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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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

The RSPG adopted Opinions on:

- Spectrum issues in the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Framework;
- Spectrum aspects of the Internet of Things (IoT);
- Spectrum aspects of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS).

The RSPG also adopted an interim Opinion on "Common policy objectives for WRC19".

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

- Spectrum related aspects of next generation wireless systems (5G)
- EU Cross-border coordination ("Good Offices");
- Spectrum requirements facing the future needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications in the EU;
- Spectrum aspects of the EU Digital Single Market.

The RSPG also received a presentation by LS Telecom regarding the study they are carrying out for the European Commission on Spectrum Assignment in the EU (SMART 2016/019).

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #42

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 RSPG17-024 "Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting". The Commission provided additional information regarding the state of play of the Commission proposal for a Directive establishing an Electronic Communications Code and background regarding the recent mandate issued by the Commission to CEPT on 5G. The Commission also invited RSPG participation in the Technical Review Panel of the ongoing Broadband Mapping Project.

(4) RSPG Working Group on 5G

The co-rapporteur B. Andersson (SE) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-003). The RSPG noted the progress made and thanked the working group for its efforts.

(5) RSPG Working Group on the Framework Review

The co-rapporteurs, E. Ulelay (HU) and D. Chauveau (FR), introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-004). The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted an Opinion on "Spectrum issues in the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Framework" (RSPG17-017).

(6) RSPG working Group on the "Internet of Things" (IoT).

The co-rapporteur, F. Bos (NL), presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG17-005) and a draft Opinion (RSPG17-006) on "Spectrum Aspects of the Internet-of-things (IoT) including M2M". The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted the Opinion. It was noted that this group would continue for the purposes of collaborating with BEREC to organise a workshop on spectrum for innovation.

(7) RSPG Working Group on Intelligent Transport Systems

The rapporteur, Erika Forsberg (UK), presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG17-007) and a draft Opinion (RSPG17-008) on "Spectrum aspects of Intelligent Transport Systems". The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted the Opinion.

(8) RSPG Working Group on WRC19

The rapporteur, A. Kühn (DE) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG17-009), and draft interim opinion on "Common policy objectives for WRC19" (RSPG17-010) and an update of the WRC19 work item (RSPG17-011).

The European Commission indicated that it would not be able to take account of the part of the Opinion that suggested an interpretation of EU law. In addition, the Commission noted that the subject matter of much of this interim Opinion is before the European Court of Justice. As a matter of respect for the Court, the Commission would not engage in a debate regarding the merits of the case.

The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted the interim Opinion.

(9) RSPG Working Group on the Digital Single Market (DSM)

The co-rapporteur C. Woolford (UK) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG17-012). The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and noted the progress made in developing a Peer Review Platform to allow RSPG members to share information and identify best practices regarding spectrum awards. The RSPG noted the request for those RSPG members that have not yet done so to upload information by 31 March.

The RSPG also asked the working group to explore how joint work on coverage should be delivered in co-operation with BEREC during 2017.

(10) RSPG Working Group on PMSE

The rapporteur Franz Ziegelwanger (AT) introduced the progress report (RSPG17-013) noting that the working group had made progress in response to the European Commission's request for an RSPG Opinion on "a long-term strategy on spectrum requirements facing the future needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications" (RSPG16-020). The RSPG noted the progress made and thanked the working group for its efforts.

(11) Good Offices

The co-rapporteur E. Fournier (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-014), and the results of the RSPG questionnaire on the 700MHz band (RSPG17-015). The RSPG noted the progress made and thanked the working group for its efforts. The RSPG thanked Italy in particular for the significant efforts made by the Italian administration to reduce interference from transmitters affecting neighbouring countries.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#43) will take place in Brussels on the 6th June 2017 and RSPG#44 will take place on the 21st November 2017.

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