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Subject: About new IEEE BWI Forum
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Dear Dr. Marks,

at last ETSI WG TM4 meeting#24 (8-12 January) an informative document (TD048 attached) was submitted depicting the establishment of a new Broadband Wireless Internet Forum (BWIF) and stimulating possible mutual relationships with TM4.

Just revising the minutes of the meeting and in contact with Barry Lewis, I realised that also BWIF seems under IEEE umbrella; in the document it may be read:

"About BWIF

The Broadband Wireless Internet Forum (BWIF), is a program of the IEEE Industry Standards and Technology Organization (IEEE-ISTO)."

I am now wondering which relationship there may be with your IEEE 802.16 group; they may appear as working on similar topics and, besides duplication of standards, I wish to avoid also duplication of liaison efforts, if possible.

Therefore I will appreciate any information you may provide on the subject.

For the moment TM4 has taken no specific action, waiting for further informations coming from members who will wish to participate to BWIF.

I thank you in advance for the cooperation.

Best regards

Roberto Macchi (WG TM4 Chair)