

# DAB+ international update

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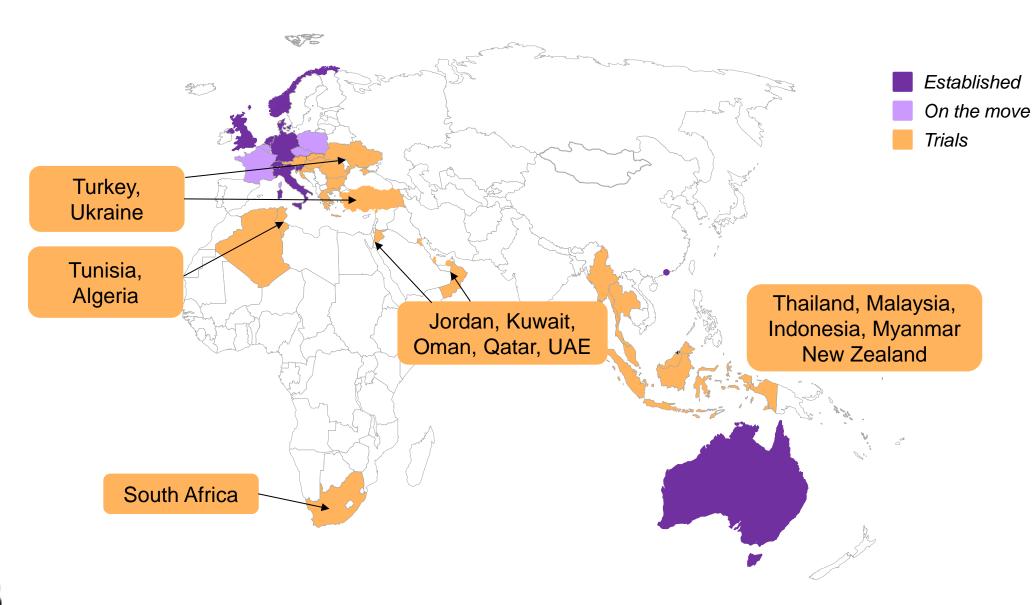
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### DAB+ around the world

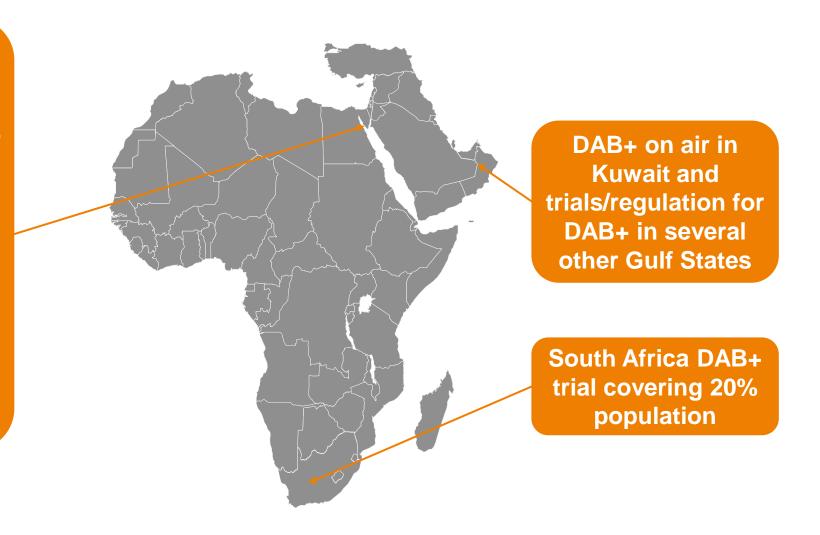




## Middle East and South Africa investigating potential

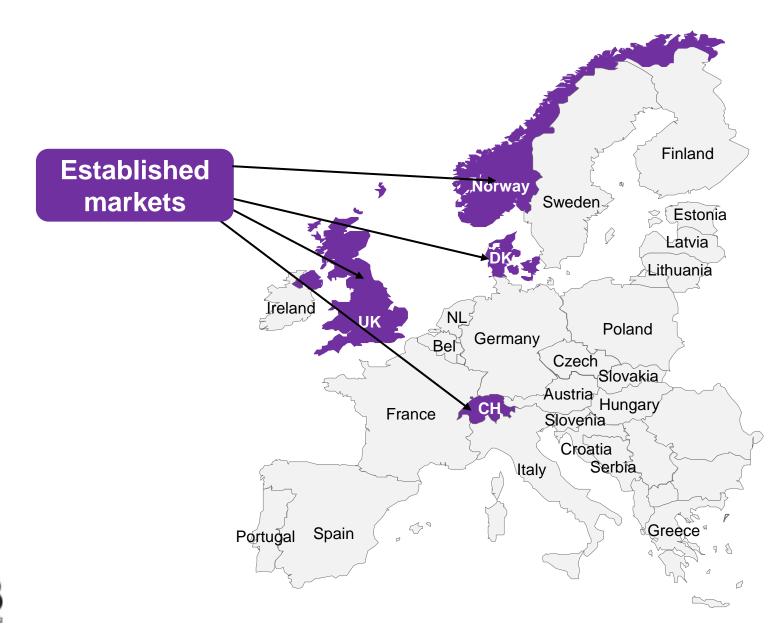
Arab States
Broadcasting
Union
recommends DAB+

