

Global update and the case for DAB+

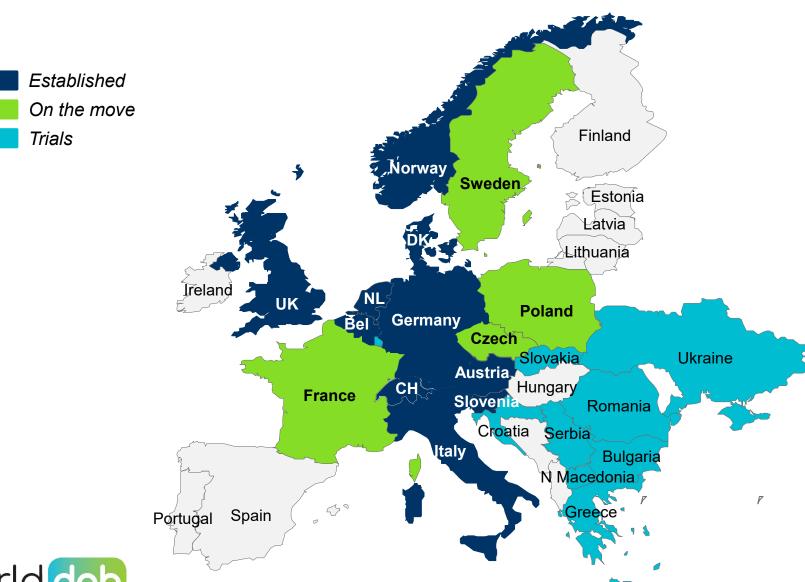
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2020: a good year for DAB+



DAB+ is established as core future platform for radio in Europe



National launches

• Germany: 2011

• NL: 2013

• Italy: 2014

Slovenia: 2016

• Belgium: 2018

• Austria: 2019



Strong progress in major markets



UK: **DAB listening overtakes FM**¹



Germany:

Launch 2nd national

multiplex: Oct 2020



All receivers must have DAB+ from 2020



Australia: Record levels of digital listening²

(1) Source: DRUK Feb 2020

(2) https://mumbrella.com.au/dab-digital-radio-stations-get-15-audience-bump-to-2-35m-in-2020-671400

France is launching national DAB+ in 2021



• Ten cities / regions already on air

National network launching 2021



EU: all new car radios must be able to receive digital terrestrial radio



- Directive effective from 21 December 2020
- In practice, DAB+ is the standard of choice



