

DAB+ - the future of radio

Presentation to Arab States Broadcast Union

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The aim of this webinar: to share our experience of DAB+

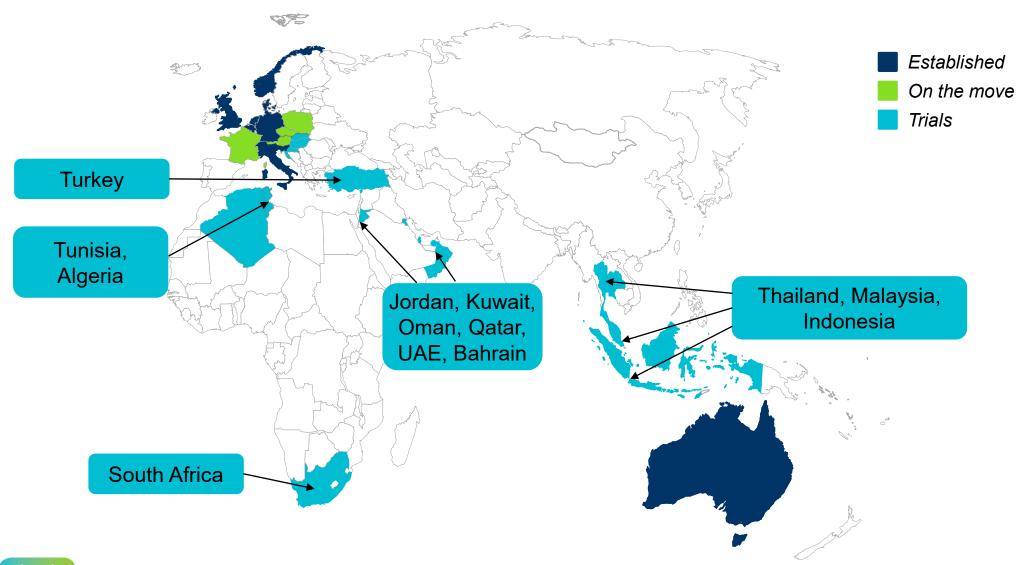
1 The global status of DAB+

2 The technology – and its benefits

3 How to launch successfully



DAB+ is emerging as a global standard for radio





Established as core future platform in Europe





National launches

• Germany: 2011

• NL: 2013

• Italy: 2014

• Slovenia: 2016

• Belgium: 2018

• Austria: 2019



Strong progress in major markets



UK: 58% of listening is digital



Germany: **Launch 2**nd **national multiplex 2020**



All receivers must have DAB+ from 2020



Australia: Three new cities in 2019



Significant new launches in last two years



Belgium:

Flemish and French – major launch (2018/19)



Austria:

National DAB+ (May 2019)



Sweden:

Commercial DAB+ (summer 2019)



France is launching national DAB+ in 2021



• Eight cities / regions already on air

National network launching 2021



First countries are switching off FM



Norway: 2017



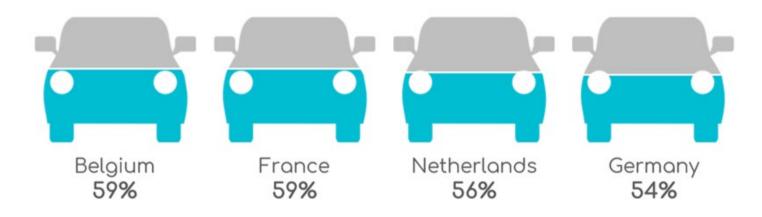
Switzerland: 2022-23 plan



New cars have DAB+ as standard

% of new cars with DAB+







EU is supporting digital radio



European Electronic Communications Code

• From end 2020, all new car radios in EU must be able to receive digital terrestrial radio



What is driving these changes?



