

FÓGRA RÚIN AN PRÓISEAS IARRATAIS MEAR A GHAIRM CHUN CONRADH CRAOLACHÁIN FUAIME A BHRONNADH



I gcomhréir le halt 67(3) den Acht Craolacháin, 2009 ("An tAcht 2009"), fógraíonn an Coiste um Dheonú Conarthaí de chuid Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann (BAI) leis seo a rún chun an próiseas iarratais mear a ghairm chun conradh craolacháin fuaimne a bhronnadh ar an mbanda FM chun an tseirbhís seo a leanas a sholáthar:

An Mhumhain

- Cathair agus Contae Phort Láirge:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag South East Broadcasting Company Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar WLR FM, le dul in éag ar an 7 Meán Fómhair 2023.
- Contae an Chláir:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Clare Community Radio Holdings Plc faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Clare FM, le dul in éag ar an 9 Meán Fómhair 2023.
- Contae Thiobraid Árann:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag County Tipperary Radio Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Tipp FM, le dul in éag ar an 19 Samhain 2023.
- Cathair agus Contae Chorcaí:** Seirbhís raidió áitiúil, cheolbhunaithe
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Siteridge Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Red FM, le dul in éag ar an 15 Eanáir 2024.

Connachta-Ulaidh

- Contae Mhaigh Eo:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag County Mayo Radio Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Midwest Radio, le dul in éag ar an 23 Iúil 2023.
- Cathair agus Contae na Gaillimhe:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Western Community Broadcasting Services Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Galway Bay FM, le dul in éag ar an 17 Lúnasa 2023.
- Contaetha an Chabháin, Mhuineacháin, an Longfoirt, Ros Comáin agus Liatroim Theas:** dhá sheirbhís le feidhmiú faoi chonradh aonair, mar seo a leanas:
 - Contae an Chabháin agus Contae Mhuineacháin: Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
 - Contae an Longfoirt, Contae Ros Comáin agus Liatroim Theas Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúilTá an Conradh, atá ag Midland Radio Group Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar Shannonside/Northern Sound, le dul in éag ar an 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2023.

Laighin, seachas Cathair agus Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath

- Contae Lú agus Contae na Mí:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Independent Broadcasting Corporation Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar LMFM, le dul in éag ar an 27 Lúnasa 2023.
- Contae Loch Garman:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag S.E.R.B. Radio Limited* faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar South East Radio, le dul in éag ar an 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2023.
- Contae Chill Mhantáin:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag East Coast Radio Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar East Coast FM, le dul in éag ar an 25 Deireadh Fómhair 2023.
- Contae Chill Dara:** Seirbhís raidió leathanfhoráide, áitiúil
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Country Kildare FM Radio Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar KFM, le dul in éag ar an 16 Eanáir 2024.

Cathair agus Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath

- Cathair agus Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath:** Seirbhís cheolbhunaithe (1): Sprioc-lucht Éisteachta daoine 15-34 bliain d'aois
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Capital Radio Productions Limited faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar FM104, le dul in éag ar an 30 Deireadh Fómhair 2023.
- Cathair agus Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath:** Seirbhís cheolbhunaithe (2): Sprioc-lucht Éisteachta daoine 25-44 bliain d'aois
Tá an Conradh, atá ag Bauer Media Audio Ireland Ltd* faoi láthair atá ag craoladh mar 98FM, le dul in éag ar an 31 Deireadh Fómhair 2023.

Tá fáilte roimh pháirtithe foirm Léirithe Intinne a chur isteach chuig BAI má tá spéis leo iarratas a chur isteach maidir le conradh craolacháin fuaimne d'aon cheann de na seirbhísí luaithe thuas. Léiríonn ráitis mar sin don BAI an bhfuil spéis le páirtithe iarratas iomaíoch a dhéanamh maidir le conarthaí craolacháin fuaimne. Ní hionann foirm Léirithe Intinne agus iarratas ar chonradh craolacháin fuaimne.

D'ullmhaigh an BAI Treoir ar Léirithe Intinne chun iarratas a chur isteach do Chonradh Craolacháin Fuaimne agus Foirm um Léirithe Spéise do gach aon chonradh craolacháin fuaimne do na seirbhísí thuas. Tá na treoracha agus na foirmeacha ar fáil ó www.bai.ie nó ach iad a iarraidh ó licensing@bai.ie nó (01) 6441 200. Ní mór do pháirtithe leasmhara Foirm um Léirithe Spéise a chomhlánú go hiomlán i gcomhréir leis an bhformáid atá leagtha amach sa treoir ábhartha.

Ní mór éarlais €20,000 a chur isteach le gach Foirm um Léirithe Spéise. Tá an éarlais in-aisíoctha sa chás go leanann an páirtí ar aghaidh chun iarratas a chur isteach don chonradh craolacháin fuaimne mar fhreagairt ar chuireadh chun iarratas mar sin faoi alt 65(8) den Acht 2009.

Ní mór Foirmeacha Léirithe Intinne comhlánaithe a chur isteach faoi 12 meán lae 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2022 chuig licensing@bai.ie nó tríd an bpost nó de láimh chuig: Jill Caulfield, Deonú Conarthaí, Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann, 2-5 Plás Warrington, Baile Átha Cliath D02 XP29.

