

UK SPF Policy Summit

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Comparing the SPF and DCMS Reports - I

- Both reports agree that we're headed towards an all-IP future for TV distribution
 - but when will that be achievable, and
 - what interventions will be needed to get there?
- There is value in releasing the 600 MHz band for mobile data, but what is the economic, social and political cost of the transition?
 - how much revenue can a spectrum auction generate, and
 - will that meet the one-off and ongoing costs of releasing the 600 MHz band?

Comparing the SPF and DCMS Reports - II

- What type of Government intervention, or other financial support would be needed?
 - is a 2034 timescale practical, or would a later transition be required for operational or financial reasons?
- Most households are currently hybrid users of both broadcast networks and IP delivered TV - for a mix of live and catch-up TV
 - how can their needs be met seamlessly during a transition?
- How can Ofcom's approach of 'nobody left behind' be achieved?
 - is it possible by 2034?
 - or perhaps in the 2040s?
- What do the plans & policies of other major European countries tell us?

How Can the UK Free Up the 600 MHz Band?

- Will sufficient capital and ongoing funding be available to migrate all viewers and all TVs to broadcast delivery on IP networks by 2034, OR
- Will investment in newer DTT technology (similar to that in France, Spain and Italy) provide a viable TV service in the sub-600 MHz spectrum through to the 2040s
- How can the UK best mitigate the political, social and economic risks of a migration to all-IP TV delivery and what's the optimum timeline?

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