

The situation of digital broadcasting in Hungary

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History of the Hungarian DVB-T (1.)

- 1999: research and experimental broadcasting start at Antenna Hungária
- 2001: installation of the first two digital transmitters
- Transmission technology experiments, examination of stable and mobile receiving possibilities
- Multimedia and interactivity tests
- Transmitting examinations of the simulcast broadcasting on the existing analogue antenna
- Antenna allocation plans
- DVB-T repeater installation
- Experimental broadcasting

History of the Hungarian DVB-T (2.)

- Marketing activity – aim: propagation of general knowledge
 - DVB-T (2001) and digital broadcasting films (2003; DVB-S, DAB/DRM, refreshed version of DVB-T)
 - DVB-T Conferences (2001, 2002)
 - DigiTAG seminar
 - Handouts, brochures

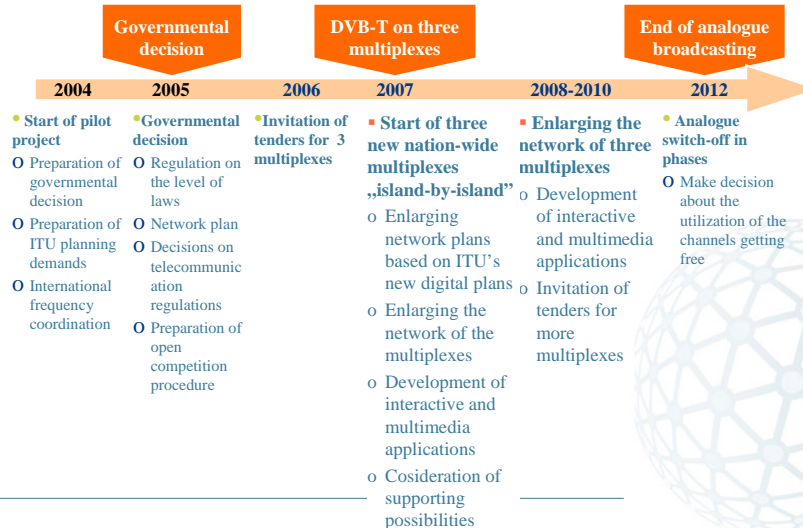


Governmental decision about DVB-T

- 10 March 2005 government decision on government's main tasks for digital terrestrial television switchover
- The government forces the switchover to happen as soon as possible
- From 2007, 3 multiplexes will be broadcast nation-wide on the basis of the frequency possibilities what will be decided on the ITU Regional Radio Conference in 2006
- In the beginning the multiplexes will broadcast free-to-air to promote the spread of DVB-T receivers
- In the multiplexes, capacity reserved for interactive applications.
- The simulcast period has to be continued until the population coverage reaches 97%
- The switch-off of the analogue transmitters will be made step-by-step
- The planned date for nation-wide analogue switch-off is 31 December 2012



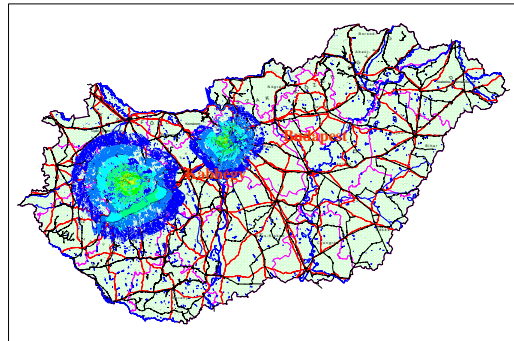
Hungarian DTT roadmap



The actual situation in Hungary

- From 12th October of 2004 3 transmitters are working in real-life operating conditions
- Two multiplexes are working in the Budapest area on 43 and 51 UHF channels with 1 kW ERP
- The first multiplex of Budapest is re-broadcasted at Kab-hegy on 64 UHF channel with 2.5 kW ERP
- Fix reception: 8k, 64QAM, 2/3, 1/32
- The multiplexes contain the programs of the three public broadcasters: mtv, m2 and DUNA TV
- We are now looking for public broadcasters from the west side of Europe to insert into our multiplexes

DVB-T coverage, fix reception



Coverage:
25% (population)
10% (geography)

DVB-T project last year Budapest

- Fully automatic redundant, completely new head-end for 10 TV and radio services
- Fully automatic redundant 2+1 transmitter system
Liquid cooled, 1 kW transmitters with digital adaptive corrector
- New antenna and cabling system, D antenna-system
- Remote monitoring system for the transmitters
- Automatic monitoring system (TR 101 290, TS analyses)
- Equipment for MHP applications
- Conditional Access System trial (Cryptoworks)
- STB: 2400 basic, 300 MHP, 100 CAS



