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Arcep launches a public consultation on the procedures for assigning frequencies in the 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Guiana

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On 10 January 2022, Arcep launched a public consultation on the draft award procedures for awarding 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band frequencies in Guiana. Stakeholders have until 25 February 2022 to submit their contributions.

This public consultation is part of the process of assigning new frequency bands for the deployment of public mobile networks in France's overseas departments and territories, to be able to satisfy the ever-growing needs of consumer and business users wanting to access high quality and reliable superfast mobile services.

The planned assignment conditions and procedures align with the guidelines set forth by the Government in a letter written by Sébastien Lecornu, Minister for Overseas France, and Cédric O, Secretary of State for the Digital Transition and Electronic Communications. These guidelines seek to promote regional digital development and to ensure fair and effective competition in Guiana. These conditions and procedures include a series of provisions designed to improve mobile coverage and connectivity in this territory, which were established in close collaboration with local authorities.

Contributions to the public consultations will enable Arcep to finalise these award procedures. Arcep will then submit its final text to the Government, with a view to conducting these award procedures in 2022.

The media kit attached to this press release contains a summary of the main assignment and procedural stipulations.

Associated documents:

- [Public consultation on the draft annex to the decision proposing the procedures for awarding licences to use frequencies in the 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Guiana](#)
- [Media kit: Procedure and conditions for assigning frequencies in the 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Guiana: publication of draft decisions for the purpose of consultation](#)
- [Stakeholders' contributions to the public consultation that ran from 2 October 2020 to 15 January 2021 on the procedures for awarding licences to use frequencies in the 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Guiana, in Martinique, in Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy \(published in September 2021\)](#)

Arcep at a glance

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