



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË
ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
STEERING COUNCIL

No. _____ prot.

Tirana, __.____.2026

DECISION

No. 6, dated 13.03.2026

ON

**THE NON-RENEWAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE
UNDERTAKING VODAFONE ALBANIA SH.A. FOR THE USE OF FREQUENCIES IN
THE 2100 MHz BAND (SPECTRUM AMOUNT 15 MHz, PAIRED FDD, AND 5 MHz,
UNPAIRED)**

The Steering Council of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP), with the participation of:

Mr. Gentian Sala - Chairman
Ms. Edlira Dvorani - Member
Mr. Lorenc Bako - Member
Mr. Bleron Dokle - Member
Mr. Armer Juka - Member

and with the Secretary, Ms. Dania Nallbani, in the meeting held on 13 March 2026, in accordance with the procedure established by Law No. 54/2024 “On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania”, and the Internal Regulation on the Functioning of the Steering Council of AKEP, approved by Decision No. 7, dated 16.02.2017, as amended, reviewed the matter with the following subject:

The non-renewal of the individual authorization of the undertaking Vodafone Albania sh.a. for the use of frequencies in the 2100 MHz band (spectrum amount 15 MHz, paired, and 5 MHz, unpaired).

LEGAL BASIS:

1. Point 1, Chapter IV, of Council of Ministers Decision No. 496, dated 22.07.2014, “On the approval of rules and procedures for the renewal of individual authorizations for the use of frequencies granted through competitive procedures”;
2. Internal Regulation on the Functioning of the Steering Council of AKEP, approved by Steering Council Decision No. 7, dated 16.02.2017, as amended.

THE STEERING COUNCIL:

After reviewing the written material consisting of:

1. The reasoned draft decision;
2. The explanatory report of the draft decision;

as well as the discussions held during the meeting and referring to the above-mentioned legal basis,

NOTES:

By Decision No. 1453, dated 12.01.2010, the Steering Council of AKEP approved the granting of an Individual Authorization for the use of frequencies in the 1920–1935 MHz band paired with 2110–2125 MHz and 1900–1905 MHz unpaired spectrum, for the construction of public electronic communications networks and provision of mobile services throughout the territory of the Republic of Albania, valid until 31.12.2025, as amended by subsequent decisions.

2. The undertaking Vodafone Albania sh.a. submitted to AKEP a letter expressing interest in renewing the rights of use of the 2100 MHz band, requesting renewal of 15 MHz paired spectrum and non-renewal of 5 MHz unpaired spectrum.
3. A Working Group was established to assess compliance with the conditions of use of the 2100 MHz band.
4. The Steering Council approved the evaluation report confirming compliance with the conditions and proposing a minimum reference price for renewal.
5. The report was forwarded to the Minister of Infrastructure and Energy for further procedures.
6. The validity of the authorization was temporarily extended.
7. An ad-hoc commission was established to negotiate the renewal.
8. Negotiations were concluded without agreement, as the parties did not reach consensus on the minimum price.
9. In accordance with the applicable legal framework, AKEP must proceed with the non-renewal of the authorization.
10. Vodafone Albania sh.a. is required to vacate the 2100 MHz frequency band.
11. AKEP will initiate a public consultation process regarding the future allocation of this spectrum.

FOR THESE REASONS:

Based on Articles 14 and 15 of Law No. 54/2024, the Steering Council of AKEP:

DECIDES:

1. Not to renew the Individual Authorization of the undertaking “Vodafone Albania” sh.a. for the use of the 2100 MHz frequency band (15 MHz paired and 5 MHz unpaired), approved by Decision No. 1453, dated 12.01.2010, as amended.

2. To require the undertaking “Vodafone Albania” sh.a. to vacate the 2100 MHz frequency band within a period of 6 months from the date of notification of this decision.
3. This decision shall be notified to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and to the undertaking “Vodafone Albania” sh.a.
4. This decision shall be published on the official website of AKEP.

This decision enters into force immediately.

Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member
Gentian Sala	Armer Juka	Bleron Dokle	Edlira Dvorani	Lorenc Bako