

# Wi-Fi 6E and 6 GHz Update

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## Introduction

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## Agenda



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## Regulatory update

Alex Roytblat

Vice President, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs

#### 6 GHz and Wi-Fi 6E Update - Outline



- Regulatory status of 6 GHz
- Regulatory conditions in 6 GHz
- Regulatory certification of 6 GHz devices





Regulatory status of 6 GHz

Policymakers are recognizing
the growing importance of Wi-Fi
to national telecom infrastructure

Administrations are opening 6 GHz for license-exempt access

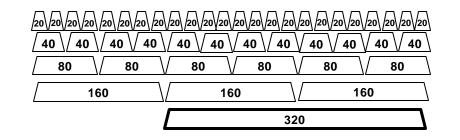
#### 6 GHz spectrum access approaches



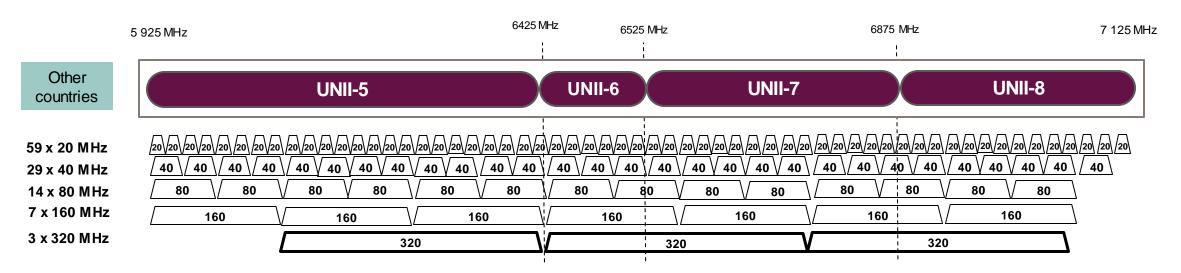


24 x 20 MHz 12 x 40 MHz 6 x 80 MHz 3 x 160 MHz 1 x 320 MHz

## 5925 - 6425



- Dynamic random spectrum access and contentionbased protocols require access to multiple channels to maintain acceptable performance
- IEEE 802.11be designed for Extremely High Throughput: channel bandwidth of up to 320 MHz





#### Administrations enabling RLANs in 6 GHz



1200 MHz vs. 500 MHz

**EMEA** 

**European Union** 

<u>Jordan</u>

Saudi Arabia

**United Arab Emirates** 

**United Kingdom** 

**Asia Pacific** 

<u>Japan</u>

South Korea

**Americas** 

**Argentina** 

Brazil

Canada

**Chile** 

Colombia

Costa Rica

Honduras

Mexico

Peru

**United States** 

Many more expected in 2021





Regulatory condition in 6 GHz

#### Regulatory framework for protecting 6 GHz incumbents



- Regulators' objective: expand utilization of 6 GHz band without disrupting incumbent services
- 6 GHz incumbents largely "harmonized" worldwide
  - Fixed satellite service (FSS) Earth-to-space uplinks
  - Point-to-point fixed service (FS) links
- Method: limit RLAN's signal energy at incumbent receivers



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#### Regulatory framework for protecting 6 GHz incumbents



- Regulators converging on regulatory framework: based on three regulatoryclassifications for 6 GHz RLAN devices:
  - 1. Very Low Power (VLP) devices: minimal signal power
  - 2. Low Power Indoor-only (LPI) devices: low-power and building structure attenuation
  - 3. Standard Power devices:
    - To protect Fixed Service: require automated frequency coordination, RLANs avoid frequency overlap with fixed service; implementation requires open access to FS licensing database
    - To protect FSS (on-orbit receivers): limit transmit power at 30 deg. elevation angle



## Technical condition for 6 GHz Very Low Power (VLP) device



	US (proposed)	Europe (adopted)	South Korea (adopted)	Brazil (adopted)
Frequency band	5.925-7.125 GHz	5.945-6.425 GHz	5.925-6.425 GHz	5.925-7.125 GHz
Channel access and occupation rules	contention-based	contention-based	contention-based	contention-based
Maximum AP e.i.r.p.	14 dBm	14 dBm	14 dBm	17 dBm
Maximum AP e.i.r.p. density	-8 dBm/MHz Industry ask: 1 dBm/MHz	1 dBm/MHz 10 dBm/MHz for narrowband	<20 MHz: 1 dBm/MHz <40 MHz: -2 dBm/MHz <80 MHz: -5 dBm/MHz <160 MHz: -8 dBm/MHz	-8 dBm/MHz
OOBE limit	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz	-45 dBm/MHz (-37 dBm/MHz in 2025) below 5935 MHz	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz



