

Another process for allocation of radio-frequencies has been successfully carried out

The Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services has been successfully completing another process for awarding approvals for the use of radio-frequencies, on this occasion from the band 3,5 GHz, used for the purposes of fixed wireless access (WiMAX).

After the public consultations and preparation of the strategy for allocation of radio-frequencies were made, Council of the Agency at its meeting of 14 February 2017, brought the Decision on conducting public bidding procedure for awarding approvals for the use of radio-frequencies from the band 3400-3600 MHz, for implementation of a public fixed/mobile electronic communications network. Referring to this Decision, the public bidding was to be conducted by the method of spectrum auction in the format of a single round sealed bids auction.

The Tender Documentation was purchased by and delivered to the three following entities: Telecommunications Company "M:Tel" D.O.O. Podgorica, "Telenor" D.O.O. Podgorica and "Crnogorski Telekom" A.D. Podgorica. Spectrum auction was conducted on 29 March 2017, and the only bidder, which was also the winner at the auction, was Telecommunications Company "M:Tel" D.O.O. Podgorica. The winning offers as well as the amount of the one-off fee for awarding the approval for the use of radio-frequencies were defined according to the submitted offers and in line with the prescribed auction rules. The Council of the Agency has brought the Decision on choosing the bidder Telecommunications Company "M:Tel" D.O.O. Podgorica, and referring to this Decision, after the amount of 77.400,00 € is paid by the above mentioned company to the budget of Montenegro, the approval for the use of radio-frequencies from the subject band shall be issued for the period of the following 5 years,

According to the auction results, Telecommunications Company "M:Tel" D.O.O. Podgorica will be able to continue providing its actual BWA users with its services, till the final migration to other networks/technologies is done, what is expected in the near future. On the other hand, this company has been given the opportunity to work on developing, testing and implementing new radio access technologies in the next 5 years, aiming to maintain and improve the competition on the electronic communications services market in Montenegro. By the implemented allocation strategy, the Agency has made possible valorization of the band which is harmonized by the IMT system for the use at the global level and identified as one of the bands suitable for the development of 4G and 5 G mobile networks (for example LTE/LTE Advanced).