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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Philip Marnick (UK).

The RSPG adopted an "Opinion on a long-term strategy on future spectrum needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications".

The RSPG also noted progress reports from the Working Groups dealing with the following policy areas:

- Spectrum related aspects for next generation wireless systems (5G);
- WRC19;
- Cross-border coordination ("Good offices");
- Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market;

The RSPG agreed to launch public consultations on the draft Second Opinion on 5G Networks and the draft RSPG work programme for 2018-19.

The RSPG thanked Philip Marnick for his service as Chair, and elected a new Chair, Jonas Wessel (Sweden) and new deputy Chair, Frank Krüger (Germany)

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on Wednesday 30th January 2018.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #44

The RSPG Chairman, Philip Marnick (UK), opened the meeting.

The European Commission was represented by Anthony Whelan, Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced document RSPG17-032 "Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting". The Commission also provided additional information regarding the state of play of the Commission proposal for a Directive establishing an Electronic Communications Code.

(3) Update from the Chair on activities since the last meeting

The Chair provided members with information on his recent activities and a report of the RSPG public stakeholder workshop and 5G workshop, both held in Warsaw on 4th October 2017.

(4) RSPG Working Group on 5G

The co-rapporteur B. Andersson (SE) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-033) and a draft 2nd Opinion (RSPG17-034). The RSPG noted the progress made and agreed to publish the draft 2nd Opinion for public comment.

(5) RSPG Working Group on WRC19

The RSPG considered the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-035).

(6) RSPG Working Group on PMSE

The rapporteur F. Ziegelwanger (AT) introduced the progress report (RSPG17-036) and the Draft final "Opinion on a long-term strategy on future spectrum needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications". The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted the Opinion.

(7) Good Offices

The co-rapporteur E. Fournier (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-038), and the results of the 3rd RSPG questionnaire on the 700MHz band (RSPG17-042). The RSPG noted the good progress made in terms of cross-border coordination of the 700 MHz band within the EU and thanked the working group for its efforts. The RSPG also agreed to the launch of a 4th questionnaire on the 700 MHz band (RSPG17-043).

(8) RSPG working group on the Digital Single Market

The co-rapporteur C. Woolford (UK) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-039) and the draft joint RSPG/BEREC report on mobile coverage in challenge areas (RSPG17-030) which is currently subject to a public consultation ending on 28 November 2017. The RSPG agreed that following this public consultation and the production of a final text, the joint report might be adopted by written procedure. The co-rapporteur also reported on the Czech/Slovak and 700 MHz awards workshops which were held as part of the RSPG's Peer Review initiative. The RSPG welcomed these workshops, and noted that members from Ireland and the Netherlands had volunteered to host the next workshops in this programme.

(9) Future RSPG Work Programme

The Deputy Chair, J. Wessel, introduced the draft work programme for the RSPG during 2018-19 (RSPG17-040). The RSPG agreed that the draft work programme should be published for public comment.

(10) Election of RSPG Chair and Vice Chair

The RSPG unanimously elected Jonas Wessel (Sweden) as Chair of the RSPG and Frank Krüger (Germany) as Deputy Chair. Both terms will run from 1 January 2018 until the end of 2019.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#45) will take place in Brussels on the 30th January 2018. Subsequent RSPG plenary meetings will take place on the 5th June and the 3rd October 2018.

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