

CHILEAN GOVERNMENT BEGINS CITIZEN CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR FUTURE RADIOELECTRIC SPECTRUM COMPETITION FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF 5G NETWORKS

- The Vice-Minister of Telecommunications, Pamela Gidi, called all the members of the digital ecosystem to participate in the process.
- The document will be available on SUBTEL website until June 10, 2019.

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The world is currently facing an important technological revolution that will change forever some processes that until today seemed quotidian. In this scenario and according to the mandate of President Piñera, Chile cannot be lagged behind. In this line, the Chilean Government will undertake all the necessary actions so that citizens can be able to have the latest available technologies, with focus on the benefit of the users and the productive sectors of the country.

As prove of this commitment, at the end of February 2019 the Vice-Ministry of Telecommunications of Chile announced the start of a bidding process for the future 5G network. Today and without prejudice to subsequent developments, this one will include the following radio spectrum bands: 700 MHz; AWS; 3.5 GHz; and 28 GHz, that will allow the deployment of such high-speed technology in the country.

Level	Frequency	Spectrum available
Low	700 MHz	20 MHz
Medium-Low	AWS	30 MHz
Medium-High	3,5 GHz	50 MHz
High	28 GHz	850 MHz

In this way, SUBTEL published this monday on its website www.subtel.gob.cl a citizen consultation aimed at all those interested in expressing their opinion regarding the future bidding in the aforementioned bands.

"We want to know the opinion of all the members of the digital ecosystem before the deployment of the future 5G network such as all the companies that are part of the

telecommunications sector of the country, of the industry, the academy and of all those who want to give us their vision about this bidding. This process will allow the deployment of a network that will transform the country and, due to its importance, it is key to know the different points of view that can exist in front of the implementation of this technology", said the Vice-Minister of Telecommunications, Pamela Gidi.

The authority added that "the deployment of 5G is a tremendous opportunity for the country to achieve development and consolidate its digital economy. In this sense, all actors of the digital ecosystem have the responsibility to carry out this process in the best way so that all users can enjoy the benefits that this technology will bring".

The questions of this citizen consultation will be divided into two parts. The first refers to questions about the excellence of the service, while the second part is related to cybersecurity aspects. In this line, each part consists of three and five questions respectively.

The citizen consultation will be available until June 10th of 2019 and after that SUBTEL might decide to open new consultations regarding other technical issues that may affect the deployment of a future 5G network.