# Technical condition for 6 GHz Low Power Indoor-only (LPI) device Wifi

	US (adopted)	Europe (adopted)	South Korea (adopted)	Brazil (adopted)
Frequency band	5.925-7.125 GHz	5.945-6.425 GHz	5.925-7.125 GHz	5.925-7.125 GHz
Channel access and occupation rules	contention-based	contention-based	contention-based	contention-based
Maximum AP e.i.r.p.	30 dBm	23 dBm		30 dBm
Maximum AP e.i.r.p. density	5 dBm/MHz proposed 8 dBm/MHz	10 dBm/MHz	2 dBm/MHz	5 dBm/MHz
Maximum Client e.i.r.p.	24 dBm/MHz			24 dBm/MHz
Maximum Client e.i.r.p. density	-1 dBm/MHz			-1 dBm/MHz
OOBE limit	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz	-22 dBm/MHz below 5935 MHz	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz



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#### Technical condition for 6 GHz standard power device



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	US (adopted)	Europe	South Korea	Brazil
Frequency band	5.925-6.425 GHz 6.525-7.125 GHz	(possible site licensing by national regulators)	TBD	TBD
Channel access and occupation rules	contention-based			
Maximum AP e.i.r.p.	36 dBm			
Maximum AP e.i.r.p. density	23 dBm/MHz			
Maximum Client e.i.r.p.	30 dBm/MHz			
Maximum Client e.i.r.p. density	17 dBm/MHz			
OOBE limit	-27 dBm/MHz below 5925 MHz			
Other constraints	Under AFC control			





Regulatory certification of 6 GHz devices

#### Regulatory certification of 6 GHz devices



- US certification
  - For LPI FCC OET Knowledge Database
  - For Standard Power requires FCC approval of AFC system/operator
- European certification
  - 2020 December: approved <u>ECC/DEC/(20)01</u> "On the harmonised use of the frequency band 5945-6425 MHz for WAS/RLAN" – voluntary transposition into national law (up to 2 years)
  - 2020 March: European Commission Radio Spectrum Committee #74--positive opinion
  - 2020 Apr/May: Final EC Decision published in Official Journal of the EU (OJEU)
  - 2020 Q4: Mandatory transposition into national law (within 6 months from publication in OJEU); some countries may proceed faster
- Compliance with ETSI Harmonised Standard <u>EN 303 687</u>





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# Wi-Fi 6E update

Nick Sargologos, Senior Product Manager

## **Topics**



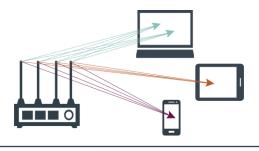
- Wi-Fi 6E status
- Market impact
- Key benefits
- Products
- Regulatory developments for 6 GHz



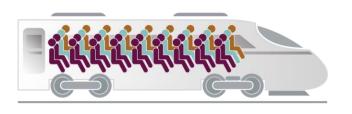
## Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6<sup>™</sup> key features



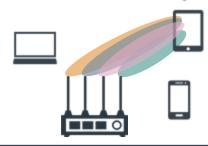
Downlink Multi-User MIMO



**OFDMA** 



Beamforming



160 MHz Channel Bandwidth

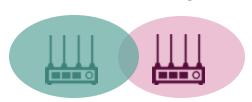


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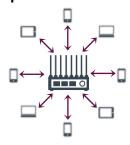
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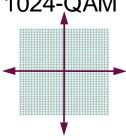
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8 Spatial Streams



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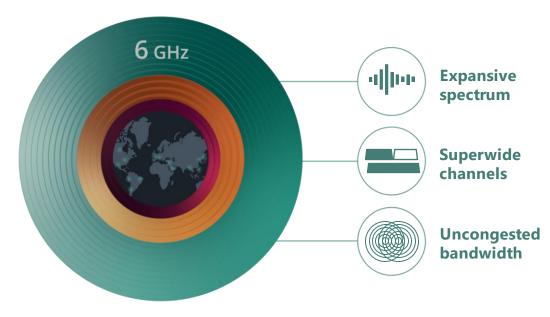


