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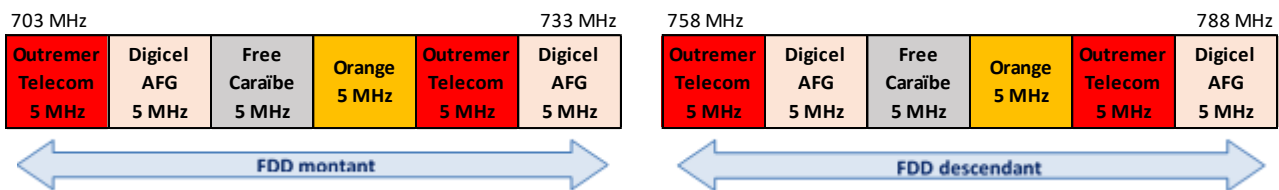
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Assignment of frequencies in the 700 and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe: results of the principal auctions for 5 MHz blocks in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands and final results of the assignment procedures for the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe

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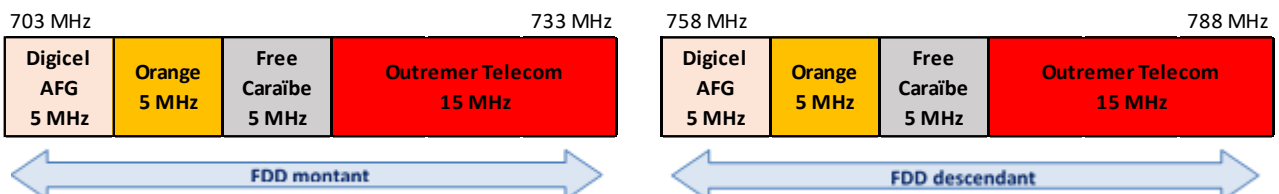
The principal auctions for the assignment of MHz blocks of spectrum in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and Guadeloupe were held on 10 December 2024, in accordance with the rules set forth in Arcep Decision No. 2024-0637.

The final results of the assignment procedure for the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe are as follows:

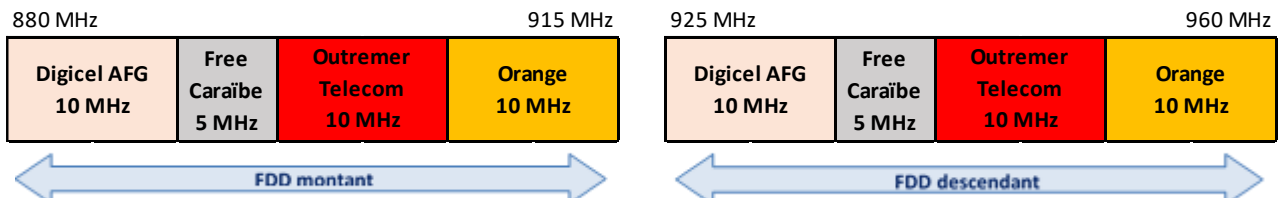
Arrangement of the 700 MHz band in Martinique



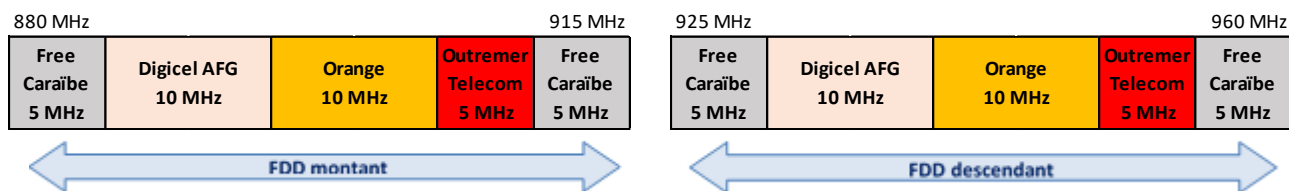
Arrangement of the 700 MHz band in Guadeloupe



Arrangement of the 900 MHz band in Martinique



Arrangement of the 900 MHz band in Guadeloupe



Arrangement of the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band in Martinique and in Guadeloupe



The following tables recap the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band frequencies in Martinique and in Guadeloupe obtained by each of the winning candidates through the assignment procedure, as well as the amounts that those winning candidates will be required to pay as a result of these procedures.