Interest and/or trials also in:
Bahrain
Jordan
UAE
Qatar
Tunisia
Algeria





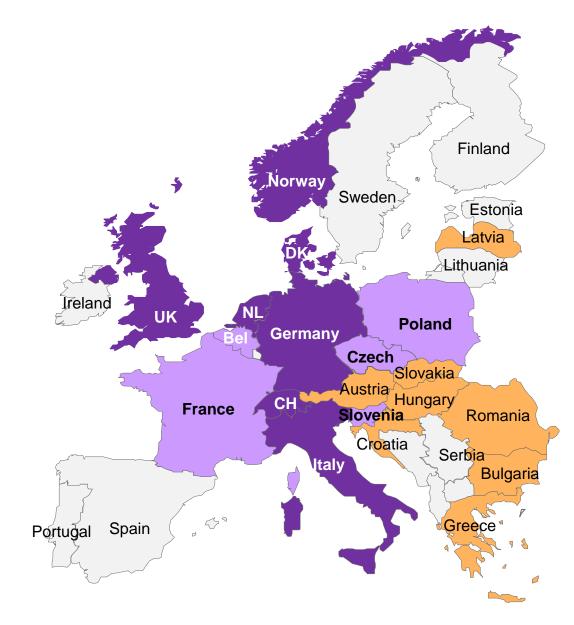
## Eight years ago, four DAB markets





## With DAB activity across most of Europe

- Established markets
- Regular services
- Trials





## In last 12 months, significant DAB progress: Norway switched off FM





## **Switzerland preparing for Digital Switchover**







# Radio needs DAB+



# **New ways of listening**





### **Competition is intense**

#### **Services and aggregators**















- To secure its future, radio needs to
  - innovate
  - retain its independence



## **New connectivity in cars**

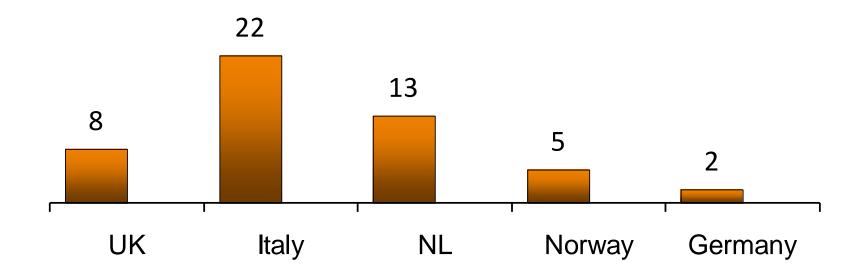




## **Limited capacity on FM**

#### **National radio services**

AM / FM





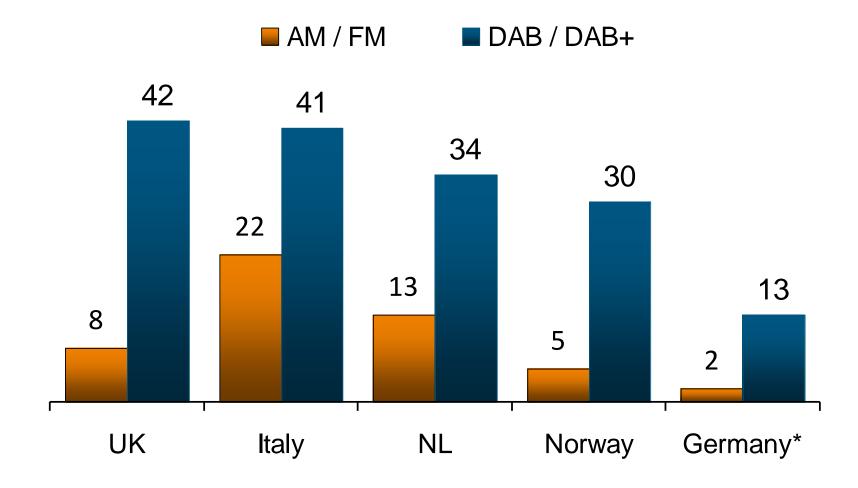
Source: WorldDAB

# What does DAB+ offer?



## Up to six times as many services

#### **National radio services**





<sup>\*</sup> Will double in next 12 months with launch of second national multiplex Source: WorldDAB

#### **DAB+ offer benefits to listeners**











More radio There's something for everyone with digital radio.