#### Wi-Fi 6E extends Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6<sup>™</sup> into 6 GHz



#### Announced January 2021

- Wi-Fi 6E devices make use of the 6 GHz band
  - Four times more capacity than the 2.5 and 5 GHz bands
  - Seven superwide 160 MHz channels for blazing speeds
  - Lowest latency since Wi-Fi devices in 6 GHz are Wi-Fi 6
- The Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6 program extends into 6 GHz band to support Wi-Fi 6E devices
  - Wi-Fi 6E is now part of Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6 certification
- Wi-Fi Alliance® certification drives worldwide interoperability of Wi-Fi 6E devices resulting in a broader ecosystem



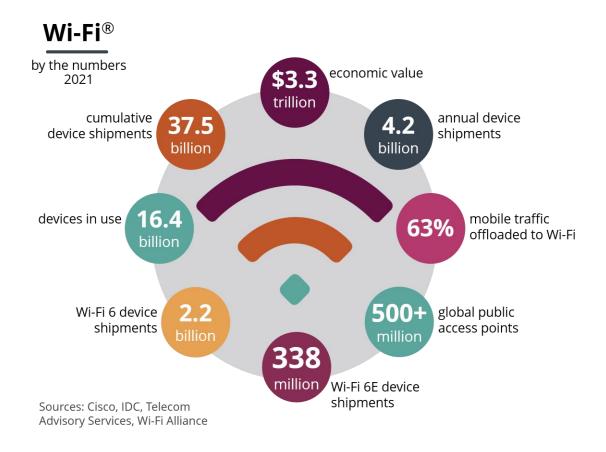
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Wi-Fi 6E video



#### Wi-Fi 6E market impact

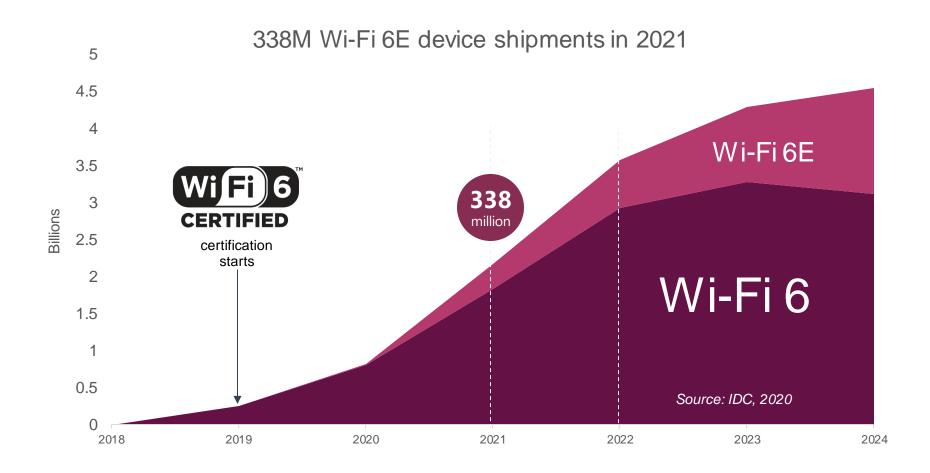






## Wi-Fi 6E market impact



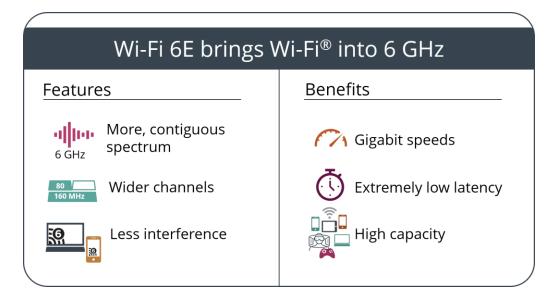




#### Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6 with Wi-Fi 6E key benefits



- Wi-Fi 6E delivers all the benefits of Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6, plus
- Provides key performance enabler for Wi-Fi 6: wider channels
- Adds 1200 MHz of spectrum, a 3X increase over combined spectrum available in 2.4 and 5 GHz bands
- Offers up to seven superwide 160 MHz channels to support demanding applications that require high throughput and low latency
- Frees Wi-Fi 6E networks from overhead and traffic from legacy devices, enabling a higher baseline performance than the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands





## Wi-Fi® capabilities by frequency band



- The key to unlocking the highest performance of Wi-Fi is *wider* channels
- The key to reducing latency is *lower* overhead

