

Following the consultation launch by ARCEP regarding the auction of 2.6Ghz frequency band and the possibility to separate FDD from TDD award, Alvarion would like to make the following contribution:

- Opening TDD and FDD in the same time will enable the real competition between operators using a different technology, which is the only way to drop the prices for consumers; using the same technology is a pseudo-competition;
- Opening FDD only is a clear anti-competition act; it is well known that WiMAX TDD is a mature 4G technology and excluding TDD from the first licenses awarding is a violation of the EC laws and could open a wave of complaints.
- Operators which received FDD licenses shall not be awarded TDD licenses, for increasing the competition.
- If ARCEP decide to proceed the award in FDD for existing operators then the TDD licenses should be award but with no more than a month delay and reserve for new entrant.