Candidate	Digicel AFG	Free Caraïbe	Orange	Outremer Telecom	Total
700 MHz band in Martinique					
Frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 708 – 713 MHz, 728 – 733 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 763 – 768 MHz, 783 – 788 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 713 – 718 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 768 – 773 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 718 – 723 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 773 – 778 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 703 – 708 MHz, 723 – 728 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 758 – 763 MHz, 778 – 783 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	10 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	10 MHz duplex	30 MHz duplex
900 MHz band in Martinique					
Frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 880 – 890 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 925 – 935 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 890 – 895 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 935 – 940 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 905 – 915 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 950 – 960 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 895 – 905 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 940 – 950 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	10 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	10 MHz duplex	10 MHz duplex	35 MHz duplex
Total amount due for the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands	€60,658	€32,071	€4,005,000	€4,461,171	€8,558 900
3.4 – 3.8 band GHz in Martinique					
Frequencies	3720 – 3800 MHz	3420 – 3520 MHz	3520 – 3620 MHz	3620 – 3720 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	80 MHz	100 MHz	100 MHz	100 MHz	380 MHz
Total amount due	€0	€16,000	€16,000	€16,000	€48,000

Candidate	Digicel AFG	Free Caraïbe	Orange	Outremer Telecom	Total
700 MHz band in Guadeloupe					
Frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 703 – 708 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 758 – 763 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 713 – 718 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 768 – 773 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 708 – 713 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 763 – 768 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 718 – 733 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 773 – 788 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	5 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	15 MHz duplex	30 MHz duplex
900 MHz band in Guadeloupe					
Frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 885 – 895 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 930 – 940 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 880 – 885 MHz, 910 – 915 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 925 – 930 MHz, 955 – 960 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 895 – 905 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 940 – 950 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 905 – 910 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 950 – 955 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	10 MHz duplex	10 MHz duplex	10 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	35 MHz duplex
Total amount due for the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands	€340,600	€16	€8,405,687	€530,478	€9,276 781
3.4 – 3.8 GHz band in Guadeloupe					
Frequencies	3720 – 3800 MHz	3420 – 3520 MHz	3520 – 3620 MHz	3620 – 3720 MHz	-
Quantity of frequencies	80 MHz	100 MHz	100 MHz	100 MHz	380 MHz
Total amount due	€0	€16,000	€16,000	€16,000	€48,000

Arcep will be awarding the winning candidates licences to use frequencies in the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe in the coming weeks. 700 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band frequencies will be assigned upon completion of the procedure¹. 900 MHz band frequencies in Martinique and in Guadeloupe will be assigned as of 1 May 2025.

Reminder of the stages of the procedures in Martinique and in Guadeloupe

As a reminder: having completed the examination of the applications for blocks of 50 MHz in the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz frequency band in Martinique and in Guadeloupe, in exchange for a set of commitments, the principal auctions for assigning all of the remaining 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band frequencies (by 10 MHz blocks) in these two territories, made it possible to determine the blocks of frequencies obtained by each of the winning candidates, provided these procedures are brought to completion. Positioning auctions for the assigned 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band spectrum then served to determine each of the winning candidates' position in that band.

