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DRAFT CEPT BRIEF ON AGENDA ITEM 1.16

1.16 to consider issues related to wireless access systems, including radio local area networks (WAS/RLAN), in the frequency bands between 5 150 MHz and 5 925 MHz, and take the appropriate regulatory actions, including additional spectrum allocations to the mobile service, in accordance with Resolution 239 (WRC-15);

# ISSUE

## Resolution 239 (WRC‑15)

This agenda item will consider the results of studies concerning Wireless Access Systems including radio local area networks (WAS/RLAN) in the frequency bands between 5 150 MHz and 5 925 MHz and take appropriate actions. This will encompass the following elements, set out in full in Resolution 239 (WRC-15):

* WAS/RLAN technical characteristics and operational requirements in the 5 GHz frequency range;
* Sharing and compatibility studies between WAS/RLANs and existing primary services, in particular to look at suitable RLAN mitigation techniques to enable RLAN use in the following frequency bands: 5 350-5 470 MHz, 5 725-5 850 MHz and 5 850-5 925 MHz;
* Sharing and compatibility studies between WAS/RLAN applications and incumbent services in the frequency band 5 150-5 350 MHz with the possibility of enabling outdoor WAS/RLAN operations including possible associated conditions and additional mitigation techniques;

The agenda item also encompasses further sharing and compatibility studies between WAS/RLAN applications and incumbent services addressing:

1. whether any additional mitigation techniques in the frequency band 5 350-5 470 MHz beyond those analysed in the studies referred to in recognizing a) Resolution 239 (WRC-15) would provide coexistence between WAS/RLAN systems and EESS (active) and SRS (active) systems;
2. whether any mitigation techniques in the frequency band 5 350-5 470 MHz would provide compatibility between WAS/RLAN systems and radio determination systems;
3. whether the results of studies under points i) and ii) would enable an allocation of the frequency band 5 350-5 470 MHz to the mobile service with a view to accommodating WAS/RLAN use;

In addition, detailed sharing and compatibility studies, including mitigation techniques, between WAS/RLAN and incumbent services in the frequency band 5 725-5 850 MHz with a view to enabling a mobile service allocation to accommodate WAS/RLAN use are to be performed.

Finally, this agenda item calls to conduct detailed sharing and compatibility studies, including mitigation techniques, between WAS/RLAN and incumbent services in the frequency band 5 850-5 925 MHz with a view to accommodating WAS/RLAN use under the existing primary mobile service allocation while not imposing any additional constraints on the existing services.

# Preliminary CEPT position

In the 5 150-5 250 MHz band, CEPT would support relaxing the access conditions applicable to WAS/RLANs, if results of studies show that sharing and compatibility can be achieved with, MSS feeder links, aeronautical radionavigation and aeronautical telemetry (see No 5.446C). However, CEPT noted that the current studies have shown difficulties in achieving co-existence with some incumbent services.

In the 5 250-5 350 MHz band, CEPT would support relaxing the access conditions applicable to WAS/RLANs, if results of studies show that sharing and compatibility can be achieved with EESS (active) systems and radars. However, CEPT noted that the current studies have shown difficulties in achieving co-existence with incumbent services.

In the 5 350-5 470 MHz band, CEPT supports no change to the RR in this band.

In the 5 725-5 850 MHz band, CEPT would support a new mobile allocation to accommodate WAS/RLANs use if sharing and compatibility studies can demonstrate the effectiveness of any new proposed interference mitigation techniques to ensure the protection of radars, fixed service (see No 5.455) and FSS space station receivers. It is to be noted that CEPT will take into account compatibility studies between RLAN and specific applications within CEPT (e.g. road tolling systems).

In the 5 850-5 925 MHz band, CEPT notes that the current studies have shown difficulties in achieving co-existence with other incumbent services without imposing any additional constraints on existing services such as FSS (space station receivers) and existing applications under the mobile service such as ITS (including urban rail). Therefore supports no change to the RR in this band.