	2.4 GHz	5 GHz	6 GHz	Advantages of Wi-Fi 6 in 6 GHz
Wi-Fi standards supported in band	Wi-Fi 6 Wi-Fi 5 Wi-Fi 4 802.11g 802.11b	Wi-Fi 6 Wi-Fi 5 Wi-Fi 4 802.11a	Wi-Fi 6	<ul> <li>Vastly greater spectrum</li> <li>Reduced congestion &amp; overhead</li> <li>Lower latency</li> <li>Enables full performance of Wi-Fi 6</li> </ul>
Channel width / number available	20 MHz – 14 40 MHz – 2	20 MHz - 25 (9)* 40 MHz - 12 (4)* 80 MHz - 6 (2)* 160 MHz - 2 (0)*	20 MHz - 59 40 MHz - 29 80 MHz - 14 160 MHz - 7	<ul><li>Vastly greater number of channels</li><li>Significantly more wide channels</li></ul>
AP discovery	In band only	In band only	Both in-band and out of band	Faster AP discovery



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<sup>\*</sup> Number of channels not subject to DFS restrictions in 5 GHz

#### Wi-Fi 6E interest



- Chipsets now shipping, such as:
  - Broadcom BCM4389
  - Qualcomm Networking Pro 1210 Platform
  - Intel
  - MediaTek
- Seven of twelve Wi-Fi 6 routers announced at CES 2021 are Wi-Fi 6E, including:
  - Linksys AXE8400
  - TP-Link Archer AX206
  - Netgear Nighthawk® Tri-Band WiFi 6E Router
  - Asus ROG Rapture GT-AXE11000
- Smartphones, PCs, and laptops expected in the first quarter of 2021
  - Galaxy S21 Ultra
  - Intel vPro laptop platform
- TVs and VR products expected midyear



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#### Wi-Fi 6E spectrum overview



#### 1200 MHz of additional bandwidth

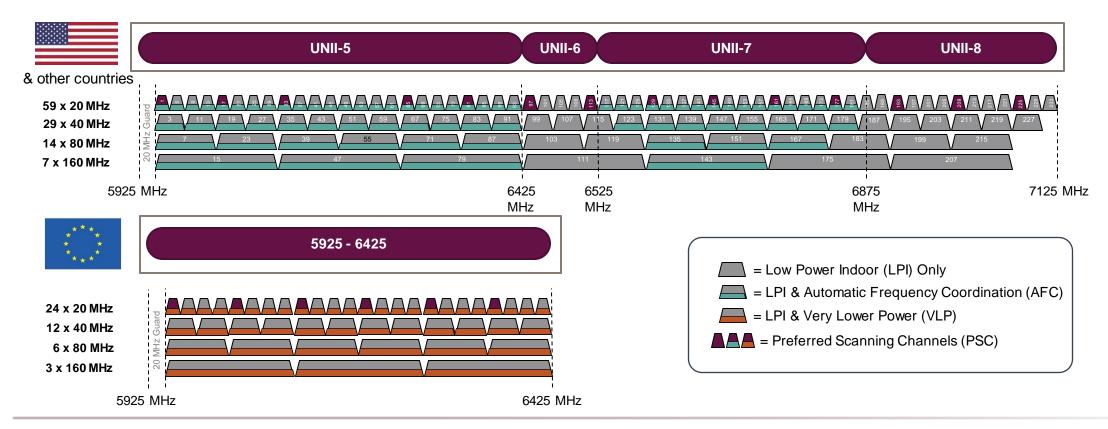
UNII-5 covering 500 MHz – up to three 160 MHz channels UNII-6 covering 100 MHz UNII-7 covering 350 MHz

UNII-8 covering 250 MHz

> up to four 160 MHz channels

#### 6 GHz advantages

- 2.4 GHz does not allow 160 MHz channels
- 5 GHz only allows two 160 MHz channels
- 6 GHz allows up to seven 160 MHz channels
  - Required to enable maximum Wi-Fi 6 data rate of 9 Gbps



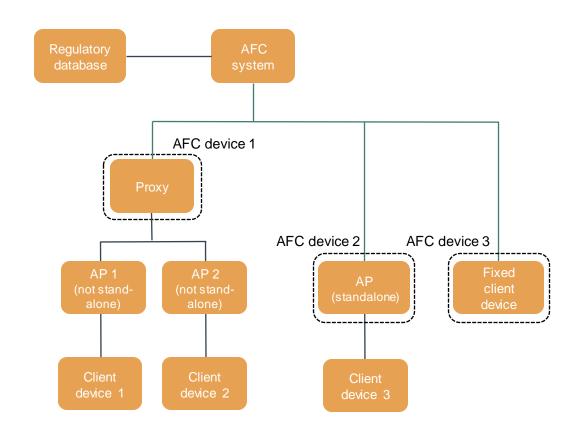


#### AFC System to AFC Device Interface specification



- March 2021: Wi-Fi Alliance published <u>AFC System to AFC Device Interface</u> <u>Specification V1.0</u>
- Describes method for standard power Wi-Fi 6E devices will communicate with AFC System

