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**UHF RFID in Europe**  
**Where Will Be Our Space In The Frequency Spectrum?**

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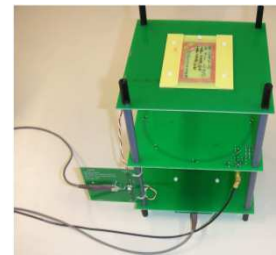
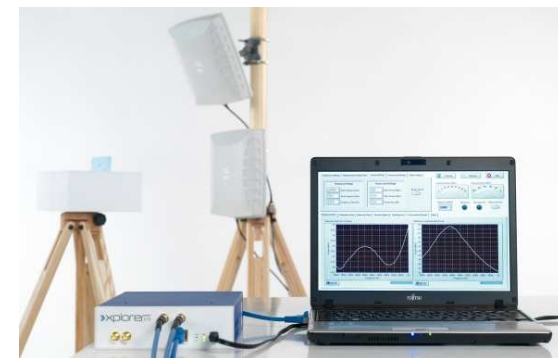
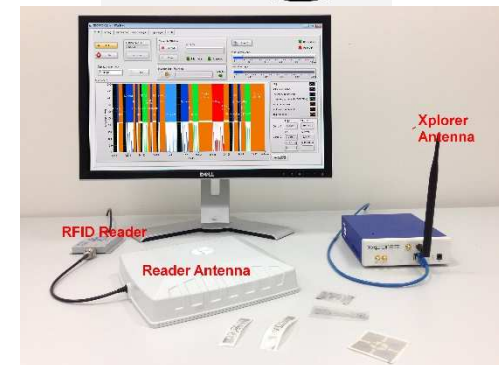
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- Team of **RFID/NFC professionals** with long-term, international reputation
- **Performance improver** of RFID/NFC products and systems through our solutions
- **Measurement tool provider** for RFID and NFC conformance, performance and interoperability tests
- **Standardization leader** in RFID



# Roles in RFID Industry

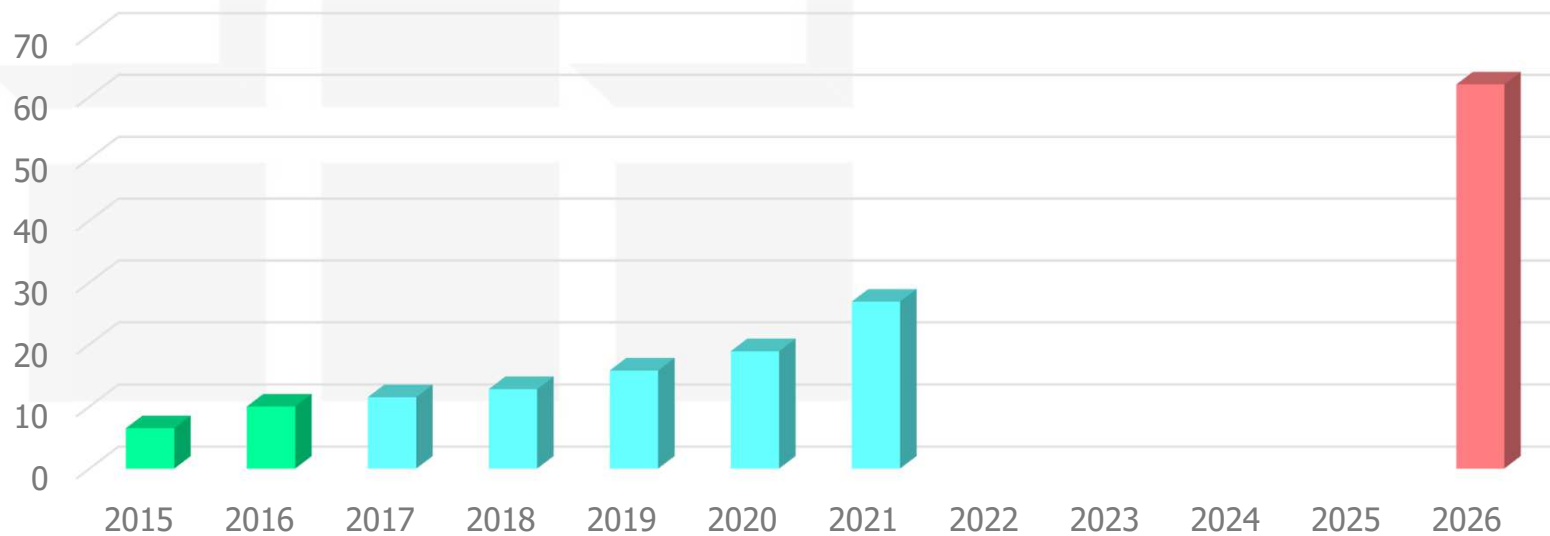
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# UHF RFID Tag (IC) Volume