Ní mór éarlais atá leis na hiarratais a dhéanamh faoin dáta deireanach céanna. Is féidir teacht ar na sonraí iomlána maidir leis an ngnás aighneachta sna treoracha.

Ceisteanna chuig: Jill Caulfield, licensing@bai.ie nó (01) 6441 200.

***Ceartúchán:** Maidir leis an bhfógra poiblí a d'iarr léirithe intinne ar an 30 Meitheamh 2022, bhí Corrmuda Limited liostaithe go míchuinn mar shealbhóir reatha an chonartha do South East Radio agus bhí Radio Two Thousand Limited liostaithe go míchuinn mar shealbhóir reatha an chonartha do 98FM. Is é sealbhóir reatha an chonartha do South East Radio ná S.E.R.B. Radio Limited agus is é Bauer Media Audio Ireland Limited an sealbhóir reatha do 98FM.

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION TO INVOKE THE FAST TRACK APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE AWARD OF A SOUND BROADCASTING CONTRACT



In accordance with section 67(3) of the Broadcasting Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act"), the Contract Awards Committee of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) hereby announces its intention to invoke the fast-track application process for the award of a sound broadcasting contract on the FM band for the provision of the following broadcasting services:

Munster

- Waterford City and County:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by South East Broadcasting Company Limited and broadcasting as WLR FM, is due to expire on 7 September 2023.
- County Clare:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by Clare Community Radio Holdings Plc and broadcasting as Clare FM, is due to expire on 9 September 2023.
- County Tipperary:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by County Tipperary Radio Limited and broadcasting as Tipp FM, is due to expire on 19 November 2023.
- Cork City and County:** Music driven, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by Siteridge Limited and broadcasting as Red FM, is due to expire on 15 January 2024.

Connaught-Ulster

- County Mayo:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by County Mayo Radio Limited and broadcasting as Midwest Radio, is due to expire on 23 July 2023.
- Galway City and County:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by Western Community Broadcasting Services Limited and broadcasting as Galway Bay FM, is due to expire on 17 August 2023.
- Counties Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon and South Leitrim:** two services to be operated under a single contract, as follows:
 - Counties Cavan and Monaghan: Broad-format, local radio service
 - Counties Longford, Roscommon and South Leitrim: Broad-format, local radio serviceThe Contract, currently held by Midland Radio Group Limited and broadcasting as Shannonside/Northern Sound, is due to expire on 15 October 2023.

Leinster, excluding Dublin City and County

- Counties Louth and Meath:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by Independent Broadcasting Corporation Limited and broadcasting as LMFM, is due to expire on 27 August 2023.
- County Wexford:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by S.E.R.B. Radio Limited* and broadcasting as South East Radio, is due to expire on 15 October 2023.
- County Wicklow:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by East Coast Radio Limited and broadcasting as East Coast FM, is due to expire on 25 October 2023.
- County Kildare:** Broad-format, local radio service
The Contract, currently held by Country Kildare FM Radio Limited and broadcasting as KFM, is due to expire on 16 January 2024.

Dublin City and County

- Dublin City and County: Music-driven service (1):** Target Audience 15–34-year-olds
The Contract, currently held by Capital Radio Productions Limited and broadcasting as FM104, is due to expire on 30 October 2023.
- Dublin City and County: Music driven service (2):** Target Audience 25–44-year-olds
The Contract, currently held by Bauer Media Audio Ireland Ltd* and broadcasting as 98FM, is due to expire on 31 October 2023.

Parties interested in applying for a sound broadcasting contract for any of the above services are now invited to submit a Statement of Intent form to that effect to the BAI. Such statements indicate to the BAI whether there are parties interested in making a competitive application for the sound broadcasting contracts. A completed Statement of Intent form does not constitute an application for a sound broadcasting contract.

The BAI has prepared a *Guide for Statements of Intent to Apply for a Sound Broadcasting Contract* and a *Statement of Intent Form* for each sound broadcasting contract for the above services. The guides and forms are available from www.bai.ie or on request from licensing@bai.ie or (01) 6441 200. Interested parties must complete a *Statement of Intent Form* in full and in accordance with the format set out in the relevant guide.

A deposit of €20,000 is required for each *Statement of Intent Form* submitted. This deposit is refundable if the interested party goes on to submit an application for the award of the sound broadcasting contract in response to an invitation for such applications under section 65(8) of the 2009 Act.

Completed *Statement of Intent Forms* must be submitted by **12 noon on 20th October 2022** to licensing@bai.ie or by post or by hand to: Jill Caulfield, Contract Awards, BAI, 2-5 Warrington Place, Dublin D02 XP29. Accompanying deposits must be made by the same closing date. Full details on the submission procedure can be found in the guides.

Queries to: Jill Caulfield, licensing@bai.ie or (01) 6441 200.

***Correction:** The public notice calling for expressions of interest on 30th June 2022 incorrectly listed Corrmuda Limited as the current holder of the contract for South East Radio and Radio Two Thousand Limited as the current holder of the contract for 98FM. The current holder of the contract for South East Radio is S.E.R.B. Radio Limited and for 98FM is Bauer Media Audio Ireland Limited.