# Background

ITU-R WP 5A has the responsibility for the studies under this Agenda item in their respective organisations.

5 GHz frequency range is attractive for WAS/RLAN implementation. However, the considerable part of the frequency bands is allocated to other incumbent services (including radio determination services, FSS and EESS (active)) on a primary basis.

Some the bands in this the Agenda item were already studied during the last study period under WRC-15 Agenda item 1.1 and some of the bands already have a mobile allocation for RLAN use under Resolution 229 (5 150-5 350 MHz).

## 5 150- 5 250 MHz

The agenda item is to look at possible outdoor WAS/RLAN use under the existing primary mobile allocation in these bands in which currently in Europe and elsewhere in the world there are indoor only restrictions. However, in the US and Canada there is higher power and outdoor usage (with directional antennas) allowed in this band. Incumbent primary services in the band 5 150-5 250 MHz are MSS feeder links (Earth-Space) and Aeronautical Radionavigation and aeronautical telemetry in some countries (see No 5.446C). Previous ITU studies carried out for WRC-03 assumed that there was up to 1% of outdoor accidental RLAN use.

Results of one compatibility study showed that providing usage of outdoor WAS/RLAN systems in the frequency band 5 150-5 250 MHz would require development of effective measures for reducing interference to operation of air-borne search and avoid systems. It should be noted that the characteristics for the air-borne search and avoid systems used in this analysis are taken from ITU-R Recommendation M.2007 which was first published in 2012.

## 5 250-5 350 MHz

The agenda item is to look at possible outdoor WAS/RLAN use under the existing primary mobile allocation in these bands in which currently in Europe and elsewhere in the world there are indoor only restrictions. However, in US, Canada and in some other countries there is outdoor usage (with directional antennas) allowed in this band. Incumbent primary services in the band 5 250-5 350 MHz are EESS (active) and Radiolocation.

EESS (active) is allocated in the 5 250-5 350 MHz band in which number of Altimeters and Scatterometers sensors are currently operated and planned to operate in the future. This band represents a key spectrum source for Europe’s policy Earth exploration through the GMES/Copernicus Programme with Sentinel and EUMETSAT satellites. Recent compatibility studies between EESS (active) and RLAN systems in the 5 250-5 350 MHz frequency range using similar RLAN parameters agreed pre-WRC-15 within JTG 4-5-6-7 (see Annex 27 to Document 5A/298-E, Nov 2016) give negative results with the current CEPT indoor-only RLAN regulations, based on some of the predicted future RLAN deployment levels. Further studies are needed with Altimeters (operating across 5 250 – 5 570 MHz range) to take account of the effect that no mobile allocations for WAS/RLAN being made in the 5 350 – 5 470 MHz band would have on these results.

Results of one compatibility study show that providing usage of outdoor WAS/RLAN systems in the frequency band 5 250-5 350 MHz would require development of effective measures for reducing interference to operation of air-borne and ground-based radars. The effect of DFS as a mitigation technique has not been taken into account in this study. Previous ITU studies carried out when the original mobile allocation was made showed that Dynamic Frequency Selection would ensure acceptable protection to radar from RLANs operating indoor and outdoor in the 5 250 – 5 350 MHz band.

## 5 350-5 470 MHz

The agenda item is to look at a possible new mobile allocation to accommodate WAS/RLAN in the band. Studies carried out previously under WRC-15 Agenda item 1.1 indicated that sharing would only be feasible if further additional mitigation techniques could be applied. The incumbent primary services in the bands are EESS (active, all types of sensors) and Radiodetermination (including Aeronautical).

EESS (active) is allocated in the 5 350-5 470 MHz band in which SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radars), Altimeters and Scatterometers sensors are currently operated and planned to operate also in the future. The band 5 350-5 470 MHz represents a key spectrum source for Europe’s policy Earth exploration through the GMES/Copernicus Programme with Sentinel and EUMETSAT satellites. Sharing studies performed prior WRC-15 which take into account current available mitigation measures, showed that there is significantly enough negative margin to conclude that sharing between RLAN and the EESS (active) SARs systems in the 5 350-5 470 MHz frequency band would not be feasible. Additional sharing studies provided similar conclusions for both Altimeters and Scatterometers. Finally, further studies showed that there are no feasible mitigation techniques to facilitate sharing between RLAN and EESS (active) in this band.

