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DECT in India

- DECT World Conference
- September 29, 2022

Outline

- History of DFI India/ A quick recap
- Current Situation
- Involvement of SESEI & earlier DFI Members
- Last action points of India WG meeting
- Requirements to be successful

A Quick Recap

- DFI was founded in 2009 as a Registered Society in New Delhi
- Local DFI staff worked with the Indian regulator TRAI and DFI members
- This led to a clear recommendation from TRAI in 2012 to allocate frequencies
- TRAI Recommendation was approved by DoT in 2014
- Indian Defence Ministry stopped the allocation as they were using the DECT frequencies
- Because of lack of further interest from DF Europe, DF India stopped the advocacy 2015 onwards
- DFI is currently in dismantled state. Need to be revived.

Current DECT in India

- DECT Forum India New Working Group Members:-
  - Local: Dinesh C Sharma (SESEI), Anil Prakash & SS Motial (Former DFI), Ashish Sahay (Wirepas), Ajay Madan (Panasonic), Anshuman Dubey (Sennheiser), Rajesh Rana (Shure)
  - Remote: Roel Ottink (DECT Forum), Wolfgang Bilz (Shure), Stephan Fertig (Panasonic), Daniel Hartnett (Riedel), Jussi Numminen & Juho Pirskanen (Wirepas), Shigeo Sato (Renesas)

SESEI

- Seconded European Standardization Expert for India project
- Launched in March 2013
- Funded by CEN, CENELEC, ETSI
- Its general objective is to raise awareness on the European Standardization System, values and assets in India.
- Mission is to enhance the visibility of European standardization activities, increase the cooperation between Indian and European standardization bodies and support European companies facing standardization related issues hampering market access to India.
- As far as spectrum management and organization in India is concerned it is taken care of by Wireless Planning Wing (WPC) of Department of Telecom (DoT) under Ministry of Communication

Way forward

- Recommendation from SESEI:
  - Meeting with chairman Dinesh Chand Sharma
  - TRAI 2012 recommendations on the allocation of DECT spectrum is still valid
  - DECT Forum should gather companies interested to start DECT business in India
  - Companies should present themselves, their business and potential for their DECT products in India
  - Purpose is to show the overall ‘business case’ for DECT: the economic and societal benefits for the country to the policy makers.
  - Organize webinar with Indian policy makers and DECT companies
  - SESEI has contacts within the telecom policy makers i.e. DoT & TRAI

Action points of last WG meeting

- Received business cases inputs from few DECT companies.
- Brief DECT Business case presentation (2-3 slides) to be prepared for Indian policy makers.
- Next WG meeting tentatively on 3rd wk of October'22 (as per doodle pool) for internal review of the DECT business case.
- Mr. Dinesh C Sharma from SESEI will arrange the meeting with DoT official and DFI around 4th wk of October'22.

Requirements

- To be successful:
  - Sufficient number of DECT companies in DECT India WG
  - Local representation from India with the support of DECT Forum-Europe
  - Potentially be prepared to provide additional funding (e.g. for employing local staff or consultants)

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THANK YOU

Any Question ?

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