



World DMB General Assembly

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### **Digital Radio UK**

#### **Composition:**

BBC and UK Commercial Radio
Car and Radio Manufacturers
Work with Government and Ofcom

#### **Objectives:**

Accelerating the growth of digital radio
Getting digital radio in cars
Planning a future digital radio switchover



















## Background

- Launch of Commercial National Digital Multiplex: 1999
- Launch of BBC National Digital Services: 2002
- Digital Radio UK Established: December 2009
- Digital Economy Act : April 2010
- Digital Radio Action Plan: June 2010
- Radioplayer Launch : April 2011
- Vehicle industry commit to fit digital radio: October 2011
- Industry connected consumer campaign: December 2011
- MoU for local DAB coverage funding: July 2012
- Switchover decision and announcement: 16 Dec 2013

### **Government Digital Radio Action Plan**

- Government Digital Radio Action Plan 2010
- Government switchover announcement 2013
- Government criteria:
  - 50% digital listening
  - 90% local coverage
- Criteria to be achieved in 2016



## Industry case for switchover

- Government case for switchover:
  - FM is full
  - Fairer access to broadcasters for spectrum
  - DAB expands consumer choice
  - Dual transmission unfair and inefficient
  - Digital is the future
- Broadcaster case for switchover:
  - Ends dual transmission
  - Enables roll out of DAB coverage
  - Ensures radio remains relevant
  - Digital is the future

### **Expansion Of National/Local DAB Coverage**



- National BBC DAB now 94%: building to 97% by end 2015
- Commercial national DAB now 90%
- Local DAB now 72%: expanding to 90%
- In the last 18 months coverage improved for 8.3 million people

### Strong DAB station line-up

#### digital



















BBC Radio









#### digital-only



















































































#### UK radio in robust health

- Remarkable resilience in digital age
- 91% of all adults listen
- Radio share of audio 76%
- Listening 50% BBC/50% commercial radio Strong and strengthening radio brands





































## **Multiple Devices And Options**































### **UK Radio Online**

- Radioplayer: unique industry collaboration
- Common station radio player and console
- Available online, tablet and smartphones
- Consistent advertising opportunities
- Opportunity to click and buy





# Digital listening update (Q3 2013)

- Digital listening share now 35.6%, 14% up yr on yr
- 51% of the population now tunes in via a digital platform each week
- 24 million adults have a DAB set at home
- Analogue listening in home less than 50%
- 70% of digital listening is DAB
- Listening on DAB 23%, up 13% yr on yr
- Listening online/apps 5.7%, up 37% yr on yr
- 15 -24 yr olds online/apps listening 15%