With respect of radiodetermination service, allocated in the 5 250-5 850 MHz frequency band, it has to be noted that some radars operate throughout the whole frequency range, such as air defence radars.

A potential new mobile allocation in 5 350-5 470 MHz band would mean no spectrum in the operating range of the frequency hopping radar (5 250-5 850 MHz) would be available without shared use of the band with mobile operations.

The regulatory provisions in the 5 150-5 350 MHz and 5 470-5 725 MHz frequency ranges contained in Resolution 229 (Rev.WRC-12) would be insufficient to ensure protection of certain radar types (advanced and fast frequency hopping and bi-static) if also implemented in the 5 350-5 470 MHz frequency band. After further study of possible additional mitigation measures, results showed that there are no feasible mitigation techniques to facilitate sharing between RLAN and the different radar systems in the 5 350-5 470 MHz frequency band.

Overall, in the 5 350-5 470 MHz band, the situation is that no solution has been identified to adequately ensure the protection of EESS (active) systems and radars that employ advanced and fast frequency hopping techniques as well as bi-static radars.

Therefore, CEPT opposes any new allocation to the mobile service with a view to accommodating WAS/RLAN use in the 5 350-5 470 MHz band.

## 5 725-5 850 MHz

The agenda item is to look at possible new mobile allocation (limited to WAS/including RLAN) in the band. The incumbent primary services in the bands are FSS (E-S) and Radiolocation. CEPT regulations also authorise the use of several type of applications as well.

Studies carried out by CEPT previously under EC mandate presented an agreed methodology and a large number of calculations with results, although these provided some relevant results, at this stage it is too early to draw definite conclusions from these studies and additional considerations on the potential for RLAN–FSS sharing are still needed. There is also some debate around sharing between RLAN and radiolocation as there is already RLAN, SRD (including WAS/RLAN limited to 25mW), Road Tolling and other applications used at various power levels throughout CEPT or some of its countries. Smart tachograph (2014/165/EU and 2016/799/EU) and weight and dimensions (96/53/EC amended by 2015/719/EU) applications will be for EU member states for new vehicles registered as of 15 June 2019 (therefore the amendment of the current spectrum regulation for road tolling is under consideration). It should be noted that in some countries outside CEPT (including the US, China, Canada, New Zealand and Australia), RLAN are authorised in this band without the need for DFS being applied as a mitigation technique. The 5 725-5 875 MHz band is also designated as an ISM band in the Radio Regulations so services using this band would be expected to be robust enough to operate in a challenging environment.

In the 5 250-5 850 MHz range, different radiodetermination systems are deployed, including:

* Ground based radars for air surveillance and weapon systems;
* Aeronautical radars (e.g. synthetic aperture radars);
* Shipboard sea and air surveillance radars used for ship protection;
* Test range instrumentation radars used to provide highly accurate data position on space launch vehicles and aeronautical vehicles undergoing developmental and operational testing.

Among those radiodetermination systems, some frequency hopping radars operate throughout the whole frequency range, such as air defence radars.

One of the main threats to military sensors, especially to air defence radar, is jamming. One effective solution to prevent jamming to radar is frequency agility, which is only possible when significant portions of frequency spectrum are available.

In the case of these radars, frequency agility and adaptive hopping technologies have been specifically developed as a mitigation technique against intentional jamming and to avoid detection. However, their effectiveness relies on suitable amount of available frequencies for the radar to use across its operating range. In some CEPT countries, the operating range of their frequency hopping radar is 5 400-5 850 MHz thus these radars currently need to use a combination of frequencies in the 5 400-5 470 MHz and the 5 725-5 850 MHz band.