## DAB+ delivers benefits for society

Free to air / no gatekeeper

Reliability in emergencies & Media emergency warning plurality

Enhanced traffic information

Spectrum efficiency

Lower costs and emissions

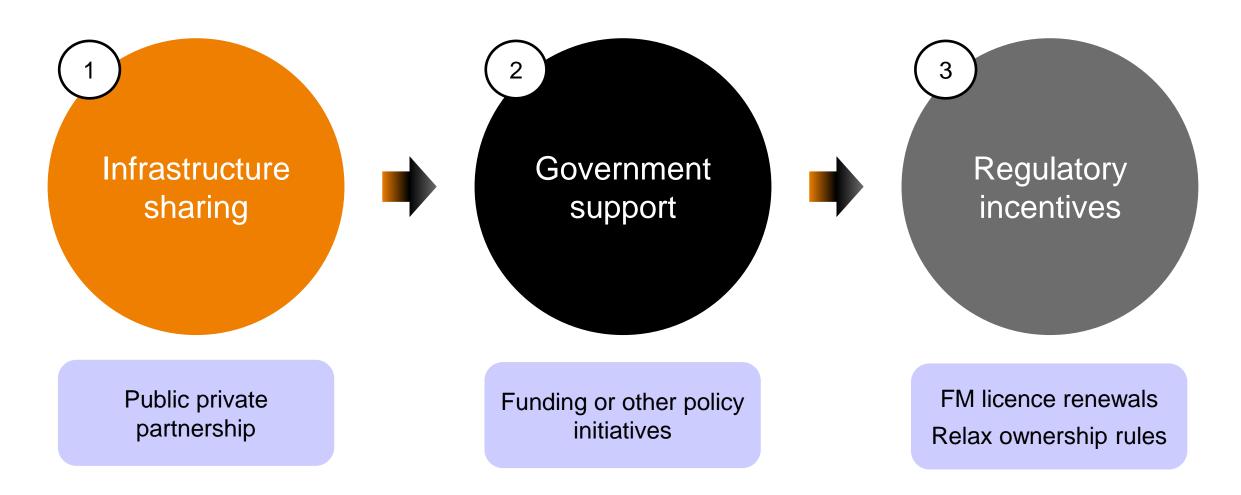


### **Broadcaster concerns**

- 1. How do I control my costs?
- 2. Will I lose listeners?
- 3. What about receivers?