#### **AFC System Architecture**





#### Summary



- Wi-Fi 6E is a certification option in the Wi-Fi CERTIFIED 6 program
- Wi-Fi 6E devices extend Wi-Fi operation into 6 GHz
- 6 GHz unlocks the full performance of Wi-Fi 6
- Major OEMs and chip vendors are now shipping new products with Wi-Fi 6E
- Key markets have already opened, or plan to open, Wi-Fi access to 6 GHz
- Wi-Fi Alliance certification will help secure device quality in the 6 GHz band





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## Wi-Fi 6E trial report

Tiago Rodrigues CEO, Wireless Broadband Alliance





# "Seamless and interoperable services experience on Wi-Fi within the global wireless ecosystem"

Seamless, Secure and Interoperable Wi-Fi

Accelerate Next Generation
Wi-Fi Networks

Convergence of Wi-Fi
& Cellular Networks

in 2003

120+ MEMBERSHIP
COMMUNITY

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

2 ANNUAL **EVENTS** 

PROMOTION AND GO-TO-MARKET

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & MARKET RESEARCH















#### 12 Years of collaboration in multiple areas - technical, marketing, events and media





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#### WORK GROUPS & PROJECTS ROADMAP 2021



**Testing & Interoperability** Roaming 5G loT NextGen Work Group Work Group Work Group Work Group Work Group 5G & Wi-Fi Convergence in Wi-Fi 6/6E **Wi-Fi 6/6E Roaming Evolution Captive Portal Private 5G Networks** for Industrial IoT PKI RadSec Onboarding Evolution Trials **Wi-Fi IMSI Privacy** In-Home **Rural Wi-Fi In-Flight Connectivity Protection** Multi-AP Solutions **Profiles & RCOIs** AR & VR **Wi-Fi Sensing** Wi-Fi Devices Identification **Prioritization Deployment Guidelines** Requirements **Trackside Connectivity OpenRoaming** & Spectrum for Private LTE/5G **WBA** OpenRoaming™ **Policy & Regulatory Affairs** Market **WBA Certification** Task Group Work Group Work Group Task Group

More Information regarding WBA projects (https://wballiance.com/what-we-do)

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### BENEFITS OF THE TRIALS PROGRAM



- 1. Show readiness and create confidence to accelerate adoption
- 2. Address business and services requirements
- 3. Expose benefits to decision makers
- 4. Collaborative effort with multiple players



5. Neutral environment to share learnings and address end-to-end challenges

+70 Organizations Involved in 2020-2021 Trials

**75%** Carriers, Enterprises, Cities and Government Agencies

25% Technology Providers & Vendors



# The Wi-Fi 6 & 6E Program was setup to educate and raise confidence for industry adoption

#### Phase 1 – Blueprints & Guidelines

- I. Enhanced Wi-Fi 6 Overview, Use Cases, Features, 5G Context
- II. Wi-Fi 6 Deployment Guidelines & Scenarios



# Phase 2 – Real world end-to-end testing

Deployment Scenarios
Enterprise - Industrial 4.0
Transportation hub
Residential/MDU
Smart Cities/Rural
Transportation hub
Public Venues
University Campus
Stadium
Entertainment
Public Wi-Fi

Use Cases
High-density connectivity / latency
Improved roaming behavior
Multi stream live video monitoring (facilities / campus)
Real time energy monitoring
IoT sensor networks
Ultra-reliable low latency communications / critical sensors
Augmented reality for trouble shooting
Gaming / Health devices > improved latency for key target
Virtual classroom/venue - UHD video intercampus

### Wi-Fi 6 AND Wi-Fi 6E GLOBAL TRIALS PROGRAM





+20 Trials across the globe on Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 6E

Join the trials to accelerate Wi-Fi 6 & Wi-Fi 6E adoption

Not exhaustive list

#### **Coordinated trials execution with reporting across use cases**

#### **Entertainment (Stadia)**





**Transportation** 











Industrial

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Smart Villages/ Last mile



**Smart Cities (Outdoor)** 









# Wi-Fi 6/6E Trial, focused on the Industry Manufacturing vertical with Mettis Aerospace

This project enabled the use of augmented reality, real-time monitoring, and other applications in an enterprise network environment designed to digitize Mettis' Aerospace production line.