## Tag (IC) shipped (Billions)



Sources: RAIN RFID, IdTechEx

# European RFID Radio regulations

## CEPT REC 70-03

### ETSI EN 300 330

LF (<135 kHz)  
HF (13.56 MHz)

### EN 302 208

UHF (865-868 MHz)  
UHF (915-921 MHz)

### EN 300 440

UHF (1-6 GHz)

### EN 300 220

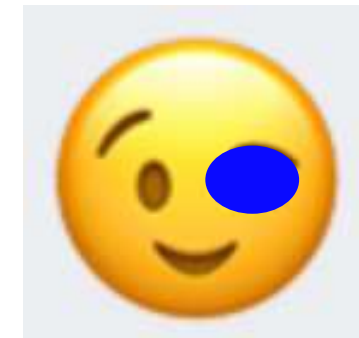
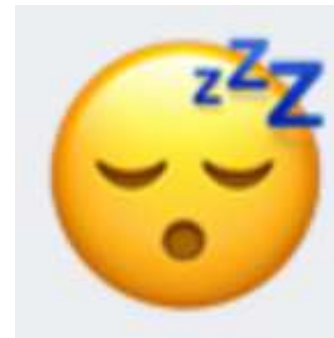
UHF (400-1000 MHz)

# RED (Radio Equipment Directive)

- Key date **13 June 2017**

- LF, HF      EN 300 330

- UHF          EN 302 208



# 865-868 MHz band 4 channel-plan, since 2008-04

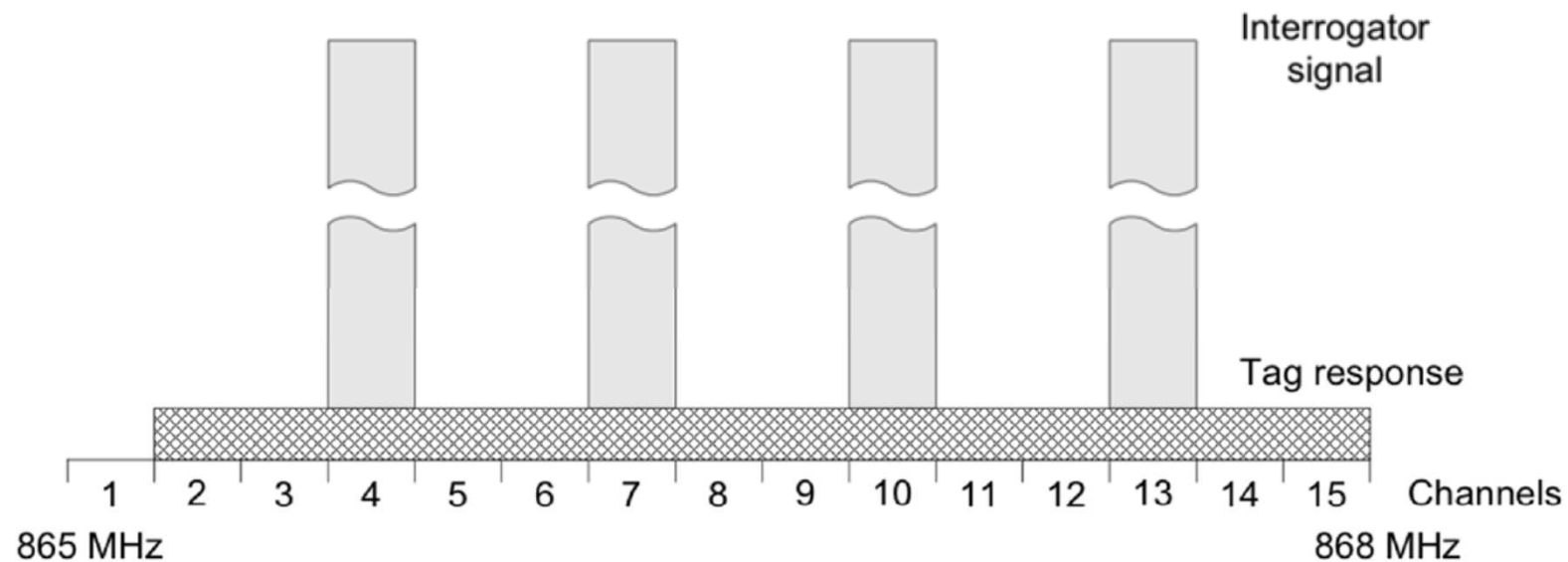


Figure 1: Channel plan for lower band

Source: ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1



# 915-928 MHz band 4 channel-plan, since 2015-02

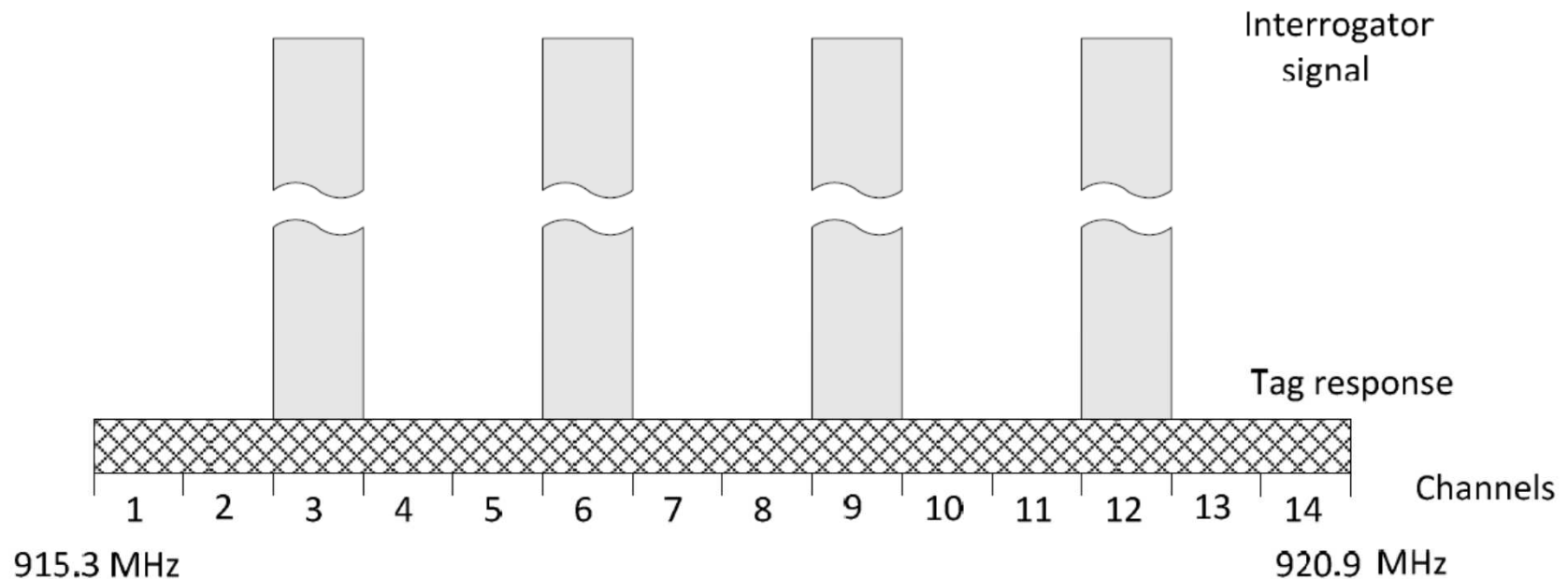


Figure 2: Channel plan for upper band

Source: ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1

## UHF RFID Bands

- 865 – 868 MHz
  - 4 transmit channels
  - 200 kHz transmit channels
  - 600 kHz channel spacing for tag responses
  - 2 Werp
  - 100 ms pause every 4 sec
- 915 – 921 MHz
  - 4 transmit channels
  - 400 kHz transmit channels
  - 1200 kHz channel spacing for tag
  - 4 Werp
  - 100 ms pause every 4 sec

Fits for  
GLOBAL tags

Doubled speed

40% more range  
Better reading  
through objects

# Global UHF RFID bands

860 MHz

Europe 865-868	India 865-868
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USA FCC 902-928	Brazil 902-928 (\ 907.5-915)	Chile, ARG, .. 902-928
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Europe 915-921						Korea 917-921	Japan 916-924
AUS 920-926	China 920-925	Thailand 920-925	Taiwan 922-928				

930 MHz

Source: [http://www.gs1.org/docs/epc/uhf\\_regulations.pdf](http://www.gs1.org/docs/epc/uhf_regulations.pdf)