Currently, the only realistic mitigation technique identified to protect these radars operating in some CEPT countries in 5 725-5 850 MHz band from RLAN interference is the DFS (Dynamic Frequency Selection). However, the existing DFS techniques at 5 GHz have not been designed to protect all of the operating modes for radars that employ advanced and fast frequency hopping techniques [as well as bi-static radars]. At this stage, it appears that the tests for current DFS algorithms contained in both EN 301 893 and EN 302 502 as well as the parameters contained in ITU-R Recommendation M.1652 for DFS are not sufficient to protect all FH radar operating modes.

In the view of the CEPT countries operating these radars, there is already a difficult electromagnetic environment in 5 725-5 850 MHz band, due its designation as an ISM band and the existing applications they already have to share with e.g. BFWA, SRD 25 mW, Road tolling and WIA (Wireless Industrial Applications).

However, it should be noted that in some CEPT countries where DFS as described in EN 302 502 is not sufficient to protect all FH radar operating modes, the lower BFWA density of deployment than the one expected for RLANs means that interference to radar can be managed to allow the use of radar operating in all FH radar operating modes. In other CEPT countries where RLAN type equipment using the band to provide BFWA services is already deployed, the BFWA equipment implement the DFS requirements set out in EN 302 502 to protect the frequency hopping radar modes they use in the 5 725-5 850 MHz.

In addition, when using this band these countries believe the possible increase in the noise floor may in some specific interference scenarios reduce the military radars ability to detect, track and identify their targets. Also, due to the military requirement for deployability, it would not be practical for the mobile use of many air surveillance and weapon system radar to be involved in time-consuming site coordination or complex geographical separation. It should be noted that the possible incremental increase in interference due to the introduction of WAS/RLAN has not been studied.

Compared to the situation prior to WRC-15, no new elements have been presented in ITU-R WP 5A, CPG PTD or standardisation organisations (e.g. ETSI) on any additional mitigation techniques that could be envisaged to provide co-existence with all of the frequency hopping radars operating modes. In particular, despite the adoption in December 2014 of a dedicated Work Item in ETSI BRAN (DTR/BRAN-0060017), CEPT has received no further information on the progress of this work item and no other specific proposals have been made to CEPT regarding suitable mitigation techniques.

The results of one compatibility study showed that in the frequency band 5 725-5 850 MHz additional measures for reducing interference need to be developed to ensure compatibility of RLAN with the radiodetermination radars operating in the indicated frequency bands. Extending the RLAN bandwidth and also mitigation of the RLAN emissions due to building attenuation would not provide sufficient protection for the radiodetermination radars in particular in case of multi-source interference. The effect of DFS as a mitigation technique has not been taken into account in this study.

The implementation of some proposed mitigation techniques are still under assessment to ensure protection of FSS space station receivers.

However, CEPT noted that one CEPT country have made regulations nationally allowing RLAN services up to 200 mW EIRP, with usage restrictions on outdoor use and other appropriate mitigation techniques such as DFS. Enforcement actions would take place under the normal enforcement rules and regulations of the CEPT country if the terms of these new RLAN regulations are not followed. They have indicated that they believe sharing is possible and have made this decision after taking account of a combination of updates to the ECC Report 244 studies, RLAN measurement campaigns, very limited use of the band by FSS due to having only a Region 1 allocation, other terrestrial users in the band (nationally) and what they believe to be appropriate interference apportionment methodology after taking account of all of these factors.

Conclusions on the results of sharing and compatibility studies carried out so far have not been completed or agreed and further studies are still on-going.

## 5 850-5 925 MHz

The agenda item is to look at possible outdoor RLAN use under the existing primary mobile allocation in the band. Studies carried out by CEPT previously under EC mandate presented an agreed methodology and a large number of calculations with results, these provided some relevant results, showing the requirement for suitable mitigation techniques (such as usage restrictions or lower max EIRPs) to solve the incompatible operations of FSS and RLAN for most of the cases studied.

