Telefónica and Satellite Connect Europe to explore direct-to-device satellite connectivity in Europe

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Telefónica today announced that is engaging with Satellite Connect Europe, the Luxembourg-headquartered provider of open access direct to device (D2D) satellite connectivity, to explore the application of satellite-enabled services for consumers, businesses and public services across Spain and Germany.

The collaboration will focus on analysing how D2D satellite capabilities could integrate with Telefónica's existing 4G and 5G networks, with the objective of complementing terrestrial connectivity and enhancing network resilience in specific scenarios, such as remote areas or exceptional circumstances, while maintaining an operator-managed experience.

Telefónica supports the development of satellite services in Europe that operate in alignment with European regulatory frameworks and spectrum usage requirements. As part of this engagement, Telefónica will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders to contribute to discussions on the future evolution of D2D satellite connectivity in Europe.

Telefónica Global CTIO, Andrea Folgueiras, said:

> By exploring new direct-to-device satellite technologies, Telefónica aims to deepen its understanding of how satellite connectivity can complement advanced mobile networks and help address connectivity needs in remote areas across Europe.

Satellite Connect Europe Managing Director, Meredith Sharples, said:

> We're delighted to announce this engagement with Telefónica. This is another significant step forward in the delivery of AST SpaceMobile direct-to-device satellite connectivity for

customers across Europe, and demonstrates the leading operators' growing alignment behind Satellite Connect Europe.

For more information: Telefónica at MWC 2026

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