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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

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RSPG at its Meeting #40 (Brussels, 8 June 2016) approved the 1st Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group (RSPG16-023 FINAL) which set out the terms of establishing the Peer Review platform accessible by all RSPG members (Member States and Commission). The RSPG Working Group (WG) on the Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market has met several times since then and developed, with the administrative support of the RSPG Secretariat, the basis for the platform.

I.   THE RSPG PEER REVIEW PLATFORM

The approved purpose of the platform is to provide a forum for RSPG members to exchange experiences and views on spectrum awards and national assignment regulations of ECS spectrum. The RSPG Peer Review platform will consist of three main sub-sections:

- the **Library** section
- the **Peer assistance** section
- the **Contact point** section

The following structure of the RSPG Peer Review platform would fulfil the need of RSPG members to learn from each other's experiences and to seek support, as appropriate, from peers on issues of spectrum management relating to ECS. The RSPG Peer Review platform is based on voluntary principles, and does not impose additional obligations for the members.

1. **Library**. Members (voluntarily) post their formal decisions and any additional information relating to frequency awards and assignment on the platform. In order to standardize the scope of the data, the DSM WG developed the template (see Annex) based on input from DE, FR and PT covering basic information about spectrum related issues such as type of award mechanism, license conditions etc.
    - **Structure:**
        - Implemented keywords would allow for easy assessing of relevant information in a document when searching, in particular if the document is not in a broadly popular language.
        - date of the document
        - name of the document
        - name of the organisation that provides the document (including the name of the EU/EEA member state) and the dedicated **Contact point**
        - language(s) of the document

- the document itself (including the possibility to upload the document in several languages or associated documents, like annexes or a summary)

The ongoing work is intended to facilitate the possibility of automatically assigning the data regarding particular auctions eg. 700 MHz in the right section. The **Library** will therefore consist various of subsections eg. 700 MHz band, 800 MHz band etc.

2. **Peer assistance.** The Peer assistance section offers the opportunity to ask members specific question(s) about award, assignment regulations or any other spectrum related issues, creating an 'open topic'. The other members receive an automatic notification that a question has been posted and can post an answer on the platform (which can therefore be viewed by all platform members). The answers may also refer to the **Library** documents.
   - **Structure:**
     - a subject line: formed by checkboxes with the possibility to tag the keywords. This will ease the work for the respondents, and later on build the base to sort and search.
     - a free text field for the question, including the possibility to attach documents
     - a checkbox, whether the question is directed "To all" or to one or several dedicated addresse(s)/contact point(s)
     - a checkbox, in which time frame a response would be helpful (xxx days, until xxx, …)
     - a checkbox, open/close conversation if there is no direct answer in the indicated period of time (in the case when more time is needed for a particular address/contact point).

3. **Contact Point(s).** RSPG Members States are invited to provide the following information:
   - Name and surname
   - Name of the organisation
   - Role of the organisation in the field of spectrum
   - Country name
   - Contact details (e-mail, phone number)

The Group is currently testing CIRCABC for the purposes described above and will report accordingly.

II.   RSPG WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIC COVERAGE ISSUES

Following an exchange of views the WG concluded that it could be beneficial to share experiences about strategic coverage issues amongst RSPG Members States. The RSPG Coverage Workshop is scheduled on 8th November 2016 in Brussels. The aim is to share experiences across administrations regarding strategic coverage issues to meet specific coverage goals and consider lessons learnt.

III.   PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION

The RSPG Plenary Meeting #41 is invited:
1. to note this report from the RSPG Working Group on the Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market and to confirm the approved name for the initiative
2. to agree the annexed proposal for an RSPG Peer Review Template and to give guidance to the Working Group as appropriate;
3. to note the outcome of the RSPG Workshop on strategic Coverage issues.

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ANNEX

PROPOSAL FOR A TEMPLATE

I. General information

Organization/EU or EEA member state	
Frequency band(s)	
Timeframe	
Key Element Papers	
Decision on the award of spectrum	
Accompanying Documents	
Contact information/website	
Date	

II. Policy objectives

Main objectives of the award and priority objectives

III. Spectrum award

Type of award mechanism	
Award rules/procedures	
Spectrum blocks and number of rights of use	
Reserve prices	
Spectrum caps and holdings	
Admission restrictions (e.g. number of applications per group)	
Wholesale access obligations	

Rational for the taken options (including comments received from stakeholders, consultations, if available)

IV. License conditions

Technology (incl. technical conditions and coordination requirements, if applicable)	
Geographical extent	
Access obligations (e.g. MVNO and resellers)	
Coverage obligations (e.g. the specific requirements to be met)	
Spectrum sharing (incl. obligation to provide national roaming, if applicable)	
Spectrum trading/leasing	
License duration	
Annual fees	

In case a different than auction award procedure is chosen, please provide a brief description of the procedure and, as applicable, supply information equivalent to items in section III):

V. Other relevant information