



FREQUENTIS-led BroadPort consortium selected for final phase of pan-European critical broadband communication project “BroadWay”

- **Major progress for innovative BroadWay project for European mission-critical broadband solutions and cross-border interoperability**
- **Final Phase 3 scheduled to start beginning of October 2021 until the end of September 2022 – two consortia left**
- **Focus on piloting the Europe-wide interoperable mobile broadband communication network for police, rescue, firefighters, and other blue-light organisations**

“Speaking on behalf of the BroadPort consortium, we are very proud and honoured to be elected for the third and final phase of the project, which is the Pilot Phase”, explains Charlotte Rösener, New Business Development and Programme Manager at Frequentis and founder of the Frequentis consortium. “As innovative European Pre-Commercial Procurement project, BroadWay aims to enhance cross-border cooperation between first responders and public safety organisations. The outcomes will be available for immediate use at European and national levels.”

The Horizon 2020 BroadWay project aims to establish a Europe-wide interoperable mobile broadband communication network for police, rescue, firefighters, and other blue-light organisations, allowing them to communicate at any time, regardless of their geographical location. This helps to enable closer collaboration and save lives when disasters hit.

In early April 2021, the BroadPort consortium demonstrated the [jointly developed prototype](#), live in front of various EU representatives. The prototype is based on an implementation of the telecommunication industry standards and an optimised orchestration for the Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) national networks. It includes new ways for public safety responders to access and share information from anywhere, with assured confidence in the security, availability, and continuity of their services. Now in the Pilot Phase, members of 75 practitioner organisations, from more than 20 different European countries, will exercise trials based on seven reference use cases.

The General Secretariat of the European Council also emphasised the importance of secure operational and EU interoperable communication for law enforcement agencies and other security practitioners to be able to properly protect and respond in case of cross-border cooperation for public spaces and major events. The BroadWay project fits perfectly within this context.



The Frequentis consortium of BroadWay Phase three consists of the following partners: Crosscall, ETELM, Halys, Municipality of Málaga, Nemergent Solutions SL, and Universidad de Málaga. The subcontractors are: Arico Technologies, Control Center Apps GmbH, Comfone, Eutelsat SA, Lyfo, PrioCom B.V., Telefónica I+D, T-Mobile Netherlands B.V., and Virtual Fort Knox AG.

The BroadWay Group of Procurers includes 11 ministries or their delegated agencies responsible for providing public safety communication capabilities in their country. They currently provide mobile communication services to 1.4 million first responders across Europe. The countries involved in the BroadWay Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) include Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Ireland, The Netherlands, Romania, and Spain.

Find more information at: <https://www.broadway-info.eu/>

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About FREQUENTIS

Frequentis, headquartered in Vienna, is a global supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. Such 'control centre solutions' are developed and marketed by Frequentis in the business sectors Air Traffic Management (civil and military air traffic control, air defence) and Public Safety & Transport (police, fire brigade, ambulance services, shipping, railways). As a global player, Frequentis operates a worldwide network of branches, subsidiaries, and local representatives in more than 50 countries. Products and solutions from Frequentis can be found in over 40,000 operator working positions and in approximately 150 countries.

Founded in 1947, Frequentis considers itself to be the global market leader in voice communication systems for air traffic control with a market share of around 30%. In addition, the Frequentis Group's AIM (aeronautical information management) and AMHS (aeronautical message handling) systems, as well as GSM-R dispatcher working positions for Public Transport are industry leading solutions.

The shares of Frequentis AG are traded on the Vienna and Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol FQT (ISIN: ATFREQUENT09). In 2020, the Frequentis Group generated revenues of EUR 299.4 million and EBIT of EUR 26.8 million. Following the transaction with L3Harris, the number of employees is around 2,100.

For more information, please visit www.frequentis.com



About Arico Technologies

Arico Technologies provides consultancy, training and project management services for the professional mobile radio industry. With its expertise in testing and certification, Arico Technologies is the independent subcontractor in the BroadWay project, responsible for the Technical Validation, Practitioner Evaluation and Acceptance support.
<http://www.arico-tech.eu>

About Comfone

Comfone is a privately owned company with headquarters located in Bern, Switzerland and a number of regional offices following the sun. The company's mission is to provide borderless and easy communications to all people and all things.

Comfone supplies a complete portfolio of services and solutions for various customer's types such as MNOs, MVNOs, IoT/M2M solution providers and a wide range of service providers. This encompasses IPX Services, Data and Financial Clearing, Roaming Management (Key2roam Hub), Data Management and M2M End2End Monetisation Services.

About Control Center Apps GmbH

Control Center Apps GmbH (CCA) is a provider of mobile solutions and cloud-based services for mission critical applications in the domains of Public Transport, Public Safety and Industry.