There is an EC spectrum Decision for non-exclusive ITS use under the existing primary mobile allocation in this band and CEPT studies also looked at sharing between ITS and RLAN. The current outcome of the TR 103 319 shows that none of the presented mitigation techniques is individually sufficient to protect ITS from WAS/RLAN and needs further investigation. In addition, CEPT is considering the principle of equal access to shared spectrum for Urban Rail systems in a portion of this band, in relation to ITS. The 5 725-5 875 MHz band is also designated as an ISM band in the Radio Regulations so services using this band would be expected to be robust enough to operate in a challenging environment.

There are co-primary allocations to FSS (E-S), Fixed and Mobile in this band. When assessing mitigation techniques, care should be taken on typical deployment scenarios of RLAN operations, particularly noting cases of unlicensed/licence-exempt conditions and the requirements to ensure enforcement of any potential deployment restrictions.

# List of relevant documents

ITU-Documentation (Recommendations, Reports, other)

* Recommendation ITU-R M.1652-1, Dynamic frequency selection in wireless access systems including radio local area networks for the purpose of protecting the radiodetermination service in the 5 GHz band
* Report ITU-R M.2115-1, Testing procedures for implementation of dynamic frequency selection
* Recommendation ITU-R М.1461-1 Procedures for determining the potential for interference between radars operating in the radiodetermination service and systems in other services.
* Recommendation ITU-R М.1632 Sharing in the band 5 250-5 350 MHz between the Earth exploration-satellite service (active) and wireless access systems (including radio local area networks) in the mobile service
* Recommendation ITU-R М.1638-1 Characteristics of and protection criteria for sharing studies for radiolocation (except ground based meteorological radars) and aeronautical radionavigation radars operating in the frequency bands between 5 250 and 5 850 MHz
* Recommendation ITU-R М.1849-1 Technical and operational aspects of ground-based meteorological radars
* Recommendation ITU-R М.1450-5 Characteristics of broadband radio local area networks
* Recommendation ITU-R M.1739 Protection criteria for wireless access systems, including radio local area networks, operating in the mobile service in accordance with Resolution 229 (WRC-03) in the bands 5 150-5 250 MHz, 5 250-5 350 MHz and 5 470-5 725 MHz
* WP 5A chairman’s Report in Document 5A/298:

Annex 10: Elements for draft CPM text for WRC-19 agenda item 1.16

Annex 11: Draft work plan for WRC-19 agenda item 1.16

Annex 23: Working document towards a preliminary draft new Report ITU-R M.[RLAN MITIGATION] - Study of proposed additional mitigation techniques to facilitate sharing between RLAN systems and incumbent services

Annex 24: Compilation of technical information on possible candidate techniques that could be used by RLAN to facilitate sharing

Annex 25: Working document towards a preliminary draft new Report ITU-R M.[RLAN REQ-PAR] - Technical characteristics and operational requirements of WAS/RLAN in the 5 GHz frequency range

Annex 26: Working document towards a preliminary draft new Report ITU-R M.[AGGREGATE RLAN MEASUREMENTS] - Use of aggregate RLAN measurements from airborne and terrestrial platforms to support studies under WRC-19 agenda item 1.16

Annex 27: Working document towards a preliminary draft new Report ITU-R M.[RLAN SHARING] - Sharing and compatibility studies of WAS/RLAN in the 5 GHz frequency range

1. These references will have to be updated after each of the WP5A meetings.

CEPT and/or ECC Documentation (Decisions, Recommendations, Reports)

* CEPT Report 57
* CEPT Report 64
* ECC Report 244
* ECC Report 68
* ECC Decision of 12 November 2004 (ECC/DEC/(04)08) on “The harmonised use of the 5 GHz frequency bands for the implementation of Wireless Access Systems including Radio Local Area Networks (WAS/RLANs)”

