

**Question for written answer E-001811/2023**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 – EU position

The Council has been preparing its position ahead of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23), which will take place in Dubai from 20 November to 15 December 2023.

Wide-ranging decisions on the future of radio spectrum will be taken at the conference, including on the 6 425–7 125 MHz band ('upper 6 GHz band') and its potential designation as an International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) bandwidth.

These decisions will have a significant impact on people and businesses in Europe and will directly affect the ability to meet the gigabit connectivity targets set out in the digital decade policy programme.

- 1) Does the Council intend to ensure that incumbents' services and applications in the upper 6 GHz band are protected, without additional constraints being placed on them?
- 2) Against the backdrop of the possible IMT designation, does it intend to promote a technology-neutral approach, together with its geopolitical allies, and ensure that the EU does not lose the flexibility to decide on the best use of the band after WRC-23?

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