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5G industrial use cases: Arcep extends the availability of its trial platform in the 3.8 – 4.0 GHz band by a year

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[In March 2022](#), Arcep opened a trial platform in the 3.8 – 4.0 GHz band for manufacturers and market players wanting to experiment and test new 5G use cases. The aim of these trials is to enable industry players to appropriate 5G-related technologies, and public-sector players to construct a regulatory framework tailored to these needs.

Arcep has awarded 81 trial licences since March 2022, as part of its trial platform in the 3.8 – 4.0 GHz band

Arcep considers this trial platform to be a success, noting the diversity of the stakeholders involved, covering an array of economic sectors, including manufacturing, energy and health and special events, and this in several regions in Metropolitan France. Details of these trials can be found in the [5G trial platform dashboard](#) on the Arcep website.

Arcep is extending the availability of this platform until 31 December 2024 to enable additional trials and, if applicable, to extend current trials

Arcep has observed a still steady demand for conducting trials on 5G use cases employing the 3.8 – 4.0 GHz frequency band. Which is why it is extending the availability of this platform for one more year, up to 31 December 2024. The [awards procedure for licences to use this trial platform](#) will remain identical.

Associated document:

[5G trial platform dashboard](#)

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 communications and postal networks in France.

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