHz
2.3 GHz Band	Time Slice 1	40 MHz	60 MHz	-	-
	Time Slice 2	40 MHz	60 MHz	-	-
2.6 GHz FDD	Time Slice 1	-	-	2 x 35 MHz	2 x 35 MHz
	Time Slice 2	-	-	2 x 35 MHz	2 x 35 MHz
2.6 GHz TDD	Time Slice 1	15 MHz	-	-	30 MHz
	Time Slice 2	15 MHz	-	-	30 MHz
Base Prices		€ 12,370,000	€ 56,761,000	€ 48,508,000	€ 48,091,000
Additional Prices (following Assignment Round)		€ 0	€ 0	€ 100	€ 183,664
Spectrum Usage Fees		€ 9,085,325	€ 83,484,262	€ 91,901,689	€ 97,895,239
Total Prices		€ 21,455,325	€ 140,245,262	€ 140,409,789	€ 146,169,903
Total		€ 448,280,279			