



AGENCY FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SERVICES

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TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS ON CROSS-BORDER COORDINATION OF MOBILE/FIXED COMMUNICATION NETWORKS SIGNED WITH REGULATORY AGENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

After several months of joint activities on harmonization of technical conditions, the regulatory agencies for the radio-frequency spectrum management of Montenegro (EKIP) and the Republic of Albania (AKEP) have signed five technical agreements on cross-border coordination of mobile/fixed communication networks (MFCN) operating in the radio-frequency bands: 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2600 MHz, in Podgorica today.



The coordination agreements were signed by Mr Darko Grgurović, executive director of EKIP, on behalf of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, while Mr Tomi Frasheri, president of the Council of AKEP, signed these agreements on behalf of the Agency for Electronic and Postal Communications.

The purpose of these agreements is to determine the principles, technical provisions and administrative procedures necessary to regulate the harmonized MFCN usage in the cross-border areas of Montenegro

and the Republic of Albania, with the aim of ensuring the equitable access to the spectrum and interference-free operation of these systems as well as efficient radio-frequency usage in the subject bands in cross-border areas.

The coordination agreements for the bands 800 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2600 MHz are harmonized with the European Recommendations ECC/REC/(11)04, ERC/REC 01-01 and ECC/REC/(11)05 respectively, while the agreements for the bands 900 MHz and 1800 MHz are harmonized in accordance with the provisions of Recommendation ECC/REC/(08)02.

The coordination agreements entered into force on the day of signing, and in the period of 6 months the operators, approved to use the radio-frequencies from the subject bands in both countries, shall implement and harmonize the operation of their public mobile electronic communication networks to the provisions of these agreements.

In the course of the meeting, EKIP representatives presented the degree of mobile communication networks development in Montenegro and the quality of service parameters for mobile networks obtained on the basis of measurements carried out by EKIP at the end of 2022.

Also, the meeting participants discussed plans for the allocation of the 700 MHz band in the Republic of Albania, and additional harmonization of the radio-frequency usage for MFCN systems between the Republic of Albania and Montenegro, as well as the forms of further cooperation and exchange of experiences.

COOPERATION LONGER THAN A DECADE

The Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP) and the Agency for Electronic and Postal Communications of the Republic of Albania (AKEP) have had a successful cooperation for more than 10 years. Namely, as independent regulatory agencies competent for the regulation in electronic communications sector, they signed the Cooperation Agreement on March 13, 2012. The mutual cooperation, exchange of information and experience between experts in different areas of regulation under their competences were agreed by this agreement.

The first technical agreement in the field of radio-frequency spectrum management was signed at the beginning of February 2014, namely on cross-border coordination of GSM/DCS1800 systems operating in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz radio-frequency bands.

