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Response to the RSPG Public Consultation on Assessment of future usage of the frequency band 470-694 MHz within the EU

We thank the RSPG for the opportunity to comment on the draft report and welcome the thoughtful analysis of future spectrum scenarios. As BDKV representing the concert and live events sector, we wish to highlight the critical importance of the 470–694 MHz frequency band for cultural production and media infrastructure across Europe.

The 470–694 MHz frequency band is a vital backbone of Europe's cultural and media infrastructure. Professional wireless systems (PMSE) – from microphones to in-ear monitors – rely on it daily for concerts, theatre, festivals, broadcasting and public events. Without access to this band, many cultural productions would become technically or financially unfeasible. In some major cities and in some border regions of Germany – particularly near France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands – professional users of PMSE systems are already experiencing severe spectrum congestion due to overlapping frequency use from neighbouring countries. At open-air festivals and public events, this already results in interference, transmission failures or the complete unavailability of clean frequency ranges. In some cases, festivals have to scale back due to the inability to operate wireless systems reliably.

There is no realistic alternative to this spectrum for outdoor and live event use. Demand is increasing, especially with new technologies like WMAS. Continued coexistence with broadcasting, as successfully practiced for years, must be preserved.

The mobile sector (IMT) has access to sufficient alternative bands. So do military and emergency services. Reallocating the UHF band to new mobile networks would impose enormous costs without necessity – and jeopardize Europe's cultural and democratic infrastructure.

We therefore call for a clear commitment to **No Change**:
Keep the 470–694 MHz band reserved for broadcasting and PMSE – in the interest of culture, democracy and a resilient Europe.

Yours sincerely,



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