

Terrestrial Broadcast Networks strengthen Europe's Digital Networks Act (DNA)

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Terrestrial broadcasting networks are and will continue to be an integral part of Europe's digital infrastructure ecosystem, interacting daily with public authorities, content providers and citizens.



Universal reach,
providing
free-to-air access
to radio and TV



**Extremely
high resilience,**
designed to work
when all other
networks fail



**Sovereign
infrastructure,**
distributing content
which is regulated by
Member States through
spectrum licenses,
therefore in a way
which is enforceable.



**Most energy-
efficient way**
to distribute
audiovisual
content

3 proposals to better leverage this asset in the Digital Networks Act:

01

**Spectrum
strategy/allocation**

02

**Innovation
with 5G Broadcast**

03

**Preserving universal
and easy access
to radio in cars**



Spectrum Strategy

Spectrum is a public good: European Parliament and Member States should continue to have their say in spectrum allocation, ultimately political, not technical.

This is essential for the UHF band, ie the spectrum which is vital for the European content and cultural industry through broadcasting and PMSE (wireless microphones and audio devices).

Amendment to Article 17 on “union radio spectrum strategy and roadmaps”

Strategies and roadmaps approval through delegated acts

Full respect of the principle of subsidiarity.



5G Broadcast

Makes it possible to distribute **trusted audiovisual** content and public **warning messages** directly to **smartphones**, with the coverage and resilience provided by high-tower Broadcast networks.

“Made in Europe innovation”, global potential as part of the worldwide mobile standard 3GPP.

The DNA can help transform this innovation into a European success story, with amendments:

To article 107 on the transmission of public warning

To article 102, dealing with interoperability of consumer devices

To article 17, identifying 5G Broadcast in the EU spectrum roadmap.



Safeguarding universal access to radio

European radio networks are essential for trusted information, entertainment and public warning. They foster pluralism and democracy without gatekeepers.

We propose amendments to Annex V on interoperability of radio receivers.

Radio equipment as basic requirement for all vehicles

Radio easily findable among onboard multimedia services

These 3 proposals, on spectrum strategy, on 5G Broadcast and on radio, will ensure that DNA delivers a future-proof regulatory framework integrating connectivity, resilience, democratic values and media pluralism.

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