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Frequency awards in Réunion and Mayotte: Results of the tender dossier examination stage

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The procedures for the award of frequencies in the 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Réunion and in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Mayotte began on 3 August 2021. On 12 October 2021, four companies¹ had filed their applications for frequency allocation procedures in the territory of Réunion and four companies² for the procedures in the territory of Mayotte.

Frequency assignment procedures in Réunion

Having concluded its examination of these tender dossiers, Arcep concluded that:

- the companies Orange, SRR, Telco OI and Zeop Mobile are eligible to participate in the procedures for the award of 700 MHz and 3.4 3.8 GHz band frequencies;
- the companies Orange, SRR, Telco OI and Zeop Mobile made the four commitments set forth in the specifications and, once the present procedure is complete, can each be awarded a block of 5 MHz (paired) spectrum in the 700 MHz band;
- because the total number of blocks requested by the applicants in the 3.4 3.8 GHz band is equal to the number of available blocks, the principal auction stage for assigning 3.4 3.8 GHz band spectrum proved unnecessary. The quantity of spectrum that will be assigned in the 3.4 3.8 GHz band at the outcome of this procedure will be as follows:

Orange	SRR	Telco Ol	Zeop Mobile
100 MHz	100 MHz	100 MHz	80 MHz

The four applicants are now authorised to participate in the auction stage for the assignement of the two remaining blocks of 5 MHz (paired) spectrum in the 700 MHz band.

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¹ The companies Orange SA, la Société Réunionnaise du Radiotéléphone (SRR), Telco OI and Zeop Mobile filed tender dossiers for the frequency award procedures in Réunion.

² The companies Orange SA, la Société Réunionnaise du Radiotéléphone (SRR), Telco OI and Maoré Mobile filed tender dossiers for the frequency award procedures in Mayotte.

Frequency assignment procedures in Mayotte

Having concluded its examination of these tender dossiers, Arcep concluded that:

- the companies Maoré Mobile, Orange, SRR and Telco OI are eligible to participate in the procedures for the award of 700 MHz band frequencies:
- the companies Maoré Mobile and Telco OI are eligible to participate in the procedures for the award of 900 MHz band frequencies:
- the companies Maoré Mobile, Orange, SRR and Telco OI made the four commitments set forth in the specifications and, once the present procedure is complete, can each be awarded a block of 5 MHz (paired) spectrum in the 700 MHz band:
- the company Maoré Mobile was awarded a block of 1.6 MHz (paired)³ spectrum in the 900 MHz band as part of the process for constituting blocks of 5 MHz (paired) spectrum in the 900 MHz band.

The four applicants are now eligible to participate in the auction stage for the assignement of the two remaining blocks of 5 MHz (paired) in the 700 MHz band.

As part of the process for constituting 10 MHz (paired) blocks of spectrum in the 900 MHz band, 1 MHz of (paired) spectrum is available, and will be awarded through a ranking process between the companies Maoré Mobile and Telco OI, which are eligible to participate in this stage.

Associated documents

Webpage dedicated to the procedure

Arcep at a glance

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³ Pursuant to Arcep Decision No. 2019-1370 of 17 September 2019, Maoré Mobile is already authorised to use 3.4 MHz (paired) in the 900 MHz band.