

The need for citizens to be supported by effective and efficient public safety and utility services for the overall benefit of society is increasingly recognized globally as living standards improve. These critical public services need reliable, resilient and secure telecommunication in order to be able to deliver their services. This is now recognized within the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Working Party 5A (WP5A) where a new subgroup has been established to bring together all 'Mission Critical' Telecommunications Services.



A European allocation of spectrum to 'Mission Critical Services' would need to recognize that individual European administrations structure the way in which they service their essential public services differently; but in essence, all European citizens and consumers need access to reliable utility services – water, electricity and heating/cooling – together with public safety services – police, fire & rescue and medical services.



EUTC therefore encourages RSPG to identify 2 x 10 MHz of spectrum in any revision of spectrum allocations in the band 470-694 MHz for 'Mission Critical Services' post 2035.

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Typical utility distribution control room

This is combined with sharing best practices and learning from across the EUTC and the UTC global organization of telecommunication professionals within the field of utilities and other critical infrastructure environments and associated stakeholders.

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