At the Academy radio announced the timing of the transition to digital broadcasting

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Digital radio broadcasting in Russia can begin in the next 2-4 years. This was reported to the correspondent of Radio 1 by the vice-president of the Russian Academy of Radio, Yuri Kostin.

"It can happen within two years, it can happen in four years - it all depends on the development of technology. The introduction of the DRM + standard is still in the plans. It is necessary to develop regulatory acts that will allow stations to obtain broadcasting rights. I think that those stations that already broadcast in the FM-band will get the right to broadcast in the standard DRM +. New players will not go there," Kostin said.

In turn, the head of Roskomnadzor Alexander Zharov on the sidelines of the conference "The Future of Regional Radio" in Sochi confirmed that the technical possibility of switching to digital broadcasting standards in Russia exists.

"At present, the State Commission for Radio Frequencies has opened all the doors. We have registered the standard DRM + and DAB. But the choice should be for the industry," Zharov told a Radio 1 correspondent.

The president of the "Russian Academy of Radio" Andrei Romanchenko, opening the conference in Sochi, also called the most promising standard for the use in Russia DRM +. According to academicians, the use of the DAB standard is possible, but to a lesser degree meets the requirements of the infrastructure and market demands.

The DAB system allows to launch a broadband signal (1536 kHz) on one frequency, capable of broadcasting more than 20 sound programs. One such signal is called a "multiplex".

The DRM + signal is 16 times narrower, its width is only 96 kHz. Narrowband DRM + signal allows transferring up to three stereo programs of audio broadcasting with better FM quality and a separate data transmission channel.

According to the RAR, in Russia there are 3405 radio stations broadcasting now, this is 117 stations less than a year ago.

On May 31-June 1, in Sochi, with the support of the Federal Agency for Press and Mass Communications, the VII Conference "The Future of Regional Radio" is held. The forum brought together more than 200 managers and key specialists from Russia's leading radio stations - federal, regional and local.