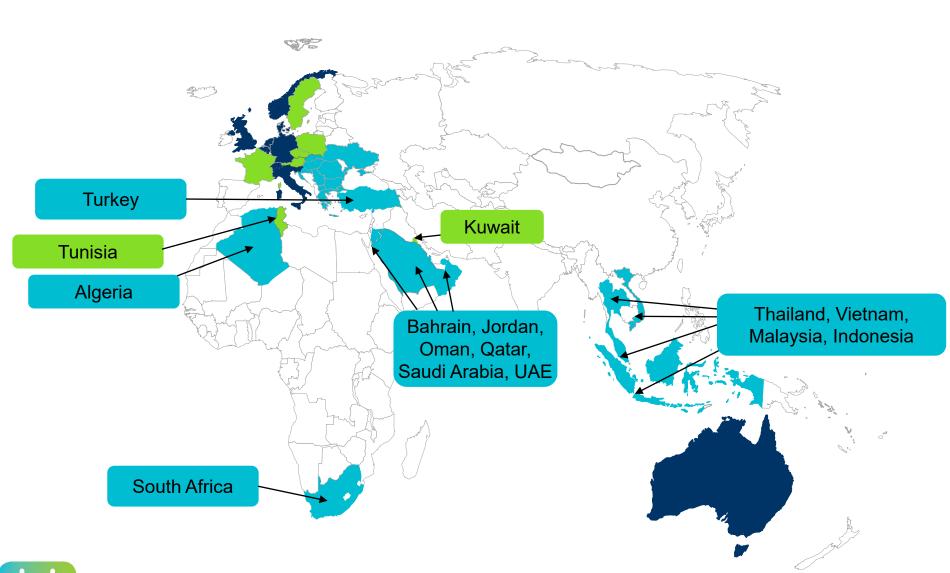
DAB receivers are now mass market



- 90 million receivers sold*
- Prices from US\$20



DAB+ is emerging as a global standard for radio





Established
On the move

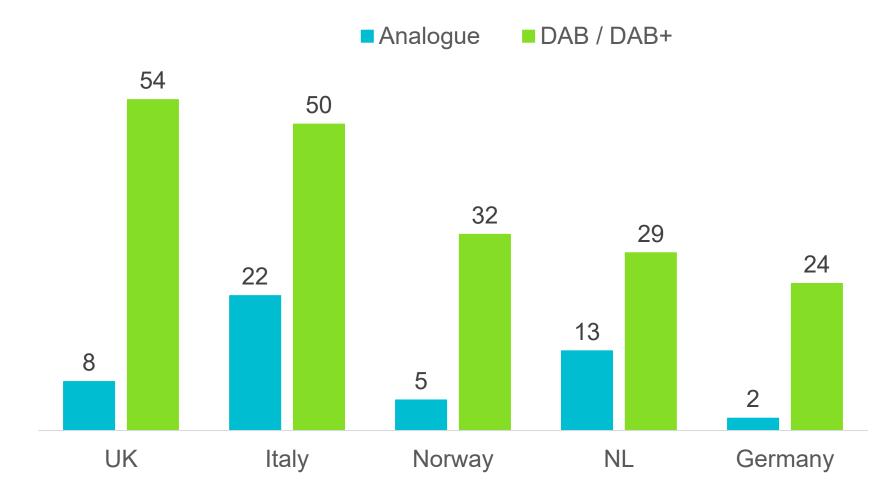
Trials

What is driving these changes?



