WG II
Digital TV – regulation and economic viability

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Teracom AB

- Owns and operates the terrestrial network
- State owned

The Post- and Telecom Agency has made different SMP decisions regarding transmission costs. **Boxer TV Access AB**

- The only company selling pay-tv subscriptions
- Owned by Teracom AB

No price regulation



From analogue to digital tv, part 1

Regulation

- •The government decided on all licenses
- •An agreement of cooperation, with the mandatory use of Teracom and Boxer (also included in licensing conditions)
- •Broadcasts started in January 1999,
 Three multiplexes and 50 % coverage during 1999

What did you get

- Security
- Stability



The first years -2005



Boxer skattebetalarnas svarta hål

800 miljoner av Skandias pen pengar har gått till digital-tv

vision

Sluta tramsa om Teracon

Ulvskog kritisk mot MTG

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Teracom-problem

RADIO & TV/ Departement trött på ständigt pengabehov

Räknar med att

Miljardrullningen till digital-tv måste stoppas

Lars Leijenborg: Ulvskogs ideologiska blockeringar stoppar utvecklingen

DOKUMENT/DIGITAL-TV

det ar



"Robert" och Teracoms dotterbolag Boser har gett statens digital-tr ett ansikte. Trots reklam för 100-tals miljoner går det usett. Alla prognoser har stagtt et. (Bild från Boxers hemsida)

- ■Kulturminister Marita Ulvskogs och reklamfiguren "Roberts" vision om digital-tv till alla år ett jättefias-
- ■Hittills har bara cirka 100 000 husháll köpt digitalboxar från statliga Teracom, Kalaset har hittills kostat två miljarder kronor eller 20 000 per
- Vinnare är Jan Stenbeck, som äger TV3 och satellitbolaget Viasat. Han vågrar sånda i statens nya tvsystem och har försatt hela satsningen i kris.
- Aftenbladets Mats Edman har granskat statens satsning på digitaltv - en satsning som nu riskerar att kosta skattebetalarna miliarder



kostat två miljarder

på digital-tv ett fiasko

Teracom är inte viket krisande fö-

Det ansvarar för det marksända radiooch ty-nitet. Via Kaknistornet, Nackasändaren och tusentals andra master kan aliase SVT1, SVT2, TV4 och höra Sorri-

Företaget omsåtter 1,5 milander och

ingen fixar fram nya miljardboopp till bolaget.

O Tánk om SVT1, SVT2 och TV 4 slocknar mitt i valrörelsen?

För företapledningen handlar det em punikbromsning, besparingar och försälj-rinear av tillrångar. Totalt vill Teracon Sinstiaka kassan med 1,3 miljarder. Av

skattemedel våger i det navarande kristicet lätt.

Riksdagen beslutade 1997 att tilllita digitala tessindningar. Direfter her regeringen gett Teracom uppdraget att bygga ett statligt nåt med målet att nå 98 procent av høshillen. 2007 ska det vara idam och norfilmer i vardagsrummen. Riksdagen väntas snart lätta på regler-

ma, så att reklatt får visus milt i program även i statens digital-tv. Hårdpott blir det

På punkt efter punkt backet politiker tia för marknadetis och tittarnas krav-Even en ideolog som kulturministern. Allt

Why

Politics:

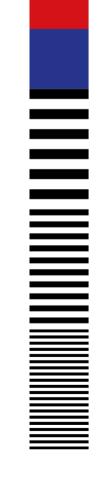
- •It's unnecessary
- Expensive
- •A way for the state to control media (since you need a license)

Consumers:

- No experienced added value
- Considered as expensive and technically complicated

Market:

- Not enough channels for pay-tv packaging
- Uncertainty about a transition
- Difficulties with economics due to lack of viewers



