

DIGITAL RADIO REPLACES FM IN 2017

FROM FM TO DIGITAL RADIO

The Norwegian parliament has decided to digitize radio in Norway. FM radio broadcasts will be switched off in 2017, except broadcasts from smaller local radio stations.

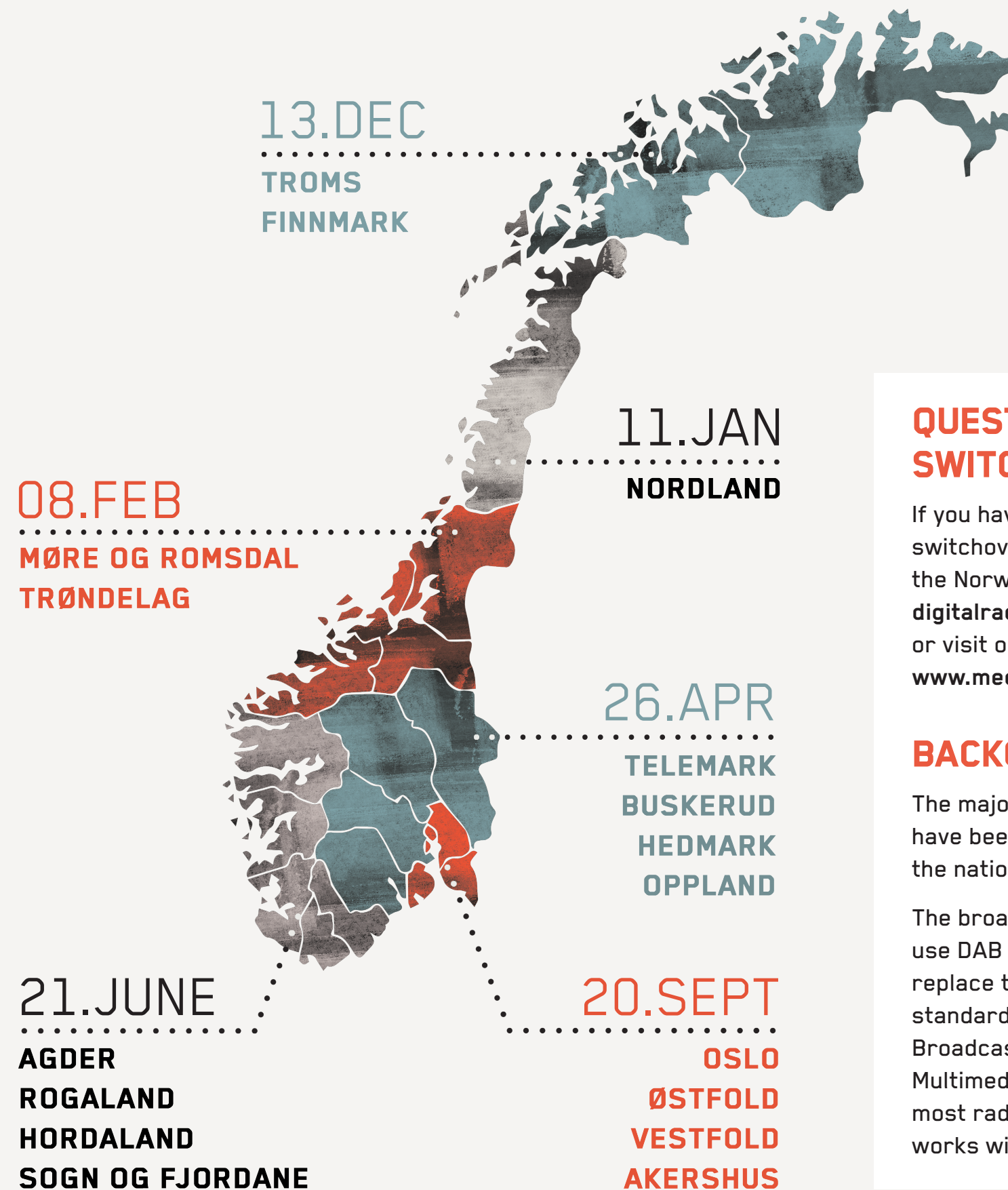
The switchover will take place gradually over the course of 2017 and will start in the county of Nordland in January. For an overview of when FM signals will be switched off in other counties, please see the illustration to the right.

DIGITAL RADIO LISTENING

Once the switchover has been completed, radio listeners will have access to digital radio via several platforms, such as DAB+, internet, mobile telephones/apps and TV.

If you have an FM radio in your car and drive on Norwegian roads after the FM signals have been switched off, you will only have access to local radio stations in areas with local FM broadcasts. An FM radio cannot receive DAB/DAB+ signals.

To be able to listen to the full DAB service in Norway, the car must be equipped with a DAB+ radio or an adapter (with DAB antenna).



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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SWITCHOVER IN NORWAY?

If you have any questions about the switchover in Norway, please contact the Norwegian Media Authority on: digitalradio@medietilsynet.no or visit our website at: www.medietilsynet.no/en/digital-radio

BACKGROUND

The major broadcasters in Norway have been responsible for developing the national DAB networks.

The broadcasters have chosen to use DAB technology (Eureka 147) to replace the current FM technology. This standard comprises DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting), DAB+ and DMB (Digital Multimedia Broadcasting). In Norway, most radio channels in the DAB networks will be transmitted using DAB+.