DAB+ offers greater choice – on average, six times as many services

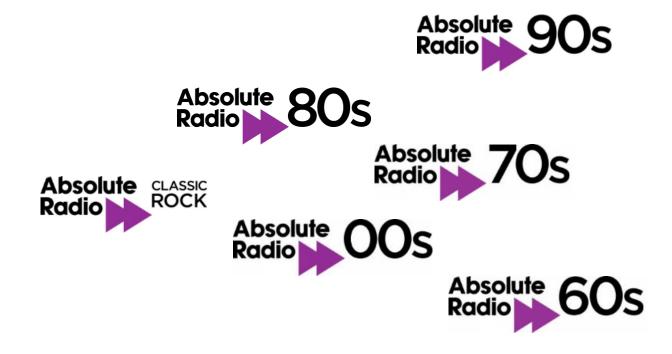
National radio services





Opportunity to innovate: brand extensions





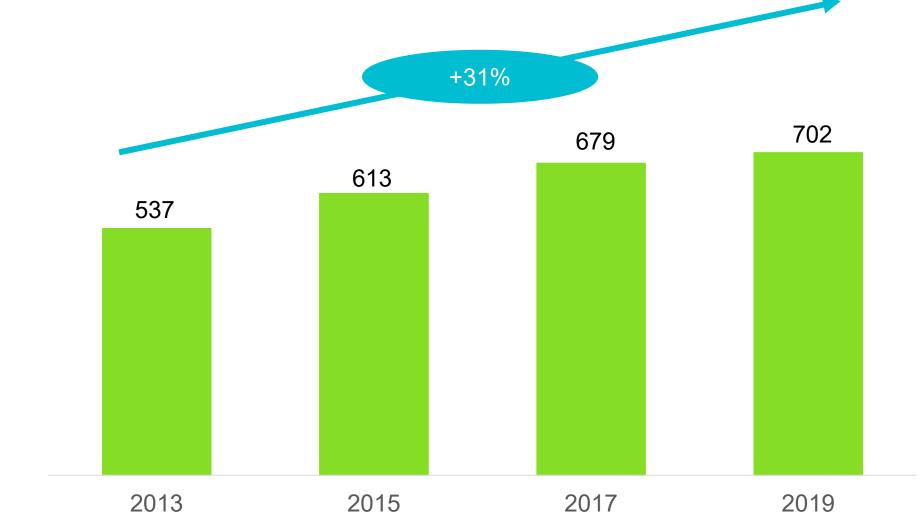
Audience has tripled in seven years



DAB drives commercial revenues – UK up over 30% in six years



UK radio advertising revenues, £ million

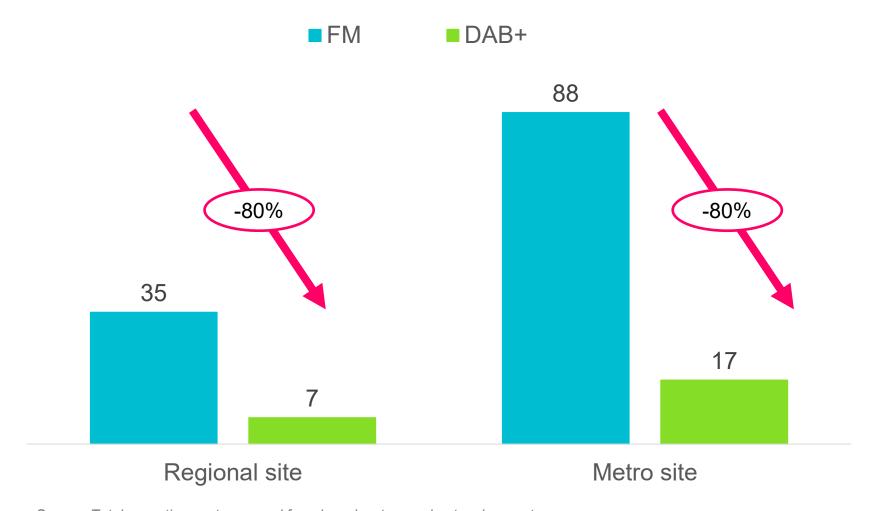




Source: Radiocentre

DAB+ offers lower distribution costs

Annual cost to broadcasters of transmission per service¹, US\$k





Source: Total operating costs sourced from broadcasters and network operators

Note (1) Operating costs for DAB+ assumes 18 services on multiplex; opex includes site and tower leases, power, telco, maintenance, monitoring
and support costs

DAB is the green solution



- DAB+ consumes significantly less energy than FM
- BBC study shows DAB is 33% more efficient than FM¹



DAB+ is reliable in times of emergency



"Alarm announcements"

- Part of DAB+ minimum specification
- Radio automatically switches to emergency audio service



DAB+ is key to securing radio's long-term position in the car



- WorldDAB members include:
 - Audi, BMW, Daimler, General Motors,
 Honda, Hyundai, Jaguar Land Rover,
 Stellantis¹, Toyota, Volvo
- WorldDAB Automotive Working Group focused on optimising the in-car DAB+ experience
- DAB+ is gateway to hybrid radio future

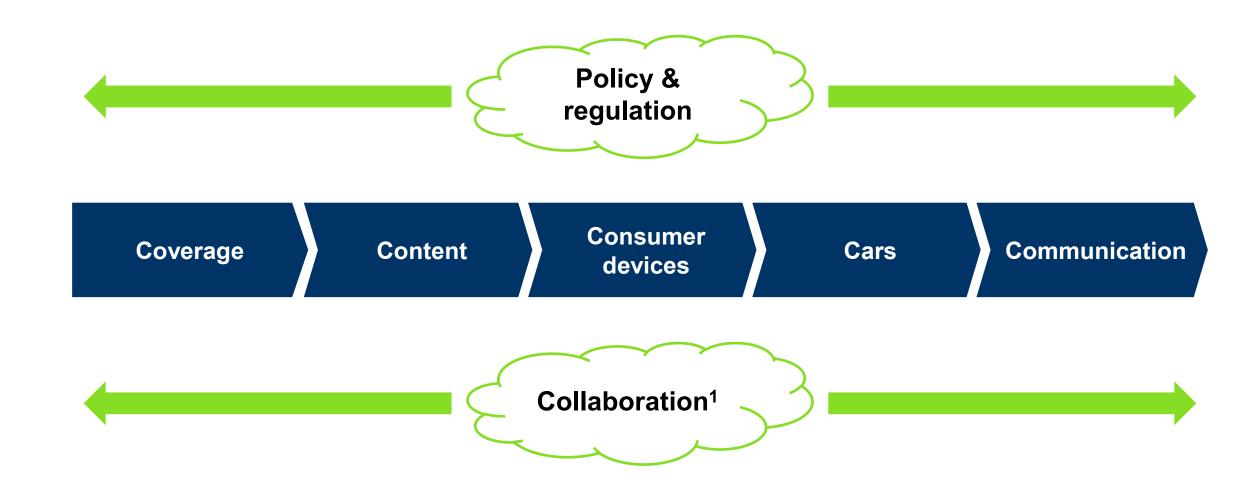


How do we achieve success?



Clear strategic framework







Conclusions



1 DAB+ extending international footprint – over 90 million receivers sold

Multiple benefits to listeners, broadcasters and society

Now is the time for action – collaboration is key to success



Thank you