FM spectrum is full



- No capacity to expand
- Impossible to innovate



Digital giants are invading radio's space











Essential to optimise the broadcast experience



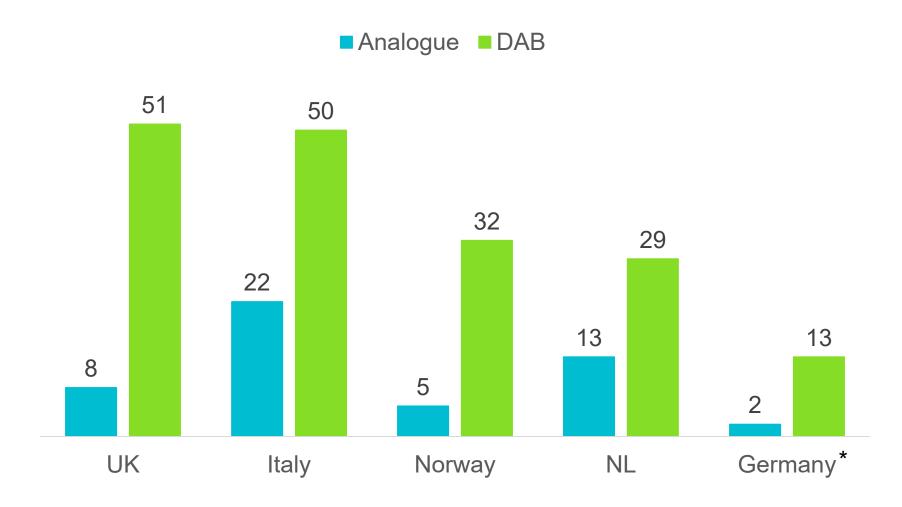
• Free-to-air

- No 3rd party gatekeeper
- Reliable in emergencies



DAB+ offers greater choice – up to six times as many services

National radio services

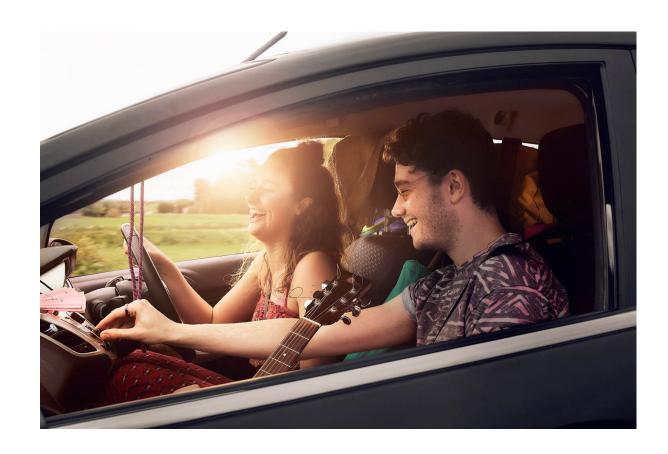




^{*} Will double with launch of second national multiplex – date to be confirmed Source: WorldDAB

Listeners value the new services





 17 million people in UK listen to "digital-only" services*



DAB+ offers clearer sound - particularly where FM is overcrowded





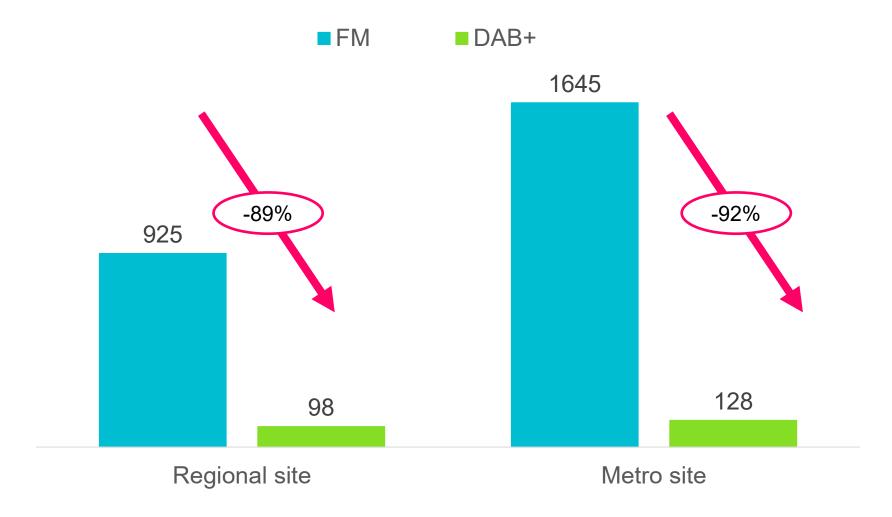
DAB+ offers enhanced graphics





DAB+ offers lower distribution costs

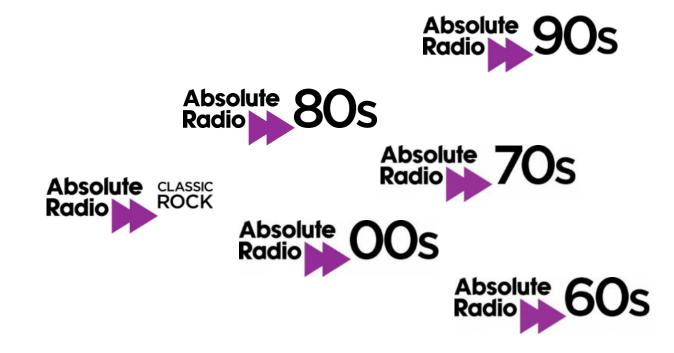
Annual cost to broadcasters of transmission per service¹, \$k