Budapest site: 2+1 transmitter system; 2x 5+1 head-end system

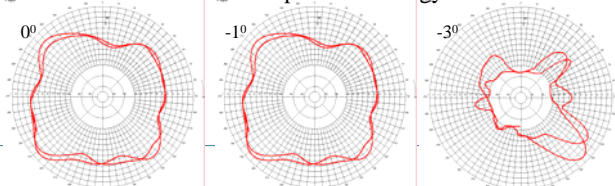


DVB-T project last year

Kabhegy

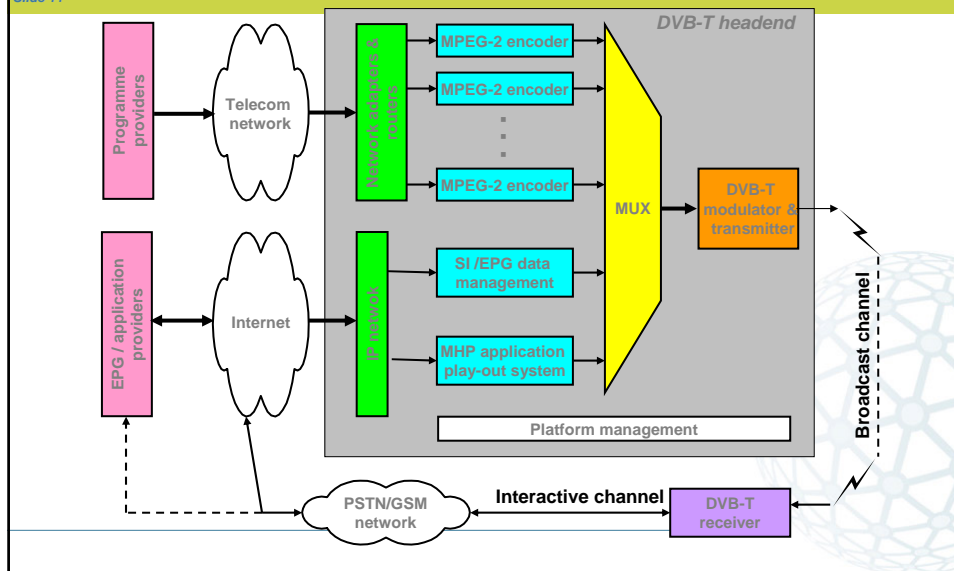
- 1+1 transmitter system
- New antenna installation on top the existing R&S antenna, OD antenna
- Remote monitoring system for the transmitters
- Automatic monitoring system (TR 101 290, TS analyses)
- Transport stream arrive from Budapest via nationwide SDH microwave network

DVB-T horizontal antenna pattern Kabhegy 2002



The complete DVB-T delivery chain

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The present

- 2x3 programs in Budapest, 1x3 programs at Kabhegy site
24/7 operation
- 3 public TV programs, the other 7 not decided yet (belongs to National Radio and Television Body)
- 25% population coverage
- EPG service for 7 days (based on MHP) under real-life operating condition
- Real-life Supertext service
- Some MHP application trials:
News Ticker, Voting, SMS/MMS wall
- Cryptoworks encryption trial

- Unified user interface on different receivers
- Design change without receiver software upgrade
- Data transmission chain created for updating the EPG content

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AH's MHP-based superteletext application – thematic page

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News title with associated image

TV picture

Scrollable news text

Navigation tools

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MHP-based News Ticker Application

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Help menu

The news items are selectable

Súgó menü :

A nyíl gombokkal lehet a szöveget a nyíllal azonos irányba mozgatni.

- = háttér következő szín
- = háttér előző szín
- = betű következő szín
- = betű előző szín
- 0 = következő téma
- 1 = előző téma

*** SPORT. Zidane harmadszor az év játékosa.

The colour of the text and the background can be changed

The position and the speed of the text can be changed

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AH's MHP-based SMS wall application

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User info

Messages

2004. ÁPRILIS 07. 09:45

ANTENNA HUNGÁRIA SMS-FAL

Téma: Az ITV előnye

Miért érdemes interaktív televíziót vásárolni?

SMS-SZÁM: 065-45-79

Az SMS díja...

Fizetések az EU-ban

Az interaktív TV előnye

Oké! Kedves K... többet akar tudni a műsorokról, a tv-ben szereplő emberekrol és témákról, könnyebben elakar igazodni a digitális műsorkínálatban. Könyvel. Ha háttérinformációra van szükségem, előveszem a rádióújságot vagy a lexikont.

Oké! Kedves K... A nyomtatott anyagok sosem lehetnek olyan frissek, mint az interaktív televíziós tartalmak! Kiváncsi, Mi abban az interaktivitás, hogy információkat tölts le a képernyőre?

TV picture

Several topics can be opened

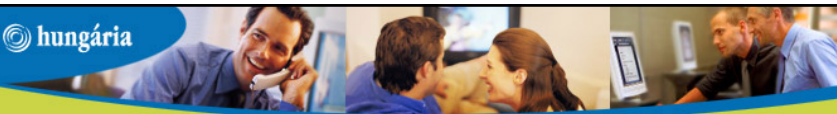
The messages can be stored and scrolled

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AH has a good chance

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- The „3 network plan” made to the existing sites of the AH
- AH has got the infrastructural background:
 - Sites, buildings
 - Energy systems, cooling systems, etc.
 - Antennas and towers
- Good professional background
 - Theoretical knowledge
 - Practical experiences



Thank you for your attention!

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