Having completed the examination of the applications, the principal auctions for the assignment of 700 MHz and 900 MHz band frequency packages in Martinique and in Guadeloupe made it possible to determine the quantity of frequencies obtained by each of the winning candidates in the 703 – 723 MHz and 758 – 778 MHz sub-bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe, in the 885 – 915 MHz and 930 – 960 MHz sub-bands in Martinique and in the 890 – 915 MHz and 935 – 960 MHz sub-bands in Guadeloupe, provided these procedures are brought to completion. Positioning auctions for the assigned 700 MHz and 900 MHz band spectrum contained in the frequency packages then served to determine each of the winning candidates' position in these sub-bands.

¹ In accordance with Arcep Decision No. 2024-0637, having obtained a quantity of 700 MHz band spectrum that would put it over the 30 MHz duplex cap between the start date of the licence to use 700 MHz band frequencies and 1 May 2025, Outremer Telecom will only be authorised to use 8.2 MHz in the 700 MHz band between the start date of the licence to use 700 MHz band frequencies and 1 May 2025.

Results of the principal auction for the 5 MHz blocks in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe

At the outcome of the principal auction for 5 MHz blocks of spectrum in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe, the results in **Martinique** are as follows:

Candidate	Digicel	Free Caraïbe	Orange	Outremer Telecom
Block name	A6 and B1	-	-	A5
700 MHz band frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 728 – 733 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 783 – 788 MHz	-	-	<i>Uplink:</i> 723 – 728 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 778 – 783 MHz
900 MHz band frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 880 – 885 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 925 – 930 MHz	-	-	-
Quantity of frequencies	10 MHz duplex	-	-	5 MHz duplex
<i>Amount due at the outcome of the principal auction</i>	€20,005	€0	€0	€906,118

At the outcome of the principal auction for 5 MHz blocks in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe, the results in **Guadeloupe** are as follows:

Candidate	Digicel	Free Caraïbe	Orange	Outremer Telecom
Block name	B2	B1	-	A5 and A6
700 MHz band frequencies	-	-	-	<i>Uplink:</i> 723 – 733 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 778 – 788 MHz
900 MHz band frequencies	<i>Uplink:</i> 885 – 890 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 930 – 935 MHz	<i>Uplink:</i> 880 – 885 MHz <i>Downlink:</i> 925 – 930 MHz	-	-
Quantity of frequencies	5 MHz duplex	5 MHz duplex	-	10 MHz duplex
<i>Amount due at the outcome of the principal auction</i>	€0	€0	€0	€250,002

Payment of licensing fees in Martinique and in Guadeloupe

As a reminder, the winning candidates will be required to pay:

- the amount bid during the principal auction and positioning auction, to be paid in four equal instalments over four years, the first of which will be paid upon being awarded their frequency licence, and the remaining three on the anniversary of that date;
- the amount proportional to the amount of spectrum awarded for the current year, expressed in MHz, payable before 31 January or, for a new assignment, the date on which the frequencies are released. This amount per MHz assigned has been set as follows:
 - o In Martinique, this amount per MHz assigned is set at 1,525.00 euros for the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands, and at 381.25 euros for the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band;
 - o In Guadeloupe, this amount per MHz assigned is set at 1,335.00 euros for the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands, and at 333.75 euros for the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz band.

In addition to these amounts, operators will pay a variable annual fee, equal to one percent (1%) of the revenue earned from the use of these frequencies, with the exception of the revenue earned on the operation of a second generation (2G) mobile network.

Associated documents:

- [Provisional timetable and practical information](#)
- [Arcep Decision No. 2024-1964 of 10 September 2024 on the summary of the examination of the tender dossiers received and on the result of the assignment stage for 50 MHz blocks of spectrum in the 3.4 – 3.8 GHz frequency band in Martinique and in Guadeloupe to establish and operate a mobile radio network open to the public](#)
- [Arcep Decision No. 2024-2759 of 19 December 2024 on the summary of the examination of the tender dossiers received and on the result of the assignment stage for frequencies in the 700 MHz, 900 MHz and 3.4 – 3.8 GHz bands in Martinique and in Guadeloupe to establish and operate a mobile radio network open to the public](#)

Arcep at a glance

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