

## Receiving British TV and radio in France by satellite

"Free to air" broadcasts from the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 (and Irish broadcasters) have been available for several years without the need for a special box, subscription or card. All you need is a free-to-air satellite receiver or Freesat box, and a satellite dish of sufficient diameter.

However, following the entry into service in February 2014 of the new satellite Astra 2E, the satellite signal is increasingly concentrated on the UK only, and many areas have reported losing the UK signal altogether. It will almost certainly be necessary to invest in a new, bigger dish – 80 cm is probably now the minimum for reception in Northern France, while 1m or larger will be necessary further South.

For broadcasts from the UK and Ireland, your dish must be set up to receive the signal from **28.2° East**. For more information see <http://www.onastra.com/how-to-receive>

If you live in a *copropriété* you should have a motion placed on the agenda of the *Assemblée générale des copropriétaires* for permission to install your own private satellite dish - remember, in France everyone has a legal right to a TV aerial (*le droit à l'antenne, décret du 22 décembre 1967*). If you rent your home, you should ask your landlord to do this for you.