## Successful strategies of established markets

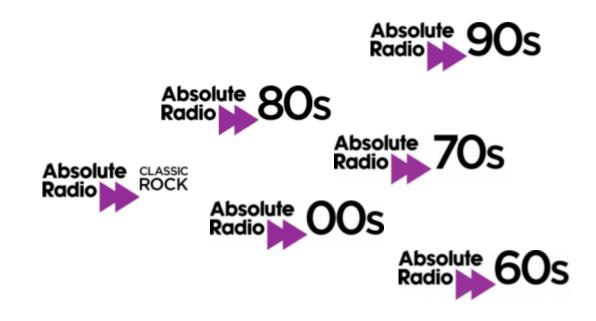




## Listeners: key to success is innovation

#### **Brand extension strategy**





Analogue and digital

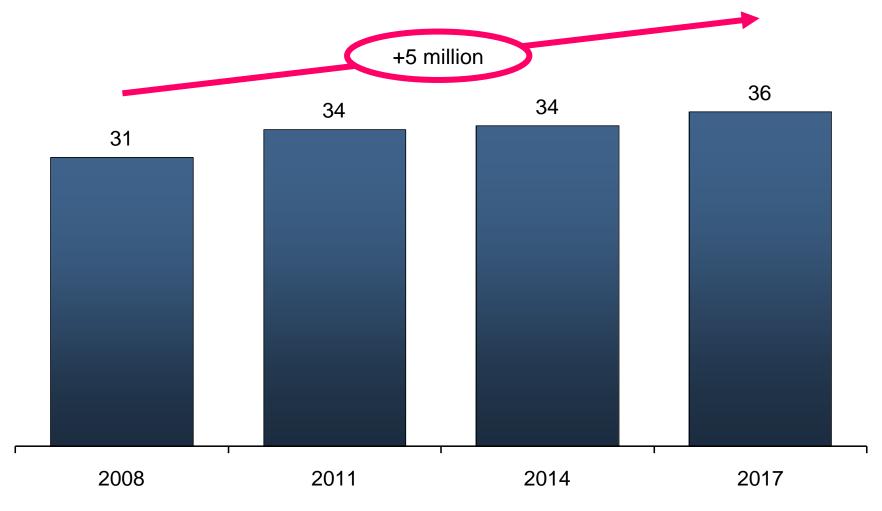
Digital-only services



Audience up 136% in seven years

## Reach of UK commercial radio has increased by 5 million in last ten years

#### Weekly reach of UK commercial radio, millions

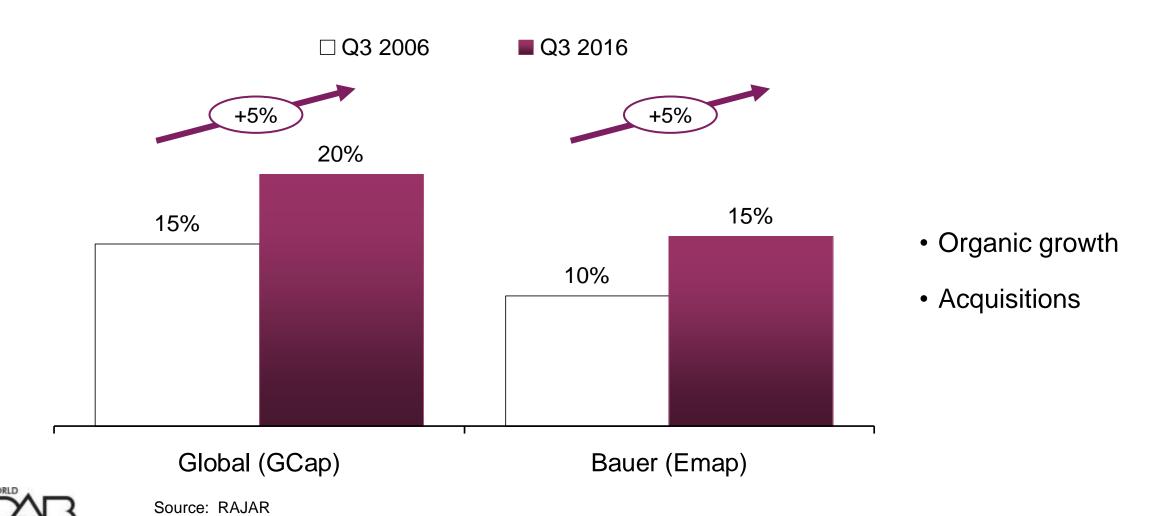




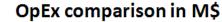
Source: RAJAR – all figures Q2; since Q2 2008, digital listening has increased from 18% to 49%

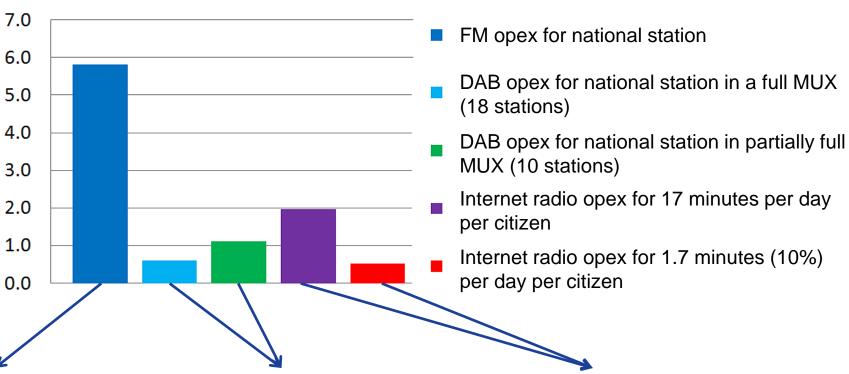
## **Existing players are the winners**

#### % share of UK listening, top two private groups



## A perspective: radio distribution cost analysis (source: EBU)





FM is by far the most expensive distribution technology

Due to multiplex technology, DAB is inexpensive. In the best case it could be 10 times cheaper than FM

The expense for internet distribution is highly variable and can easily grow larger than DAB, similar to FM



