Press release

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Frequency assignments in the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe: results of the principal auctions for the assignment of frequency packages in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands and 10 MHz blocks in the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band

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The principal auctions for the assignment of frequency packages in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands and 10 MHz blocks in the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band in Martinique and in Guadeloupe took place on 1 October 2024.

### Results of the quantities of spectrum assigned in the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band in Martinique and Guadeloupe

At the outcome of the assignment phase for 50 MHz blocks in exchange for commitments, there remained 18 blocks of 10 MHz to be assigned in each territory<sup>1</sup>.

The quantities of 3.4 - 3.8 GHz band frequencies awarded through the principal auction in **Martinique**, provided the procedure is brought to completion, are as follows:

| Candidate  | Digicel<br>AFG | Free<br>Caraïbe | Orange  | Outremer Telecom |
|--|----------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| Quantity of frequencies awarded during the assignment stage for blocks of 50 MHz in exchange for commitments | 50 MHz         | 50 MHz          | 50 MHz  | 50 MHz           |
| Quantity of frequencies awarded during the principal auction for the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band                      | 30 MHz         | 50 MHz          | 50 MHz  | 50 MHz           |
| Amount to be paid at the conclusion of the principal auction   | €0             | €16,000         | €16,000 | €16,000          |
| Total quantity of frequencies awarded  | 80 MHz         | 100 MHz         | 100 MHz | 100 MHz          |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Arcep press release of 10 September 2024

The quantities of 3.4 - 3.8 GHz band frequencies awarded through the principal auction in **Guadeloupe**, provided the procedure is brought to completion, are as follows:

| Candidate   | Digicel AFG | Free<br>Caraïbe | Orange  | Outremer Telecom |
|---|-------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| Quantity of<br>frequencies awarded<br>during the assignment<br>stage for blocks of 50<br>MHz in exchange for<br>commitments | 50 MHz      | 50 MHz          | 50 MHz  | 50 MHz           |
| Quantity of frequencies awarded during the principal auction for the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band                                     | 30 MHz      | 50 MHz          | 50 MHz  | 50 MHz           |
| Amount to be paid at the conclusion of the principal auction  | €0          | €16,000         | €16,000 | €16,000          |
| Total quantity of frequencies awarded   | 80 MHz      | 100 MHz         | 100 MHz | 100 MHz          |

Now that the quantity of spectrum in the 3.4 - 3.8 GHz band that each candidate can obtain in Martinique and in Guadeloupe is known, single-round, second highest bid positioning auctions will be held in the coming weeks.

These auctions will serve to determine each of the winning candidate's position in the 3.4 - 3.8 GHz band in Martinique and in Guadeloupe.

# Results of the principal auction phase for the assignment of spectrum in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe

The quantities of spectrum awarded as part of the principal auction for 700 MHz and 900 MHz band frequency packages in **Martinique**, provided the procedure is brought to completion, are as follows:

| Candidate   | Digicel AFG  | Free Caraïbe | Orange        | Outremer Telecom |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Quantity of frequencies<br>in the 700 MHz band<br>awarded during the<br>principal auction for 700<br>MHz and 900 MHz band<br>frequency packages | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex  | 5 MHz duplex     |
| Quantity of frequencies<br>in the 900 MHz band<br>awarded during the<br>principal auction for 700<br>MHz and 900 MHz band<br>frequency packages | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex | 10 MHz duplex | 10 MHz duplex    |
| Amount to be paid at the conclusion of the principal auction  | €0           | €0           | €3,555,000    | €3,555,000       |

The quantities of spectrum awarded as part of the principal auction for 700 MHz and 900 MHz band frequency packages in **Guadeloupe**, provided the procedure is brought to completion, are as follows:

| Candidate   | Digicel AFG  | Free Caraïbe | Orange        | Outremer Telecom |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Quantity of frequencies<br>in the 700 MHz band<br>awarded during the<br>principal auction for 700<br>MHz and 900 MHz band<br>frequency packages | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex  | 5 MHz duplex     |
| Quantity of frequencies<br>in the 900 MHz band<br>awarded during the<br>principal auction for 700<br>MHz and 900 MHz band<br>frequency packages | 5 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex | 10 MHz duplex | 5 MHz duplex     |
| Amount to be paid at the conclusion of the principal auction  | €0           | €0           | €8,400,666    | €0               |

Now that the quantity of spectrum in the 703-723 MHz and 758-778 MHz sub-bands in Guadeloupe and in Martinique, in the 885-915 MHz and 930-960 MHz sub-band in Martinique and in the 890-915 MHz and 935-960 MHz sub-bands in Guadeloupe that each candidate can obtain is known, single-round, second highest bid positioning auctions will be held in the coming weeks.

These auctions will serve to determine each of the winning candidate's position in the sub-bands listed above in Martinique and in Guadeloupe.

## **Associated document:**

- Summary provisional timetable and Procedure

### 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, postal networks and press distribution in France.