



## Crucial issues at stake at the 10th Anniversary of the European Spectrum Conference

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For its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and consecutive year, the European Spectrum Management Conference could count with 250 top level participants and BNE present as a speaker and sponsor.

BNE's Secretary General Lars Backlund intervened on the topic of *WRC15 – Common Ground, Areas of Disagreement and Likely Outcomes*, urging policy makers to avoid a co-primary allocation for the 470-694 MHz frequency band at the WRC 15 in November.

BNE called out to policy makers to avoiding a co-primary allocation of mobile and broadcasting in the band - an issue of long-term survival for the broadcasting industry. It was later followed in its position by European administrations, which have agreed to oppose adding a series of key bands to the list of those allocated to mobile and identified for IMT at WRC15.

Lars Backlund reminded participants that the Aetha Report, available at BNE's booth, and online ([link to the report](#)), shows that in the most aggressive mobile traffic forecast, the costs of clearing DTT from the spectrum (EUR38.5bn) significantly outweigh the potential value of using the spectrum for mobile (EUR10.3bn) . When a less aggressive traffic forecast is used, the costs of clearing DTT remain unchanged but the value of using the spectrum for mobile approaches zero.

For the position of The inter-governmental group (CEPT CPG) and the European Common Positions (ECPs) please click here. ([link to article](#)).

For Lars Backlund's presentation at the European Spectrum Conference, please click here. ([link to presentation](#)).

To download the Aetha Report or its Executive Summary, please click here. ([link to documents](#)).