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ELECTRONIC AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

STEERING COUNCIL

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D E C I S I O N

No. 31 dated 06.11.2026

ON THE APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE DOCUMENT "ON THE GRANTING OF RIGHTS OF USE IN THE 2100 MHz FREQUENCY BAND (1920-1935 MHz PAIRED WITH 2110 - 2125 MHz)"

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

Z.	**Gentian Sala**	**Chairman**
Znj.	**Edlira Dvorani**	**Member**
Z.	**Armer Juka**	**Member**
Z.	**Bleron Dokle**	**Member**
Znj.	**Diana Dervishi**	**Member**

and with Ms. Dania Nallbani serving as Secretary, at the meeting held on 6 November 2026, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania", Law No. 8480, dated 27 May 1999, "On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of the State Administration and Public Entities", and the Internal Regulation on the Organisation and Functioning of the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP), approved by AKEP Steering Council Decision No. 11, dated 31 March 2026, and upon the proposal of the Working Group, examined the matter with the following subject:

- "Approval for public consultation of the document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)"

L E G A L B A S I S:

1. Articles 14, 44 and 75 of Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania";
2. Council of Ministers Decision No. 756, dated 13 December 2024, "On the Approval of the National Frequency Plan";

3. Council of Ministers Decision No. 70, dated 6 February 2026, "On the Approval of the Rules Governing the Public Competitive Procedure for the Granting of Individual Authorisations for Rights of Use of Frequencies";
4. AKEP Steering Council Decision No. 07, dated 6 September 2023, "On the Approval of the Plan for the Allocation and Use of Radio Frequencies in the Republic of Albania,

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Having reviewed the documentary materials, consisting of :

1. Letter No. LEA/1053/LR, dated 29 June 2026, from the undertaking "Vodafone Albania" sh.a., concerning "The Preliminary Expression of Interest in Participating in the 2100 MHz Band Auction and the Renewal of the 2 × 5 MHz Spectrum Allocation Expiring in October 2026", registered with AKEP under Protocol No. 1566, dated 30 June 2026;
2. Order No. 209, dated 20 October 2026, issued by the Chairman of AKEP, establishing the Working Group for the preparation of the public consultation document;
3. The Public Consultation Document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)";
4. The explanatory report of the Working Group concerning the approval for public consultation of the document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)";
5. The duly formatted and reasoned draft decision;

and having also taken into consideration the discussions held during the meeting on this matter, as well as the aforementioned legal basis.

N O T E S:

1. In accordance with Law No. 54/2024, AKEP is the authority responsible for the administration and management of the radio frequency spectrum and for granting individual rights of use of frequencies, in accordance with the National Frequency Plan and the relevant regulatory acts in force. In doing so, AKEP aims to ensure the effective and efficient use of the spectrum, foster competition and promote investment in electronic communications networks and services.
2. A total of 2 × 15 MHz (FDD) of spectrum in the 2100 MHz band is currently unassigned and available for allocation by AKEP, following AKEP Steering Council Decision No. 6, dated 13 March 2026, not to renew the Individual Authorisation of "Vodafone Albania" sh.a. for 15 MHz of paired spectrum and 5 MHz of unpaired spectrum. The Decision stipulated that the spectrum was to be vacated within six months of notification of the Decision (September 2026). Furthermore, in the 800 MHz band, 2 × 10 MHz of

spectrum in the frequencies 791–801 MHz paired with 832–842 MHz has also been identified as available.

3. By letter No. LEA/1053/LR, dated 29 June 2026, registered with AKEP under Protocol No. 1566, dated 30 June 2026, the undertaking "Vodafone Albania" sh.a. expressed its interest in participating in future procedures for the granting of rights of use of radio frequency spectrum in the 2100 MHz and 800 MHz bands.
4. Points 1 and 2 of Article 75 of Law No. 54/2024 stipulate that, where AKEP, based on its market assessment, considers that demand for a particular frequency band may exceed the availability of frequencies in that band, it shall, in order to ensure their efficient use, conduct a public consultation with interested parties on the conditions for the use of that frequency band and the procedure to be applied for its allocation. Furthermore, AKEP shall conduct a public consultation process following the submission by any interested party of a request for specific frequencies, no later than 30 days after the submission of such request.
5. By Order No. 209, dated 20 October 2026 (Protocol No. 1566/1, dated 20 October 2026), the Chairman of AKEP established the Working Group tasked with preparing the public consultation document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)".
6. Within the deadline specified in the Order, the Working Group prepared the public consultation document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)". In preparing the document, the Working Group relied on the applicable legal and regulatory framework, the National Frequency Plan, the Plan for the Allocation and Use of Radio Frequencies, as well as the relevant European and international acts and recommendations. The preparation of the Public Consultation Document took into account, inter alia, Commission Decision 2012/688/EU and Commission Decision (EU) 2020/667 concerning the use of the 1920–1980/2110–2170 MHz band for MFCN systems and the updating of the technical conditions for the use of this band.
7. The Public Consultation Document proposes the granting of one (1) Individual Right of Use for a spectrum allocation of 2 × 15 MHz (FDD), specifically in the 1920–1935 MHz band, paired with 2110–2125 MHz, and identifies the key issues on which operators and other interested parties are invited to provide their views, in accordance with point 3 of Article 75 of Law No. 54/2024. In particular, AKEP seeks the views of operators and interested parties, inter alia, on:

   - the economic value of the right of use for 2 × 15 MHz;
   - the factors to be taken into consideration when determining the value of the spectrum;
   - the possibility of conducting a multiband competitive procedure, including the 800 MHz band;
   - service coverage conditions and objectives;
   - the duration of validity of the Individual Authorisation;
   - the payment method for the value of the right of use;
   - the technology and manner of spectrum utilisation;

- any other matters related to the effective and efficient use of this limited resource.

8. Conducting the public consultation is necessary in order to assess market demand, the economic value of the spectrum, the impact on competition, the conditions of use and possible procedural alternatives, with a view to ensuring objective, transparent and well-informed decision-making.
9. The Public Consultation Document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)" meets the legal and regulatory requirements for conducting the public consultation process and establishes the conditions for obtaining the views and comments of operators and other interested parties on the conditions, criteria and procedure for granting rights of use of frequencies in this band.

F O R T H E S E R E A S O N S:

Pursuant to point 1 of Article 14 and point 1 of Article 15 of Law No. 54/2024 "On Electronic Communications in the Republic of Albania", and Law No. 8480, dated 27 May 1999, "On the Functioning of Collegial Bodies of the State Administration and Public Entities", the AKEP Steering Council,

D E C I D E S:

1. To approve, for public consultation, the document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)", as set out in the attached document, which shall form an integral part of this Decision.
2. The Public Consultation Procedure shall be conducted over a period of 30 (thirty) calendar days, commencing on the date of publication of the document on AKEP's official website, in accordance with point 3 of this Decision.
3. his Decision and the public consultation document "On the Granting of Rights of Use in the 2100 MHz Frequency Band (1920–1935 MHz Paired with 2110–2125 MHz)" shall be published on AKEP's official website, www.akep.al.
4. AKEP's Administration shall be responsible for implementing this Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member
Gentian Sala	**Edlira Dvorani**	**Armer Juka**	**Bleron Dokle**	**Diana Dervishi**