



Letter of Understanding

Regarding Co-Operation Between

The ECC and the DECT Forum







## The Parties.

The Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) of the Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT).

and

The DECT Forum, a non-profit mutual benefit association to facilitate the deployment of cordless telephony based on ETSI and IEEE Standards by helping to ensure manufacturer compatibility and interoperability of cordless communication devices,

having noted the need to establish a close working relationship in order to foster cooperation:

## Recognising that:

ECC is an organisation of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;

and that

The DECT Forum, the international association of the cordless home and enterprise communication industry, can be considered a major voice for bringing standardised cordless communication equipment based on the DECT technology on the market

## And considering that:

- ECC considers and develops policies on electronic communications activities in a
  European context and is the recognised organisation in Europe responsible for the
  efficient use of the radio spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources, so as to
  satisfy the requirements of the users, and
- The DECT Forum develops common views for the development and implementation of cordless telephony as well as a policy framework concerning regulatory matters such as frequency allocation and protection;
- ECC and the DECT Forum have the common objective to promote cordless telephony technology, directly or indirectly, with the aim of contributing to the establishment of a high quality communication and information infrastructure;

## Agree to co-operate as follows:

ECC and the DECT Forum agree to exchange information and seek, to the extent
possible, a common European approach concerning the use of radio frequencies in
particular in the field of cordless telephony. The two parties may exchange as
appropriate, free of charge, any information on programs of work in areas of mutual
interest;







- 2. Copies of relevant working documents from either party shall be made available to the other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the receiving Party's work programme. If the disclosing Party regards the information in the documents as confidential, the receiving Party will likewise treat such information as confidential unless the disclosing Party authorises non-confidential treatment in writing;
- 3. All copyright and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between the ECC and the DECT Forum and any copies thereof, remain with the originating Party and extend to all media in which the information may embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating party prior to communicating the said material to other bodies. If the representatives of a Party participate in the Working Group activities of the other Party, the other Party's policy governing intellectual property rights shall apply to that participation.
- 4. The ECC Chairman and the Chairman of the DECT Forum should meet periodically at their convenience. Chairmen of ECC subordinate bodies and other concerned groups of the DECT Forum may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.
- 5. Within the work area of the DECT Forum, participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from the DECT Forum is normally permitted at meetings of the ECC, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups, when the agenda contains items of mutual interest:
- In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from ECC shall be
  regularly invited to relevant plenary meetings of the DECT Forum. An ECC Observer
  may also be invited to attend, as appropriate, the relevant parts of meetings of other
  DECT Forum bodies.
- 7. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be part of the decision making process.
- 8. The DECT Forum may submit proposals to the relevant ECC body. These shall be adopted subject to the normal ECC process for approval of new work items and outputs.
- 9. This Agreement shall last for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one-year periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Either Party on giving three months written notice prior to the expiry date can terminate the Agreement.
- 10. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the Chairman of the DECT Forum.







Agreed for the ECC by

THOMAS EWERS ECC Chairman

Date: 1709.41

Agreed for the **D∉**CT Forum by

ERICH KAMPERSCHROER
DECT Forum Chairman

Date: 6 fune 2011

and by

RUTH WILSON

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DECT Forum Vice-Chairperson

Date: 14 June 2011