#### Phase 1 – Completed

- · Scoping, survey, installation and testing
- Sustained throughput and reliability test
- Surpassed environment conditions (e.g. fume)
- Mixed 802.11 standard test (Wi-Fi 5 vs Wi-Fi 6)
- Real life production testing
- Network ready for operation addressing use cases

#### Phase 2 – In progress

- Testing of Wi-Fi 6E (6Ghz spectrum)
- Augmented reality testing

- Temporary licensed granted by Ofcom
- Wi-Fi 6 IoT sensor Target Wake Time test

# SAMSUNG intel. Smartphones Laptops







Redditch, Midlands UK





# Wi-Fi 6E & OpenRoaming focusing on global adoption and local economic growth

This project enables regulator to experience added benefits of new generation of Wi-Fi 6E, as well as the adoption on new policies for security and onboarding, improving user experience with OpenRoaming

#### Phase 1 – In Progress

- Testing of Wi-Fi 6E (6Ghz spectrum)
- Using readily available equipment

- Starting on CITC premises with a lab enablement
- Evolving to a live venue

#### Phase 2 – June 2021

- Including pre-commercial and commercial equipment
- Advancing policy-making processes

- Enabling OpenRoaming across footprint
- · Partnering with local entities

# SAMSUNG intel. Smartphones Laptops







CITC & Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



# Wi-Fi 6 E & OpenRoaming deployment in Major International Airport

This project focus on the use of Wi-Fi 6. Wi-Fi 6E and OpenRoaming, combining technologies and services, enabling the evolution to a new paradigm of user experience in dense environments

#### Phase 1 – In Progress

- Scoping, Survey, Installation and Testing
- Real life production network
- OpenRoaming fully supported across footprint
- Partnership with local and international players

#### Phase 2 - June 2021

- Testing of Wi-Fi 6E (6Ghz spectrum)
- IoT, AR/VR, Augmented reality testing



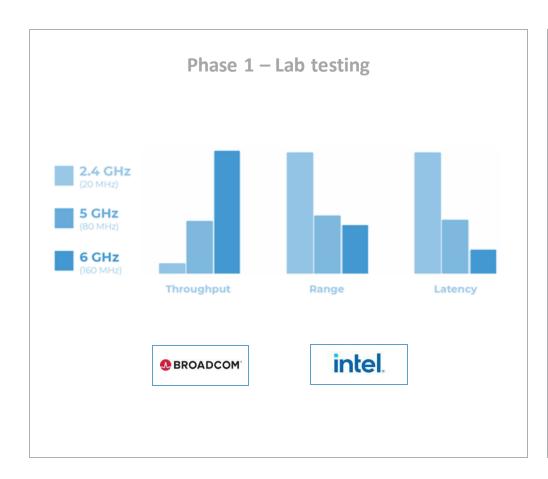


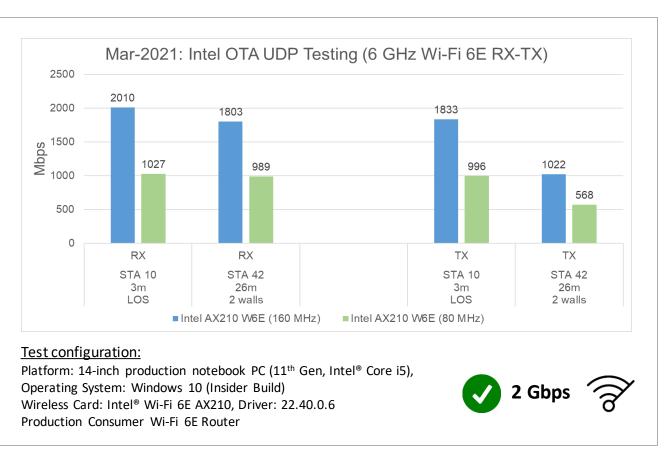


# Wi-Fi 6E TESTING FINDINGS



Wi-Fi 6 expansion to be able to use up additional 1200 MHz of spectrum enables reliable access to 160 MHz channels, makes high throughput and low latency easily achievable enabling applications such as AR/VR





Intel® preliminary internal test results. Actual results may vary based on specific hardware selection & testing environment





