

# Softil and the MCX Puzzle, Pieces Falling Into Place

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integrated, data-driven operations delivered over resilient broadband platforms engineered to mission-critical standards,” says Anatoli Levine, Softil’s Director of Products & Standards. He continues:

For decades, mission-critical voice has been synonymous with dedicated land mobile radio (LMR) technologies such as TETRA, P25 and DMR. These systems were purpose-built to deliver highly resilient, low-latency group communications for public safety and other critical users. Broadband, by contrast, was originally engineered for consumer data.

Mission Critical Services (MCX), standardised by 3GPP, represent the first time that broadband technology has been formally specified to meet the stringent requirements of mission-critical group communications. That distinction matters. It explains both the excitement surrounding MCX — and the deliberate pace at which it is being adopted worldwide.

Today, the picture is changing. The pieces are starting to fall in place.

From concept to capability

The 3GPP MCX framework — encompassing Mission Critical Push-to-Talk (MCPTT), Mission Critical Video (MCVideo) and Mission Critical Data (MCData) — has matured significantly over recent releases. What began as a standards ambition is now a deployable ecosystem supported by network vendors, device manufacturers, application developers and operators.

Through this process, the industry has learned that matching LMR behaviour in a broadband environment is complex. Cellular networks are optimised for high-throughput data and

individual sessions — not for deterministic, many-to-many group communications with sub-second call setup times. Delivering mission-critical performance over LTE — and increasingly 5G — has required architectural evolution: quality-of-service mechanisms, network slicing, cloud computing, mission-critical core elements and hardened device ecosystems.

Why progress has been measured

Observers sometimes ask why MCX has not displaced LMR more quickly. The answer lies in the magnitude of what is being attempted. Parity with LMR is the baseline requirement. Coverage, resilience, direct mode capability, security, device ruggedness, battery endurance and operational simplicity all matter deeply. Agencies cannot accept regression in any of these areas.

At the same time, broadband introduces entirely new variables: dependency on commercial infrastructure, spectrum policy considerations, cybersecurity exposure and integration complexity with legacy dispatch and control room systems. Given these realities, the measured pace of adoption is evidence of due diligence.

A different kind of value proposition

What makes MCX compelling is not that it replaces LMR voice. It is that ubiquitous broadband enables capabilities LMR was never designed to deliver.

Such capabilities include real-time video from incident scenes; drone feeds integrated into command workflows; automatic vehicle location with dynamic mapping overlays; biometric telemetry from frontline personnel; database access in the field; multimedia evidence capture and sharing; and AI-assisted situational analysis at the edge.

These are not incremental upgrades to push-to-talk. They represent a significant change in operational awareness and decision making. Agencies are not simply swapping radios; they are rethinking workflows, training regimes, data governance models and inter-agency collaboration frameworks.

Transformation of that scale cannot happen overnight.

MCX global momentum builds



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Around the world, MCX momentum is becoming tangible.

In North America, nationwide public safety broadband initiatives have demonstrated large-scale deployment of MCX services integrated into dedicated LTE infrastructure. In Europe, hybrid models combining TETRA and MCX are becoming increasingly common. In Asia-Pacific, governments are actively evaluating spectrum strategies and deployment architectures that balance sovereign capability with commercial partnership models.

Importantly, interoperability testing between vendors has accelerated. Multi-vendor ETSI plugtests and GCF certification programs are strengthening confidence that MCX will avoid the fragmentation pitfalls that affected earlier proprietary broadband push-to-talk solutions.

### Coexistence before replacement

A realistic assessment suggests that coexistence will define the next decade. LMR networks represent significant national investments and continue to provide unmatched narrowband voice resilience. Broadband MCX, meanwhile, delivers data-rich capability and operational flexibility.

Rather than a binary replacement narrative, the industry is embracing integration. Interworking gateways, converged devices and shared control room environments are allowing agencies to adopt broadband at their own pace while safeguarding continuity.

### The pieces align

The trajectory is now clear. Standards maturity, ecosystem depth, field validation and 5G advancement are converging. What once appeared as isolated puzzle pieces — spectrum policy, device capability, QoS enforcement, interworking, cybersecurity — are increasingly fitting together into a coherent framework.

### About Softil

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