# Adoption of 915-921 MHz 46 CEPT countries



Source: CEPT REC 70-03  
Status of 3 February 2017

# 915 – 921 MHz band

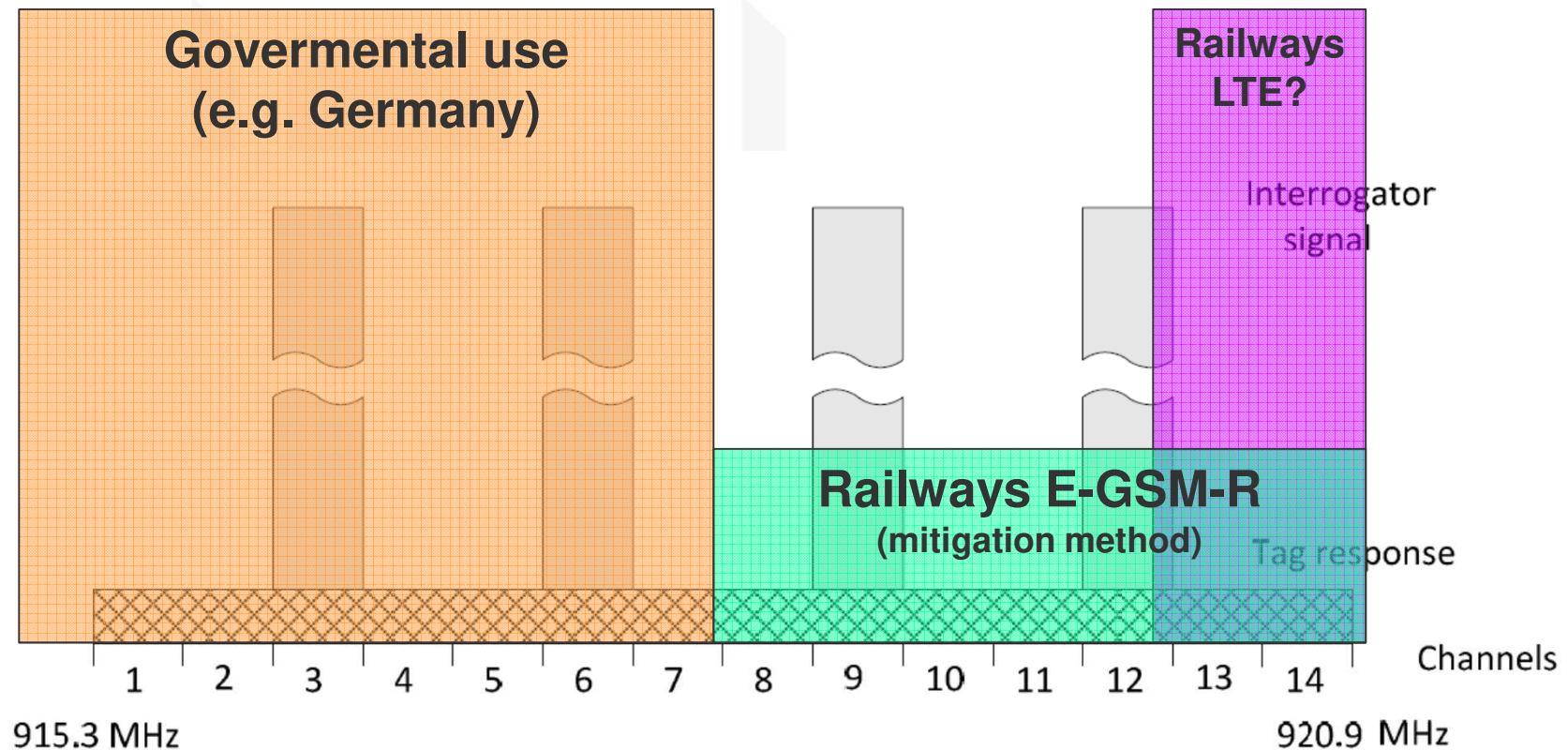
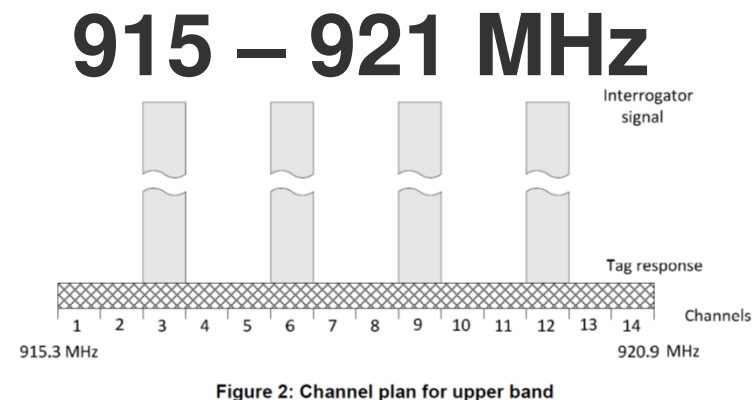
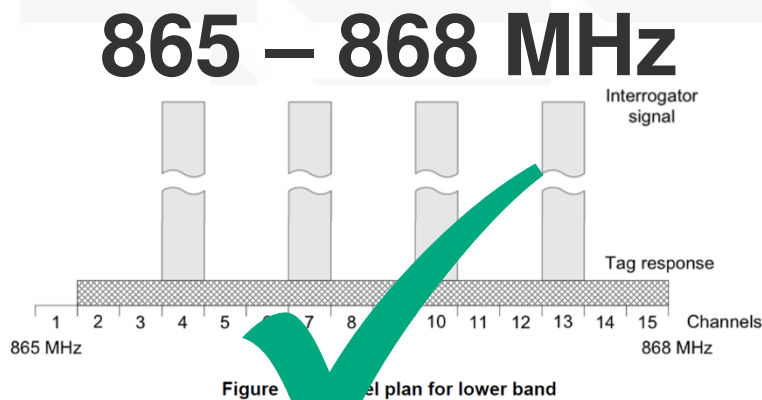