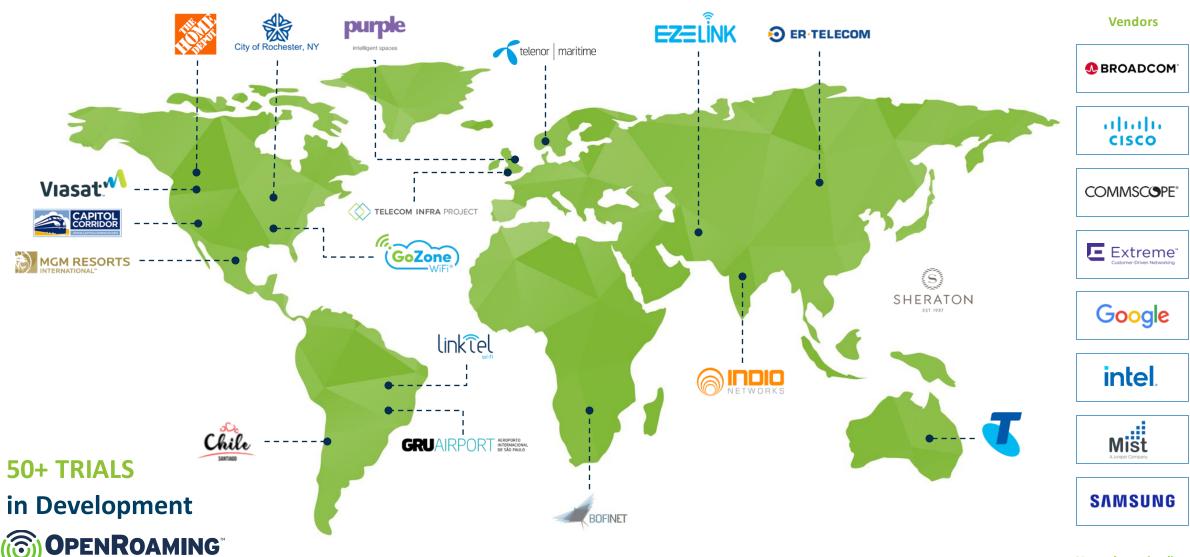
- WBA OpenRoaming<sup>™</sup> is a Cloud Roaming Federation service enabling an automatic and secure Wi-Fi experience globally
- An industry standard framework for all organizations in the ecosystem to power new opportunities in the Wi-Fi 6 & 5G era



WBA OpenRoaming™ Dimensions	WBA OpenRoaming™ Components
Cybersecurity Service	<ul> <li>Manages secure public keying infrastructure (PKI) for certificates policy, management and broker services</li> <li>Supports dynamic &amp; static interconnection technologies</li> </ul>
Cloud Federation	<ul> <li>Operates centralized federation policies and global identifiers for Wi-Fi networks &amp; identity providers</li> <li>WBA unique Wi-Fi network identifier (WBAID) for federation partners</li> <li>Wireless Roaming Intermediary eXchange (WRIX) standard enables roaming services harmonization and multiple business models</li> </ul>
Network Automation	<ul> <li>Manages automated roaming consortium codes and policy provisioning mechanisms</li> <li>Utilizes Passpoint® technology</li> </ul>

# OPENROAMING – GLOBAL TRIALS STATUS OVERVIEW

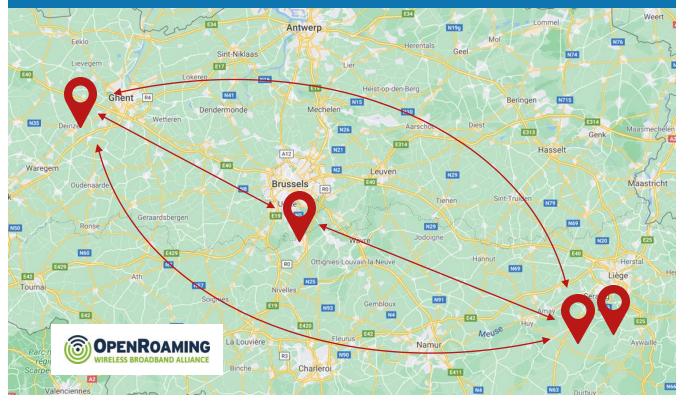




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# Provide Seamless and secure roaming across different municipalities, with fast and reliable authentication



- 4 Belgium municipalities with different mix of vendors OEMs, IT integrators, roaming hubs and end-user devices
- 2. User onboarding simple and easy:
  - Off the shelf profiles available, from Samsung and Google
  - Onboarding portal possibility for local credentials
- 3. Guarantee interoperability and roaming between the cities using the same credential
- System stability, legal framework and interoperability with any other Wi-Fi network

