

PRESS RELEASE

Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation with signing of international Technical Agreement on coordination of radio frequencies between Montenegro and the Republic of Albania, we are sending you the following Press Release:

"The Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP) and the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority of the Republic of Albania (AKEP) held a bilateral meeting in Podgorica on 7 February 2014. This meeting was held in order to sign the Technical Agreement on coordination of radio frequencies from the 880-915/925-960 MHz bands and 1710-1785/1805-1880 MHz bands for GSM and DCS1800 systems. The usage of radio frequencies from the mentioned bands has been agreed upon by specialized services of these two Authorities that are in charge of the management of radio frequency spectrum as limited resources, which includes planning, assignment, coordination, monitoring and control of the usage of radio frequency spectrum. According to the Law on Electronic Communications, RF spectrum in Montenegro is managed by the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, in compliance with this Law and international agreements like the Convention and the ITU Radio Regulations, and Recommendation of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT).



The aim of this Agreement is to lay down the principles, technical requirements and administrative procedures necessary for the regulation of efficient usage and operation of GSM/DCS1800 mobile networks in mentioned bands in border areas between Montenegro and Albania. The Technical Agreement is based on the principles defined by Recommendation of ECC/REC(05)08 - Electronic Communications Committee of CEPT, and it shall ensure the efficient usage of RF spectrum in border areas between Montenegro and the Republic of Albania, which will contribute to and ensure functional operation of mobile operators' networks with no harmful interference caused by operators from the neighbouring country. With respect to predicted traffic volume of base stations of mobile telephony in border areas, it has been agreed that each country is assigned 54 preferential radio-frequency channels in the 900 MHz band and 20 preferential radio-frequency channels in the 1800 MHz band. With regard to preferential channels, the allowed values of the field strength are maximum 19 dB μ V/m in the 900 MHz band and 25 dB μ V/m in the 1800 MHz band at the height of 3 m above the ground at the distance of 15 km inside the neighbouring country. Regarding the non-preferential channels, these values of the field strength shall not be exceeded at the height of 3 m at the border line. The provisions of this Technical Agreement shall be implemented by licensed operators in both countries not later than 6 (six) months after its signing.

On behalf of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro, the Agreement was signed by Dr Šaleta Đurović, President of the Council, and on behalf of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority of the Republic of Albania, by Mr Piro Xhixho, the Chairman of AKEP.

On this occasion, a visit to the Main control-measuring center on Dajbabska gora, Podgorica, was organized, where the control and monitoring system of radio frequency spectrum in Montenegro was presented."