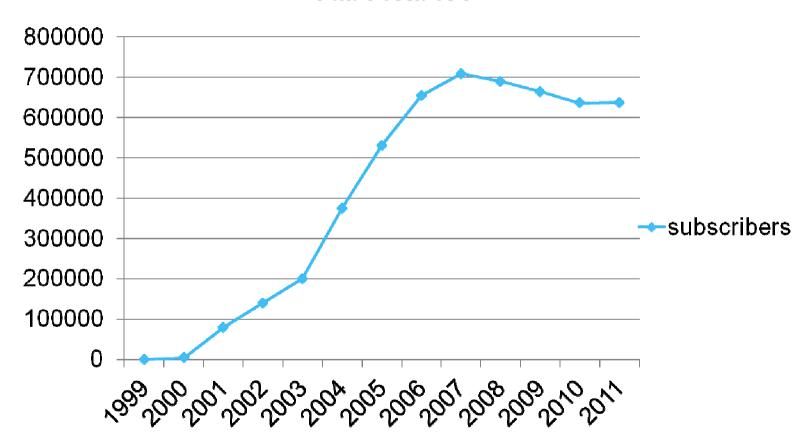
From analogue to digital tv, part 2

- A long period of analogue and digital transmissions
 1999 to September 2005
- A relatively long period of gradual switchovers
 5 steps from September 2005 to October 2007
- With a defined timetable for different areas
- A strategy for information



Boxer Growth







The licensing model, considerations

Consumer accessibility must be secured

A gatekeeper model needs regulation in an unregulated area

And how about the competition directive and a gatekeeper model

Principles on competition and a free market are best met if more than one company may sell pay-tv subscriptions.

A gatekeeper model leaves the broadcasters in a weak position

the swedish broadcasting authority

But don't forget consumer interests

Regulation 2008 - ?

Different models were discussed. In the model chosen:

- •The government
 - allocates spectrum (present decision valid until March 31st 2014)
 - decides on public service licenses
- •The Swedish Broadcasting Authority
 - issues licenses for all but public service
 - the license holders must cooperate in technical matters
 - beauty contest the assessment includes content, broadcasting areas and a diversity of ownership



Cooperation in technical matters

- An agreement on cooperation is to be signed before a license is issued.
- Parts of the agreement is also included as conditions in the licenses.
- An agreement must only include issues concerning
 - multiplexing
 - EPG
 - API
 - conditional access and management of pay tv cards



The Swedish DTT Network, Channel plan

TERACOM GROUP





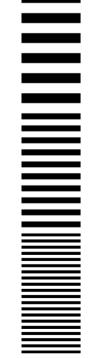
Local and regional broadcasts

 Considered as important and the authority shall take particular care that broadcasting frequencies are used for national as well as local and regional programme services.

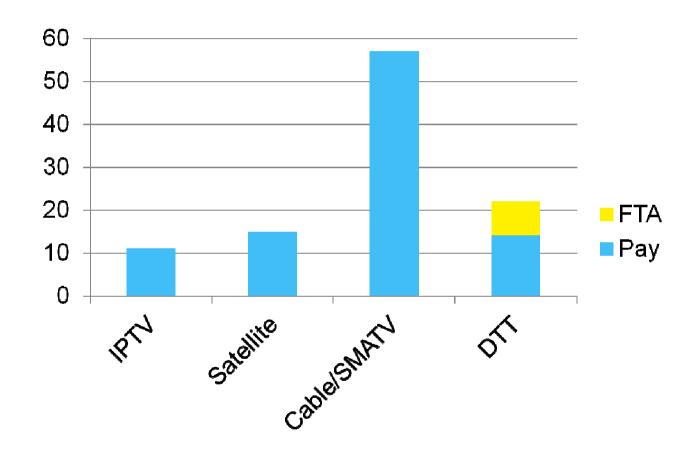
But, only a very few local license holders has been able to finance their activity

Difficulties:

- The are not welcome as pay-tv
- Financing by commercials has been hard



Television platforms



Approx. 3.8 million tv-households



Upcoming issues

- How should we get a continuing transition to more efficient transmission technologies with a consumer perspective.
- Competition and relations with other platforms, mainly ip-tv.
- Is it possible to get competition in pay-tv with the Swedish model.
- How about the use of 800 MHz band and a second digital dividend.
- Is there a future for broadcasting and what does it take to survive?





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