EU Documentation (Directives, Decisions, Recommendations, other), if applicable

* EC Decision 2005/513/EC of 11 July 2005 on “on the harmonised use of radio spectrum in the 5 GHz frequency band for the implementation of wireless access systems including radio local area networks (WAS/RLANs)”
* ETSI EN 301 893 (V1.8.1), Broadband Radio Access Networks (BRAN); 5 GHz high performance RLAN; Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive

# Actions to be taken

To propose mitigation techniques to ensure potential compatibility of RLAN with the incumbent services and applications currently identified in ECC Report 244;

To review and investigate the applicability of any of these mitigation techniques;

In case the study results show that compatibility of RLAN with the incumbent services is feasible to develop technical and regulatory provisions ensuring RLAN implementation in the relevant portions of the 5 GHz range;

CEPT studies between RLAN and ITS to be performed to ensure sharing and compatibility can be achieved between RLANs and ITS co-channel at 5 855-5 925 MHz and adjacent channel above 5 855 MHz.

# Relevant information from outside CEPT (examples of these are below)

## European Union (date of proposal)

## Regional telecommunication organisations

APT (date of proposal)

ATU (date of proposal)

Arab Group (15-20 April 2017)

* Follow-up studies.
* Do not support the identification of new bands for (WAS / RLAN), unless the studies show possibility of coexistence with current services.
* Ensure protection of the existing services without adding any new restrictions on them.

CITEL (December 2016)

Preliminary Views

Brazil

The Brazilian Administration supports the necessity for studies to consider possible additional spectrum allocation to be mobile service, including radio local area networks (WAS/RLAN), while ensuring the protection of the C band uplink and of all existing services in the candidate bands.

Canada

Canada is of the view that only the specific frequency bands 5 150-5 350 MHz, 5 350-5 470 MHz, 5 725-5 850 MHz and 5 850-5 925 MHz listed in the resolves and invites ITU-R of Resolution 239 (WRC-15) are to be considered and/or studied under WRC-19 agenda item 1.16 and not the entire 5 GHz frequency range (5 150-5 925 MHz).

Canada is assessing and may contribute to studies listed under invites ITU-R of Resolution 239 (WRC-15).

Mexico

WAS/RLANs have promoted the development of broadband access and have been deployed license-exempt, pursuant to the provisions of CITEL and ITU-R, in the frequency bands 5150-5250 MHz, 5250-5350 MHz, 5470-5600 MHz, 5650-5725 MHz, and 5725-5850 MHz. However, it is considered that a potential additional allocation to the mobile service should be based on evidence of spectrum saturation in existing bands, growth projections, and the non-affectation/degradation of any existing services that might operate in the potential additional spectrum.

RCC (14 April 2017)

The RCC Administrations are in favour of necessary protection from potential WAS/RLAN interference for all the services having allocations in the considered frequency bands, first of all for systems in radiolocation and aeronautical radionavigation services used for the safety of flights.

The RCC Administrations consider that reducing restrictions for the use of WAS/RLAN in the frequency bands 5150-5250 MHz and 5250-5350 MHz is possible only when efficient new mitigation methods ensuring sharing between outdoor WAS/RLAN and the systems in existing services would be identified in the considered frequency bands.

The RCC Administrations consider that the use of WAS/RLAN in the frequency bands 5350−5470 MHz, 5725−5850 MHz and 5850−5925 MHz is possible only when methods for sharing between WAS/RLAN and the systems in existing radio services would be identified in the considered frequency bands.

## International organisations

IATA (date of proposal)

ICAO (date of proposal)

IMO (date of proposal)

SFCG (June 2016)

SFCG supports a review of the RLAN spectrum, technical and operational requirements in the 5 GHz range, as requested by Resolution 239 (WRC-15) as pre-requisite to any further sharing studies in the range.

SFCG supports a global revision of the sharing situation in the full 5 GHz range for studying compatibility with RLANs. More specifically:

For the 5250-5350 MHz band, SFCG supports 1) verifying if the assumptions made in the studies leading to the mobile allocation for RLANs in that band are still valid and applicable to the current and planned use of the band by RLANs; 2) studying the potential impact on EESS (active) systems of the possibility to authorise outdoor RLAN usage.

