SMtv San Marino

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**Channel Factfile**

- **Name:** SMtv San Marino
- **Country:** Republic of San Marino
- **Hot Bird TV Awards category:** National Window
- **Final result:** Special Mention
- **Language:** Italian
- **Launch date:** June 13, 2011

**Focus on San Marino and bordering Italian and studio debates with a strong editorial. A new schedule. The emphasis is on news, country’s only home-grown TV channel and Marino is not in the EU), stamps – and TV.**

San Marino is a mountainous area just 61km2 in size and home to only 32,000 people, with the Italian language and Italian customs, but proudly separate from the surrounding Italian state too. It is the world’s oldest and smallest republic, with one of the highest GDPs in the world and produces its own laws, coins (the Euro, although San was to Coronavirus) and there's a weekly feature on China. Three main issues inspire the contents: international politics and economy, enterprise and innovation and subsidiarity. As the only TV channel in the country, SMtv always attracts the key figures onto shows.

SMtv has a high proportion of serious investigative women journalists – since 2008 the channel has been under the direction of Carmen Lasorella, an Italian journalist and ex-RAI anchorman and war correspondent for 10 years for TG2. RAI’s main news programme. Lasorella still fronts several programmes for SMtv. But SMtv isn’t all serious. It also includes shows on sports and entertainment, and for the past couple of years San Marino RTV has joined in with that ultimate symbol of low-brow fun, the Eurovision Song Contest.

**Flagship shows**

- **TG San Marino**
  - News: Local and world news from San Marino. The headlines show covers politics, sport, economics and other news in three editions in the early morning (7.15am) at lunchtime (1.30pm) and in the evening (7.15pm) every day.
  - Il Rigore del Lunedì (Monday Penalty) Sport: Ninety minutes on the Italian Lega Pro Second Division championship, in which the only professional club in San Marino is included. The show features match footage, analysis, studio guests and viewers’ texts.
- **Indaco (Indigo)**
  - Current affairs: Panel discussion and interview programme looking at an issue of the day with guests from the government and industry in the San Marino establishment.
  - A Tutto Gas (Full Throttle) Motor sports: Weekly motor sports show dedicated to all on four wheels brings film, reports, interviews and insights on major track, rally, off-road and uphill races. Every Saturday with repeats on Sundays.
  - **Webcams.**
    - Carmen Lasorella, director of SMtv San Marino, accepts the Special Mention Award in the National Window category.

**What you need to receive SMtv**

- **Satellite:** Eutelsat Hot Bird 138 13°E (Eutelsat 1A 1°E)
- **Frequency:** 12.94GHz/6 (1,832GHz/4Hz)
- **Polarisation:** Vertical, horizontal
- **Symbol rate:** 27500
- **Website:** www.smtvsanmarino.sm

**What Satellite & Digital TV**

**The Eutelsat TV Awards**

The Eutelsat TV Awards (previously called the Hot Bird TV Awards) recognise channels broadcast by satellite over Europe for their programming excellence. Presented annually since 1998, a jury of independent media experts selects the winners for original programming, quality production and new concepts. In addition, viewers vote for the People’s Choice Award. The winners receive their awards at ‘The Night of Satellites’, a glittery gala ceremony in Venice, Italy.

Registration is now open for channels on any Eutelsat satellite in 10 categories: Children, Cinema, Culture/Documentaries, Fiction/General Entertainment, Lifestyle, Music, News, and Sports. Awards will also be presented for the Best Programme and to the Most Innovative Channel overall.

Viewers will be able to vote online for the People’s Choice Award 2012 when the nominees are announced later in the summer.