Opportunity to innovate: brand extensions





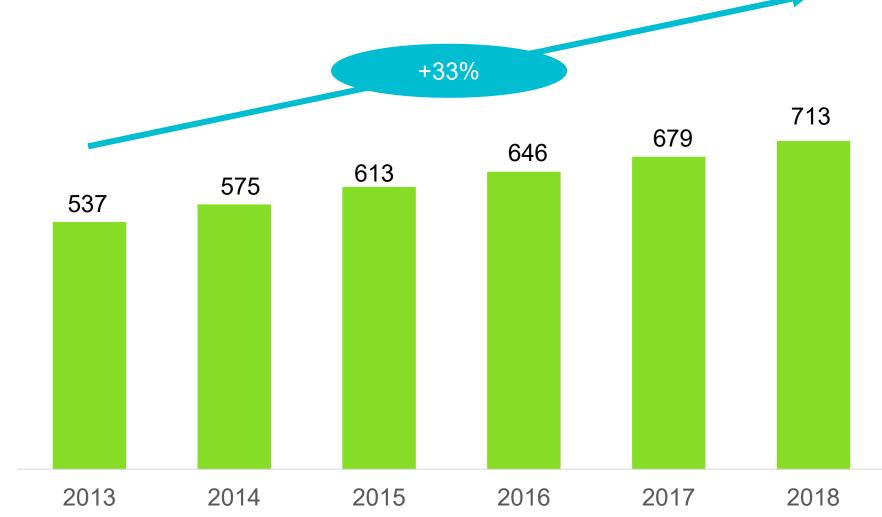
Audience has tripled in seven years



National stations are driving commercial revenues



UK radio advertising revenues, £ million





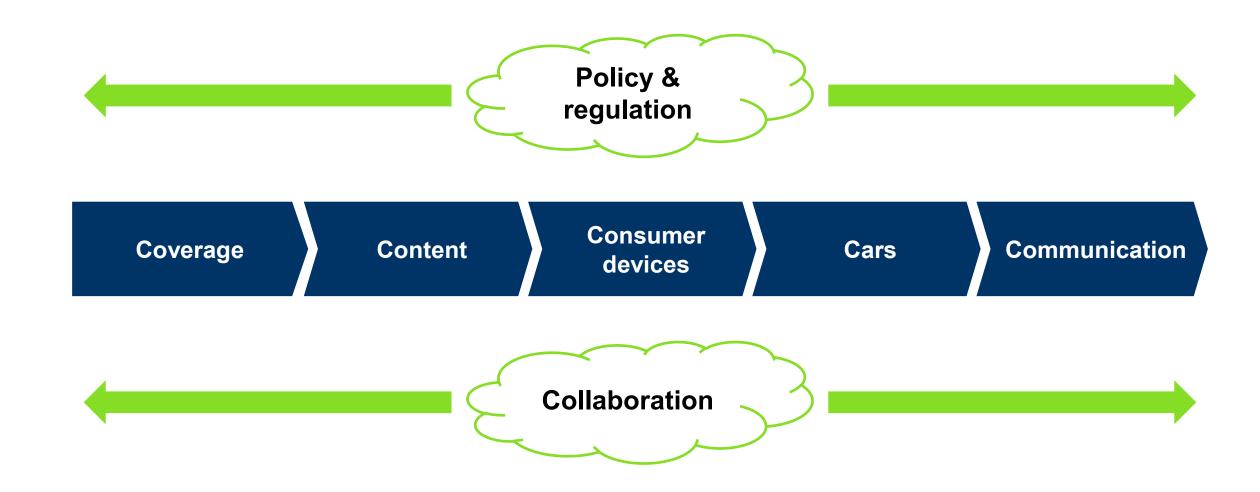
Source: Radiocentre

How do we ensure success?



Key to success is collaboration







Conclusions



1 DAB+ delivers benefits for broadcasters and listeners

2 Receiver market is fully developed (cars and in-home)

3 Collaboration across radio ecosystem is key to success



Thank you