#### Receivers are now mass market



- 60 million receivers sold\*
- Prices from USD 20



#### Home receivers

Different functionality for different areas of the home

#### Kitchen, Living room and Bedrooms

- Stand alone or HiFi connected
- Easy to operate
- Good sound and external connections to HiFi
- Good DLS display



- More volume
- Colour screen
- Docking
- Smartphone control app





















## Personal / Portable / Smartphone receivers

#### Portable for a variety of situations

- Work
- Relaxing
- Exercising









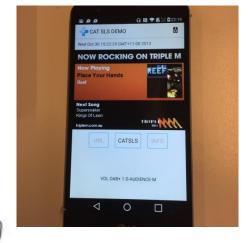




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## Consistent marketing to consumers & stakeholders





## **European Parliament now supports regulation**

**Suggested Amendment (September 2017)** 

"Any radio set put on the market in the EU ... shall be capable of receiving digital and analogue terrestrial radio broadcasts<sup>1</sup>

Next phase: talks between Parliament, Commission and Member States



## **Automotive brands fitting DAB+**





















































































## New cars with DAB growing rapidly

#### % of new cars with DAB+ digital radio



- 2.6 million new cars with DAB in 2017
- New cars fitted with DAB as standard:
  - 41% in core European markets<sup>1</sup>
  - 42% in Australia
- Global volumes up 20% year on year



### DAB now standard in cars in advanced markets

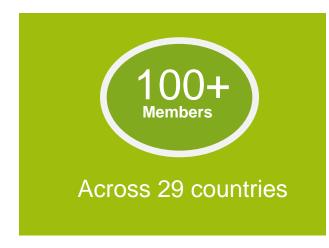
% of new cars with DAB / DAB+ digital radio







#### **Our members**





















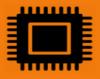




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# 7 new members since January 2018







**General Motors** 

**OIV** Croatia

**Avatec** 

**Toyota** 

**Inovonics** 



**RAI** Italy



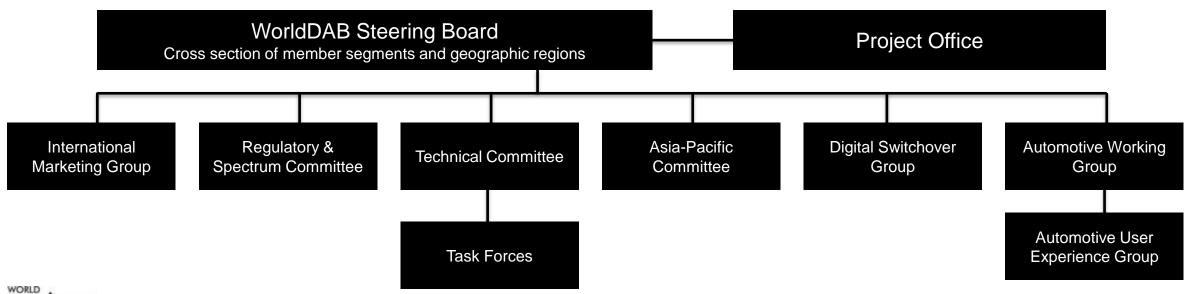
**Pluxbox** 





#### How we work

- Define and maintain digital radio standards based on the DAB family of standards
- Work with **broadcasters** (public and private), **policymakers** and **regulators** to adopt DAB digital radio and safeguard appropriate regulation and sufficient spectrum
- Encourage **receiver**, **automotive** and **mobile phone manufacturers** to include DAB in as many devices / vehicles as possible
- Support broadcasters by sharing **best practice** between stakeholders and encourage **collaboration** (national and international) to secure the successful deployment of DAB



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#### HOW WORLDDAB CAN SUPPORT BROADCASTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC

# **Workshops on DAB+ Features Technical operation Network and RF planning** Trials / demonstrations System design Assistance and guidance for local broadcasters **Bringing equipment suppliers** Connecting with receiver manufacturers **Connecting with auto manufacturers**

#### WorldDAB Asia Pacific events - 2018

- Broadcast Asia, Singapore, 26-28 June radio stream on 27<sup>th</sup>
- WorldDAB/ABU/ASBU/AIBD DAB+ technical workshop and demo, 23-27 July Kuala Lumpur
- ABU General Assembly, October 2018

# We await your invitation



## **Conclusions and next steps**

- 1 DAB+ is making significant progress, thanks to industry collaboration opportunity to share best practices
- 2 DAB+ is required to secure the future of radio

3 WorldDAB is here to help and support





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