

Decision on multiplex broadcast capacity

The Council of the Communications Regulatory Authority, chaired by Corrado Calabrò, has approved today the decision on the allocation by 40% of broadband capacity in Rai, Mediaset and Telecom Italia Media digital multiplex in order to encourage pluralism and accelerate the transitional phase to digital terrestrial television.

The aim of the measure, rapporteurs the Commissioners Michele Lauria and Stefano Mannoni, is to speed up the conditions for a quality offer that is equal to the whole territory.

Agcom will assign, through a competitive procedure, the broadcast capacity to the independent publishers, to the national broadcasters that require the completion of covering of their own networks and to the local broadcasters that do not have digital installations.

For these latter broadcast stations, a bigger space has been reserved compared to the initial predictions, which aims at a broadcast capacity that extends also outside the “all digital” areas.

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