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Prague, 19 March 2020 – Today, CTU published the monthly monitoring report which informs about the detail of a public consultation on forthcoming tender to auction frequencies for 5G networks, i.e., frequencies in the range of 2 x 39 MHz in the 700 MHz band, which were released by transferring the digital television broadcasting to a new and more effective DVB-T2 standard, and frequencies in the range of 2 x 160 MHz in the 3.5 GHz band.

The tender (auction) aims to bring new providers to the Czech market, who could compete with the current ones and lower the prices and improve availability of mobile services, mainly regarding data. At the same time, the auction conditions are designed to be encouraging rather than dissuasive for the applicants.

The frequencies in the range of 2 x 40 MHz in the 3.5 GHz band (from the total of 2 x 200 MHz which is available in this band) will not be subject of the auction. Based on the German model, these frequencies will remain reserved for the Industry 4.0 (e.g., for production management in the industry areas) and CTU will grant them as individual authorisations to specific applicants in the industry, who will use these frequencies for own purposes (not for provision of publicly available services).

The public consultation on draft auction conditions was launched on 16 March and is open for a period of one month. Full text of draft conditions is available at CTU <u>website</u>.

The monitoring report also brings an information about new deadlines for porting numbers, part of a new amendment to the Electronic Communications Act, effective from 1 April. The report also contains regular statistics about CTU monitoring activities or an article on compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 laying down open Internet rules.

The monitoring report is available here.

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