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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

**Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #52 on 09 June 2020**

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**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Frank Krüger (Germany) and took place “on-line” given the restrictions in force as a result of the covid-19 pandemic.

RSPG members received updates from the Commission and from the RSPG Chair, who reminded members about forthcoming meetings for RSPG members with the GSMA and BEREC.

The RSPG also received progress reports from the Sub Groups dealing with:

- peer review and member state cooperation on authorisation and awards;
- spectrum sharing;
- additional spectrum needs and future wireless broadband rollout;
- climate change;
- cross-border coordination ("Good offices");
- the WRC;
- peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards.
- Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP).

The RSPG confirmed the completion of the written procedure for the adoption of a report on the result of the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (RSPG20-022).

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place in Brussels on 7 October 2020.

## MEETING REPORT

### **(1) Introduction to RSPG #52**

The RSPG Chairman, Frank Krüger (Germany), opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG20-011) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Vesa Terävä, Acting Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

### **(2) Update on Commission Initiatives**

The European Commission introduced a report on Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting (RSPG20-12). The Commission also provided an oral presentation on various spectrum-related issues, including the Commission's proposals for an EU Digital Strategy and initiatives to counter misinformation about 5G.

The Commission also proposed to send a questionnaire to all Member States to gather information on the application of the EU Environmental Impact Assessment Directive in relation to Spectrum authorisations. This request was supported only by Belgium.

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

The Chair provided members with information on his recent activities, including agreement with the GSMA to hold a Round Table meeting with RSPG members on 10 June. The Chair also confirmed that a 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop with BEREC on 5G authorisations would be held on 17 June.

### **(4) 5G pioneer bands: state of play on awards**

The Chair thanked RSPG members for providing updates regarding their national award situations. The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG20-013.

### **(5) RSPG Sub Group on Peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards**

The co-rapporteur Alexander Soltysik (PL) presented a progress report (RSPG20-014) from the working group on peer review and Member State authorisations and awards. The Group welcomed the efforts being made to arrange for peer review workshops to be organised "on-line" given the difficulties in holding physical meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ireland indicated its plan to hold a peer review at the end of June 2020.

### **(6) RSPG Sub Group on spectrum sharing**

The RSPG considered a progress report from the Sub Group on Spectrum Sharing presented by Co-Chair Mauro Martino (IT). The Group noted the report and thanked the sub group members for their efforts.

**(7) RSPG Sub Group on Additional Spectrum needs**

The Group considered a progress report from the Sub Group on Additional Spectrum Needs and Future Wireless Broadband Rollout (RSPG20-016) and a draft paper on spectrum-related EMF issues (RSPG20-017) presented by the co-chairs Bo Andersson (SE) and Thassos Lyratzis (EL). The Co-Chairs also presented a draft questionnaire on “Future networks” (RSPG20-018). The group noted the progress made by the Sub Group and welcomed the draft EMF paper and the questionnaire. The group agreed that the Chair should share the draft EMF document with BEREC with a view to agreeing a common approach to this issue.

**(8) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change**

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG20-019) presented by the co chairs of the Sub Group on climate change, Rory Hinchy (IE) and Robert Lindgaard (DK). The Group noted the report and thanked the sub group members for their efforts.

**(9) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"**

The RSPG considered a progress report from the working group on “Good Offices” (RSPG20-020) presented by Co Chairs Eric Fournier (FR) and Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT)). The Group noted the report and thanked the sub group members for their continued efforts.

**(10) RSPG Sub Group on the WRC**

The Group noted the adoption of the RSPG report on the result of the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (RSPG20-022) following the completion of a written adoption procedure. The Group also confirmed the continuation of Alexander Kühn (DE) and Nadia Katsanou (EL) as Co Chairs of the Sub Group.

**(9) Administrative matters**

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#53) will take place in Brussels on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Group agreed that the plenary meetings in 2021 will take place on 10 February, 16 June and 24 November.

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