For the 5350-5470 MHz band, SFCG supports the consideration of new RLAN mitigation techniques proposed by the RLAN industry, provided that these mitigation techniques are found to be effective, sufficient and enforceable. These mitigation techniques need to consider all types of EESS (active) sensors in that band, namely SAR, altimeters and scatterometers. SFCG does not support reopening sharing studies already completed in JTG 4-5-6-7 leading to the WRC-15 conclusion that sharing would not be feasible, as stated in recognizing a) of Resolution 239 (WRC-15).

For EESS (active) altimeters covering the entire 5250-5570 MHz band, SFCG supports studying potential RLAN mitigation techniques on the basis of invites 2 of Resolution 229 (rev. WRC-12).

WMO and EUMETNET (8 February 2017)

Due to potential for increasing interference to the EESS (active), WMO opposes relaxed restrictions that would allow the outdoor use of RLAN devices in the 5250-5350 MHz frequency band.

WMO is highly concerned and opposed to an allocation/identification for RLAN in the frequency band 5 350-5 470 MHz, since it will in particular endanger the operation of current and planned EESS (active) systems.

Furthermore WMO is concerned that the current situation in the band 5600-5650 MHz, regarding intentional illegal use and non-compliant RLAN systems by-passing the regulated mitigation technique and leading to interference to meteorological radars, will be repeated in the 5350-5470 MHz band and additionally affect EESS (active) and meteorological radars.

## Regional organisations

ESA(28/11/2016)

ESA supports the SFCG position

EUMETSAT (January 2017)

EUMETSAT supports the SFCG position

Eurocontrol (date of proposal)

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

NATO Military Assessment (27 June 2017)

This NATO military assessment summary is a common military assessment of the NATO Nations on the potential impacts and benefits of Agenda Item 1.16. It does not constitute a common position of the NATO Nations

The 5 250 - 5 850 MHz frequency range is allocated to the radiolocation service and, as reported in EFIS, at the CEPT level, this entire band is used for a number of different tactical and weapon system radars, reflecting the NJFA that defines the 5 GHz range as an “essential requirement for land, airborne and naval radars”. Moreover, NATO has also released in 2005 a still valid policy document detailing the role and the importance of radiolocation radars that operate throughout the full range between 5 250 and 5 850 MHz.

In parts of 5 250 – 5 850 MHz where regulation already authorize RLAN, military radars could not anymore operate in their most advanced operational modes (in particular frequency hopping) due to the lack of ability of the DFS mechanism to effectively detect and thus protect radars. From a military perspective, the extension of RLAN bands would thus require a demonstration of the effectiveness of mitigation techniques needed to ensure the protection of the radars.

EBU (date of proposal)

GSMA (date of proposal)

CRAF (date of proposal)

This agenda item does not consider any frequency bands allocated to the RAS, and therefore CRAF has no position on this item.

IARU (25/11/2016)

The 5 GHz band is challenged by WRC-19 both by AI 1.12 and 1.16.

The frequency band 5 650 to 5 850 MHz (5 650 to 5 925 MHz in Region 2) is allocated to the amateur service on a secondary basis.

The frequency band 5 830 to 5 850 MHz is allocated to the amateur satellite service (space-to-Earth) on a secondary basis, and in the frequency band 5 650 to 5 670 MHz, the amateur-satellite service (Earth-to-space) may operate subject to not causing harmful interference to other services operating in accordance with the Table.

The frequency band 5 760 to 5 765 MHz is used for amateur weak-signal communication activity including terrestrial and Earth-Moon-Earth communications and propagation beacons.

There is growing interest among radio amateurs in experimentation, investigation of propagation phenomena, point-to-point communication and space communication in this band.

The IARU requests that existing and future amateur use in this band is protected with special attention to the bands 5 760 to 5 765 MHz and 5 830 to 5 850 MHz.