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Auction for the award of 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band spectrum continues

Paris, 29 September 2020

The main auction for the award of 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band frequencies began today.

Four rounds of bidding took place over the course of the day on 29 September 2020, ending at round number four. At the end of this round, the unit price for a block of 10 MHz reached 85 million euros. During the last round of the day the candidates requested the following numbers of blocks:

Round	Price (€)	Number of 10 MHz blocks requested by the bidding company				Total
		Bouygues Telecom	Free Mobile	Orange	SFR	
4	85,000,000	3	2	5	3	13

Because the total combined number of blocks requested by the bidders (13 blocks de 10 MHz) was greater than the number of available blocks (11 blocks de 10 MHz), the auction was not completed.

The bidding will resume tomorrow with round number 5, with the price set at 90 million euros per block of 10 MHz. The value of the increment between each round of bidding, for a block of 10 MHz, has been set by Arcep at 3 million euros.

Associated documents

- [Website page dedicated to the procedure](#)
- [5G FAQ](#)

Arcep at a glance

The Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications, Postal Affairs and Print Media Distribution (Arcep), a neutral and expert arbitrator with the status of independent administrative authority (IAA), is the architect and guardian of internet, fixed and mobile telecoms and postal networks in France.

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