About Crosscall

CROSSCALL, creator of the outdoor mobile technology market, offers waterproof, durable and highly autonomous mobiles and smartphones. Cyril Vidal created Crosscall in 2009 to answer his specific needs as no existing mobiles met his expectations. The brand designs models perfectly adapted to the hostile and unpredictable environments encountered by athletes and professionals in the field (water, rain, humidity, dust, shocks...); as well as a range of high-performance accessories. With more than three million units sold, a turnover of 81 million euros and more than 20,000 points of sale, the French company, based in Aix-en-Provence, is currently pursuing its international evolution moving its mobiles upmarket, increasingly recognised for their quality and originality across borders.

About ETELM

ETELM is a French SME with a core expertise and a solid experience in Mission and Business Critical Radio. ETELM has been designing, developing and manufacturing radio infrastructure for private fixed and tactical networks (PMR, TETRA and lately Mission Critical LTE) for more than 40 years. As a developer and manufacturer, ETELM invests continuously in the R&D activities and has the flexibility to provide tailored solutions in full conformity with the ETSI/3GPP standards.

Within the framework of the BroadWay project, ETELM provides the BroadPort consortium with its Radio Access Infrastructure and Tactical Mission Critical Radio solution for quick and easy deployment in the field as well as its innovative, fully unified 4G/5G platform for a smooth transition from narrowband to broadband communications and seamless services across technologies.

About Eutelsat SA

Eutelsat SA is the third largest Geostationary satellite fleet operator in the world with global coverage. The Eutelsat Konnect service will provide the European wide satellite broadband connectivity.

About Halys

Halys is a French high technology company with 17 years of experience, which provides innovative LTE/4G/5G network solutions all around the world. Into BroadPort, Halys brings its broad expertise in carrier operations and inter-operators roaming and interworking. Halys will take care of the core 4G/5G elements of this project including its hubbing part for the relationship (roaming and interworking) between the partner countries (at mobile signalling and data) and the communications with the radio network.

About Lyfo (Formerly Triple-9)

Lyfo revolutionizes Mobile connectivity in poor or no coverage scenarios by switching between Mobile NextGen Networks in seconds, guaranteeing "Always Connected"!

The missing link between First Responders and Mobile Network Operators is their patent pending Lyfo.net Network Selection Technology. Keeping you connected is Lyfo's mission! www.lyfo.com



About Municipality of Málaga

Malaga City Council, through its Local Police, is facilitating a 4G/5G deployment in the city centre within the framework of ICT-17 5GENESIS. The Local Police will provide users for demonstrations and their own DMR communications network for integration.

About Nemergent Solutions SL

Nemergent Solutions SL drives innovation, provides design for MC Services, monitors the requirements, standardization status and alignment of the proposed system with the tender objectives; responsible for the overall technical analysis and solution (architecture, protocols, integration, management, communication, way forward) to cope with cross-agency and cross-border seamless PPDR operations and communications, technical leadership and required MCS SW modules.

About PrioCom B.V.

PrioCom B.V. is the only Secure Mobile Virtual Network Operator (S-MVNO) for business and mission-critical communication which offers MCX services (MCPTT) all around Europe based on 4G and 5G coverage. The PrioCom solution is operating on T-Mobile networks for MC services with high accessibility and reliability.

About Telefónica I+D

Telefónica I+D is the research and development company of Telefónica Group. Its mission is to contribute to the Telefónica Group's competitiveness and modernity through technological innovation. Telefónica I+D one of the main partners of the 5GENESIS Platform, providing coverage, edge infrastructure and MOCN split among others, having in Malaga both commercial and R&D networks.

About T-Mobile Netherlands B.V.

T-Mobile Netherlands B.V. is a multinational telecommunication operator that operates in several EU Member states offering an extensive portfolio of mobile network services for consumers and business customers. Together with PrioCom they set a guest network for seamless and secure roaming scenarios.

About Universidad de Málaga (UMA)

Universidad de Málaga is one of the main partners of Malaga Platform in the context of ICT-17 5GENESIS providing a fully controlled 4G/5G deployment in the campus and integration with Telefonica. Facilitates the Platform and executes many EU founded Telecommunication (Specially LTE/5G) research projects.

About Virtual Fort Knox AG

Virtual Fort Knox AG is an independent subcontractor and responsible for security assurance with focus on Objective 3. Virtual Fort Knox is a spinoff by Fraunhofer Gesellschaft. VFK provides products which securely and easily interconnect software systems – “the software network” – to enable and further digitization and Industry 4.0 activities in the manufacturing industry. The delivery of digitization software networks requires leading expertise in automation functionalities and data security.