# OPENROAMING FOR WIFI4EU MUNICIPALITIES – TRIAL ARCHITECTURE



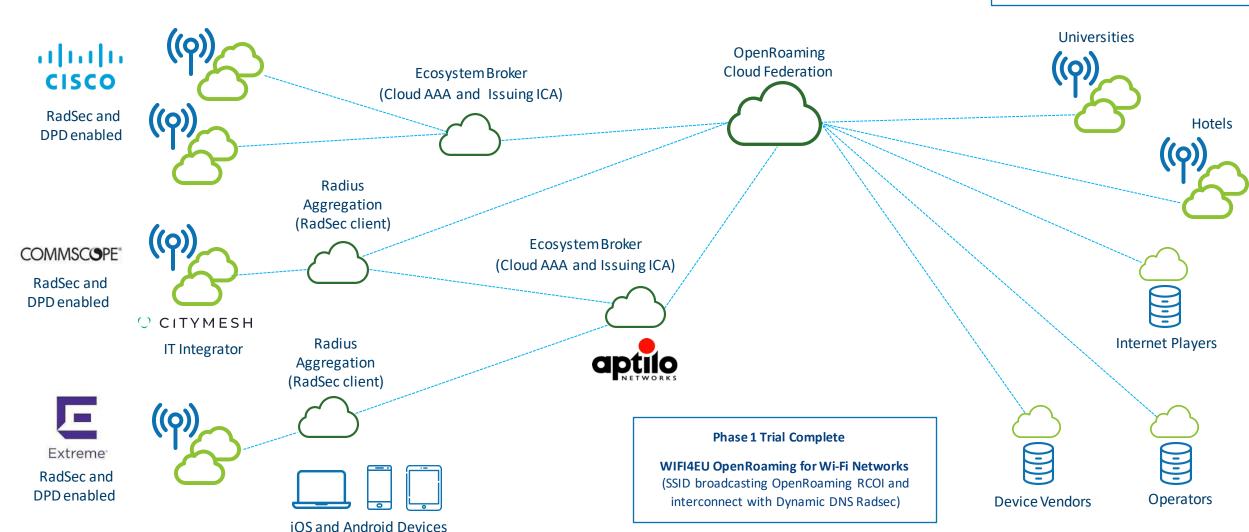


OpenRoaming Connector Dynamic DNS (DPD) Radsec Certificate

#### **European Municipalities**

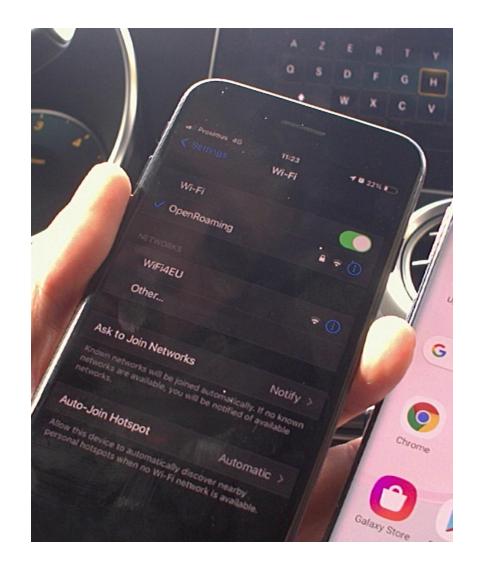
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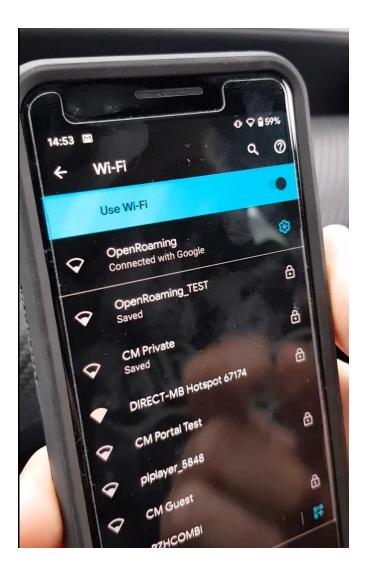
WIFI4EU Municipalities: Tervuren, Beveren, ChaudeFontaine and Olne



# OPENROAMING FOR WIFI4EU MUNICIPALITIES LIVE









Chaudfontaine, Belgium



Beveren, Belgium







# Wi-Fi 6 AND Wi-Fi 6E PROGRAM



**GET INVOLVED IN OUR TRIALS PROGRAM** 

**THANK YOU** 

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Thank you for attending!