Figure 2: Channel plan for upper band

# The two UHF RFID bands

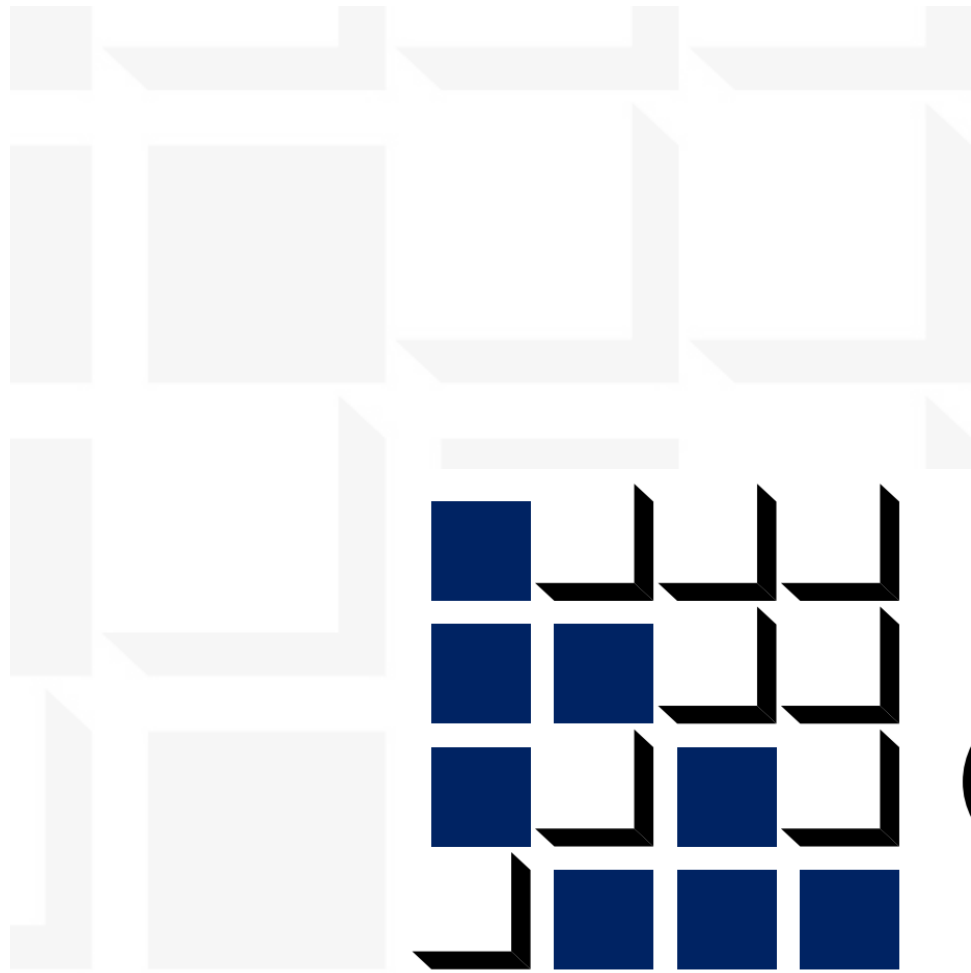


- Major efforts from 2003 - 2011
- Everyone is using it
- Many want to do other things
- Band is available (CEPT, ETSI)
- Everyone wants it as it fits to the global 900 – 930 MHz band
- Too less countries adopted it
- Lots of new ideas
  - Railways
  - LTE
  - IoT active technologies

# There are things to be done

- RFID is very relevant
  - ▣ 10B tags in 2016
  - ▣ Accumulated 100B tags until 2020
- Continue to work on co-existence
  - ▣ As successfully as with the SRDs in last 15+ years
- RFID needs a part in RF spectrum
- Global RFID is happening between 900-930 MHz

**→ Europe would benefit a lot from  
a fully available 915-921 MHz band**



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