

Mobile Media Market Map

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Introduction
Welcome to the FirstPartner Mobile Media Map 2009. The map shows the structure of the industry and identifies key players and market trends.

Market Drivers

Mobile Handsets are finally usable personal media devices..... and personal media devices are getting connected

Following the lead set by the iPhone, current generation Smartphones combine specifications and user interfaces that finally make handsets truly usable media devices. Key enabling features include high speed connectivity (HSPA and Wi-Fi), large screens, high memory capacity, support of applications and genuinely usable web browsers. Personal media devices such as iPod touch and Nintendo DS also have Wi-Fi connectivity facilitating web browsing and content download. Smart phone sales have performed strongly in spite of a global downturn in the handset market with shipments growing 18.7% between 2008 and 2009 (source Ovum). Mid range feature phones are also increasingly optimised for and marketed around specific mobile media applications, notably music and social networking.

Perceived Cost of Browsing is Coming Down

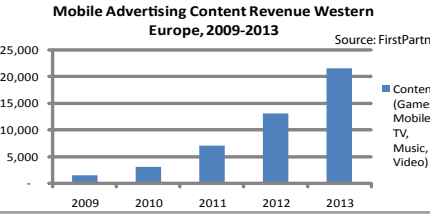
The introduction by operators of flat rate data plans is an important facilitator for both browsing and content download, although consumer take up is still relatively low. ComScore has reported a doubling in US users using their mobile devices to access Internet news and content between Jan 2008 and Jan 2009.

Application Stores Open Up the Distribution Channel

The Apple Appstore provides a discovery and purchase user experience that is far superior to that traditionally offered by MNO and Direct to Consumer (D2C) portals and has reached 1.5BN downloads in just over a year since launch. Application stores are now a significant distribution channel for games and mobile apps are delivering social networking, music services, video and even books to. A user survey undertaken by AdMob in August 2009 reported iPhone and Android users downloading 9-10 new apps per month and with 50% downloading one or more paid apps.

Paid, AdFunded or Free?

While analysts suggest healthy revenues for mobile content (GfK report European mobile entertainment spend exceeded £2bn in 2008), research evidence suggests that consumers are more prepared to consume mobile media content if it is subsidised through targeted and relevant ad funding (source 4th Screen Advertising). Mobile advertising is still at an early stage of market development and while it has great potential, mobile is not yet accepted by advertisers or agencies as a mainstream media option. FirstPartner forecasts that revenues for content based advertising in Western Europe will reach €21.5M by 2013.



Social Networking: A Major Driver of Mobile Web Traffic.

According to Opera, social networking makes up nearly 40% of all mobile web traffic in the US and South Africa and nearly 60% in Indonesia. ComScore has reported 152% growth in mobile social networking between Nov 2007 and Nov 2008 in Western Europe with 5% of Western European mobile phone users accessing internet and mobile social networks.

Mobile Music: About to Take off?

In Japan mobile accounted for 90% of digital music revenues in 2008 but has been much slower to take off in the rest of the world. The emergence of DRM free downloads and unlimited access subscription services offered through several MNOs, Nokia Comes with Music and Sony Ericsson PlayNowPlus are set to change this. Ringback tones have proven popular in some territories and internet streaming services Last fm and Spotify are also now available through mobile applications.

Mobile TV: Finally moving into the frame?

Despite its early promise, broadcast mobile TV has made slow progress primarily as a result of unproven business models and lack of clear evidence of consumer demand for paid services. The major exception is Asia Pacific, where Japan and Korea lead with 20M and 22M viewers respectively and services launched in China in 2008. The free to air business model attracting the majority of these viewers is still challenging due to weak advertising sales. In Europe Italy is the leading market with just over 1M subscribers and Three Italia the leading player. The Netherlands has also seen a strong launch but success in other European markets has been limited. In the US, restricted MediaFLO deployments by MNOs AT&T and Verizon will likely be joined by ATSC M/H based rollouts by local broadcasters within the next 2 years. India is also likely to demonstrate strong growth when services launch led by state broadcaster Doordarshan.

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