

Abstract**ACCESS METHOD AND PROTOCOL IN AN AD HOC NETWORK**

Method for accessing a radio channel in a communication system comprising a plurality of terminals communicating with one another by radio links, a
5 terminal being equipped with transmission and/or reception means, a processor suitable for executing the steps of the method, characterized in that it uses an access protocol based on a communication frame (F) made up of a plurality of slots S(1), ..., S(S+2), the first S slots each comprising two mini-slots, the first mini-slot comprising a request to send data signalling
10 message RTS or data, the second mini-slot comprising a "ready to receive" signalling message, CTS, or data, the slot (S+1) containing a message of RTS type or data, the slot (S+2) containing a message of CTS type and an acknowledgement message placed at the end of the frame in order to acknowledge one or more transmissions taking place on the radio channel.

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