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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation**

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The RSPG at its Meeting #64 (hybrid, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024) approved the 25<sup>th</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-Group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation.

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### I. PEER REVIEW FORUM

Since the last RSPG Plenary the Working Group has not received any request to convey a voluntary Peer Review Forum on the basis of Article 35 of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC).

### II. NOTIFICATIONS

The Working Group has received three notifications by Member States without the request for conveying a Peer Review Forum.

**Finland** – 16 September 2024 on a selection procedure in order to assign the rights of use of spectrum band 700 MHz (703 MHz – 733 MHz / 758 MHz – 788 MHz) on Åland islands. The call for applications was issued in September 2024 after a public consultation on the terms and conditions of the network. Network licences will be granted through a comparative selection procedure. Finland had already started a comparative selection procedure for network licences for the 700 MHz band in Åland islands in December 2021 and notified it to the RSPG on 1 December 2021. However, on 14 February 2023, Finland informed the RSPG that the procedure had expired because the Government of Åland did not give its consent, required by the law, to the proposed network licences.

**Poland** – 17 October 2024 on a selection procedure in order to assign the rights of use of spectrum band 700 MHz (703– 733 MHz / 758 – 788 MHz) and 800MHz (816 – 821 MHz / 857 – 862 MHz). There will be 6 lots of paired 5 MHz in the 700 MHz band and one lot of paired 5 MHz in the 800 MHz band. The public consultation started on 4 October 2024. The consultation documents are available on UKE's website (Polish language only): <https://bip.uke.gov.pl/konsultacje-i-wyniki-konsultacji/prezes-uke-oglasza-konsultacje-aukcji-na-7-rezerwacji-czestotliwosci-z-pasm-ponizej-1-ghz,3158.html>. The auction procedures will commence following the public consultation while the licence award is planned for May 2025.

**Slovenia** – 24 June 2024 on a selection procedure in order to assign the rights of use of spectrum band 700 MHz (703 MHz – 733 MHz / 758 MHz – 788 MHz) for business critical M2M communications over dedicated networks. The public consultation on the Information memorandum (draft Tender documentation) for the mentioned frequency band started on 8 April 2024 and was finished on 8 May 2024. In the absence of any interest in application, the process terminated without any further action or outcome. AKOS did not request the RSPG to convene a peer review forum, but they shared their experiences from that procedure in the Member States' workshop in September 2024.

### III. SUB-GROUP MEETING

Since the last RSPG plenary meeting, the sub-group has held one online meeting on 24 July 2024 mainly to prepare a hybrid Member States' workshop on sustainability, spectrum strategies and awards.

The workshop was held in Bled Slovenia at the kind invitation of AKOS on 5 and 6 September 2024. At the workshop the following presentations were made by:

- France on sustainability considerations in general, and France and Hungary on sustainability relative to the switch-off of 2G/3G services;
- Sweden, Portugal, and Hungary on their National Spectrum Strategy / Policy considerations;
- Slovenia and Spain on local authorisations; and
- Slovenia on their spectrum strategy focusing on sub 700 MHz and 400 MHz and their preparation for a M2M 700 MHz auction.

The presentations are available to the RSPG members and observers at [Radio Spectrum Policy Group \(RSPG\) - Library \(europa.eu\)](#). The workshop proved to be a valuable platform for Member States to learn from each other by sharing experiences. Participants agreed to continue sharing experiences from Member States in a similar format.

The next workshop is planned for the first half of next year. The issues that could be addressed are evaluation of local licensing and spectrum strategy/policy experiences as well as the evaluation of mobile spectrum auctions.

Since only three notifications have been received and there has not been any Peer Review Forum since the last RSPG Plenary meeting in June 2024, the sub-group agreed that there is no need to issue an Interim report on EECC actions.

The sub-group held some further discussion on the document management on the website. The details in the restricted area should address awards and workshops, whereas strategic documents can be in the public area. In essence the old data should not be lost.

The sub-group was informed about the launch of the tag on the RSPG website with the information on Article 35 notifications - [https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/article-35-notifications\\_en](https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/article-35-notifications_en)