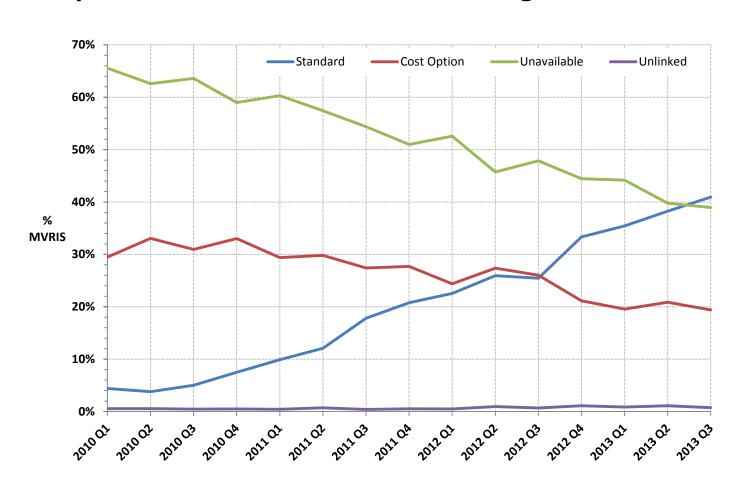
## Digital stations show strong growth

DIGITAL AUDIENCES (REACH) : Q3 2013			
No.	Station	Digital Audience	Year on
		('000s)	year change
1	BBC Radio 2	6,187	22.0%
2	BBC Radio 4	5,466	6.4%
3	BBC Radio 1	3,822	10.4%
4	Capital Network (UK)	2,876	39.1%
5	BBC Radio FIVE LIVE	2,872	6.1%
6	Kiss UK	2,869	50.4%
7	Absolute Radio Network	2,826	23.6%
8	Heart Network (UK)	2,442	16.4%
9	Classic FM	2,144	8.1%
10	BBC 6 Music	1,731	6.9%
11	Magic UK	1,602	8.2%
12	BBC Radio 4 Extra	1,593	-6.0%
13	FIVE LIVE SPORTS EXTRA	1,522	51.4%
14	talkSPORT	1,292	12.1%
15	Smooth Radio Brand UK	1,247	23.1%
16	1Xtra from the BBC	1,189	6.7%
17	Planet Rock UK	1,014	17.4%
18	BBC Radio 3	975	3.4%
19	BBC World Service	953	7.8%
20	Smash Hits (Now Kiss Fresh)	887	91.4%

- Top 9 digital stations are dual transmission
- BBC 6 Music the leading digitalonly station with 1.7 million listeners
- Absolute 80s the leading commercial digital-only station with 1.2 million listeners
- Other digital only highlights Planet Rock has 1 million listeners
- New station Kiss Fresh has 887,000 listeners
- Capital Xtra launched in October

## New cars with digital radio

#### Sep 2013: 41.5% of cars now with digital radio as standard



#### **End 2013**

Approaching 50% of new cars

# **End of 2015** 95%+ new cars

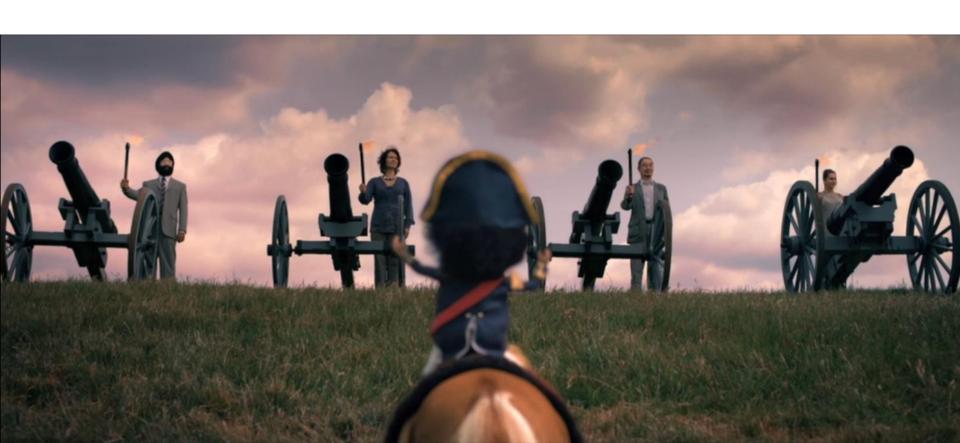
## Industry communications

- Cross-industry collaboration
- Heavyweight BBC and Commercial radio coordinated campaign led by Digital Radio UK
- Features D Love, the digital radio evangelist
- BBC TV, BBC radio, commercial radio
- Retailers, car accessory retailers



## **Communications campaign**

- BBC TV, BBC radio and commercial radio
- D Love encourages digital radio lovers to share the love with their friends
- Trails on Radio 1/2/3/4/5, over 100 commercial stations, and bespoke station activity with BBC and commercial radio presenters



## Digital radios at retail

- 70% of portable radios are now DAB
- DRUK works with retailers to encourage DAB ranging
- Coordinates industry retail promotions and advertising
- Inform customers online about what stations they can get
- Demonstration of digital radios is vital repeaters
- Provision of point of sales information instore







### Car dealer communications







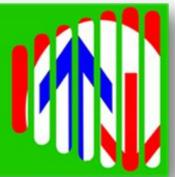
# **Car accessory retailers**







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# Digital tick mark: DAB/DAB+



## Communications post decision

- Sustain cross-industry momentum
- Communicate "switchover on its way"
- Achieve transition to 50% digital listening
- Create consumer step-change in in-car conversion
- Public information and protection for consumers via the launch of the digital certification mark scheme
- Manufacturers and retail move to 100% DAB
- Radio switchover announcement

### **Future Outlook**

- UK Radio is in robust health
- BBC/commercial radio collaboration
- Working with retailers is vital
- Digital is the future of radio:
   DAB and IP
- Importance of common technology standards
- Government decision 2013

