

Shared Spectrum

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Making sure people and businesses have connectivity where and when they need it







... different users will want to make use of different technologies...



The benefits of global harmonisation – but also the need for the right solutions

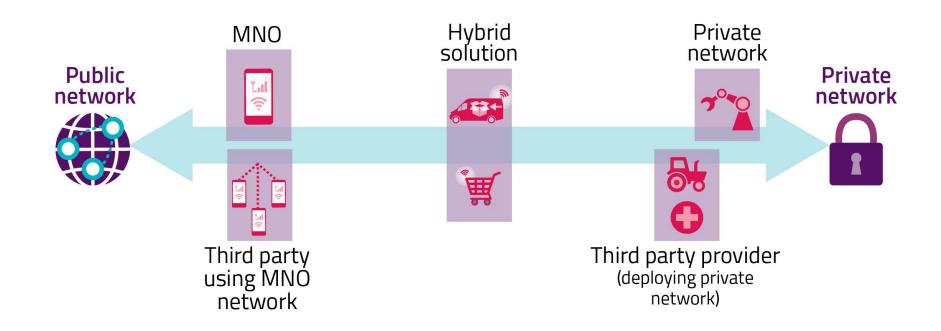
Some use cases need multiple technologies to deliver (VR/AR glasses)

- who is the service provider?

How should we use higher frequencies?



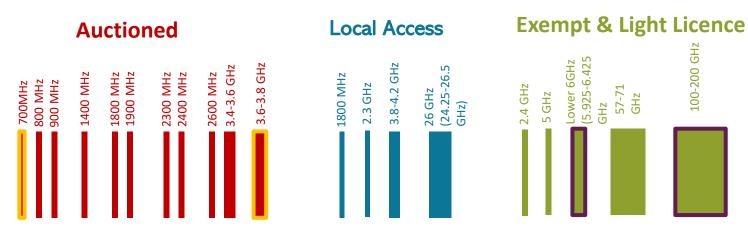






...and different spectrum bands

- **Spectrum is critical for wireless.** We are making sure that spectrum bands, with different characteristics, can be accessed by a wide range of players, including MNOs, system integrators and directly by businesses, to deploy the connectivity solutions that meet their requirement.
- We have been engaging with different businesses and organisations, through a series of workshops, to better understand their evolving needs and to highlight the options available and their characteristics.



Auction: Spectrum mostly authorised on a nationwide basis. MNOs can offer slices of their network to meet business requirements.

Sharing: Low cost licences enabling localised access to spectrum. Can be used for private networks and to extend coverage.

Exempt and light licence: Access to spectrum with low barriers is an important enabler of innovation. Wi-Fi technology is currently common across many businesses.

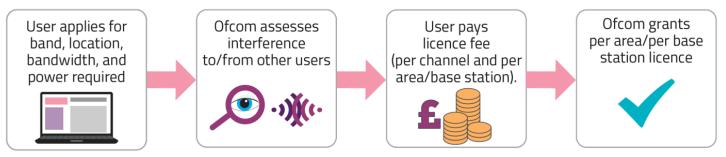


In 2019 we launched our spectrum sharing framework to enable a range of different use cases and players

Shared access licence for access to licensed mobile spectrum, 1800 MHz, 2300 MHz, 3.8-4.2 GHz and 26 GHz → deployment within 6 months of obtaining

licence

3.8 GHz)



Local access licence for access to licensed mobile spectrum (700MHz, 800MHz, 900MHz, 1400MHz, 1800MHz, 2350-2390MHz, 2.6 GHz, 3.4-





We see clear demand for this form of local spectrum authorisation

As of 25 October we have on issue 1,300 Shared Access held by over 50 different companies.

Shared Access	Low Power	Medium Power
1800 MHz	872	103
2.3 GHz	31	
3.8-4.2 GHz	70	212
26 GHz	1	

• Issued 18 Local Access licences to 5 different companies.

Local Access	Licences issued
1800 MHz	1
2.6 GHz	17