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**RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

**Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #55 on 16 June 2021**

## **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.

The RSPG noted the change of position of the Deputy Chair Ms Andreana Atanasova from Bulgaria and thanked her for her service to the Group. Mr Eric Fournier from France was elected as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the current term.

The RSPG adopted the following Opinions :

- An Opinion on spectrum sharing – pioneer initiatives and bands (RSPG21-022)
- An Opinion on additional spectrum needs (RSPG21-024)
- An interim Opinion on WRC23 (RSPG21-031)
- An Opinion on the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPG21-033)
- An Opinion on the application of EECC Article 28(3) in relation to cross-border interference problems between Italy and Croatia in the UHF band (RSPG21-029)

The RSPG also adopted a report on the “role of radio spectrum policy to help combat climate change” (RSPG21-026) and agreed to publish, for public consultation, a draft Opinion on the same subject (RSPG21-0226).

The RSPG also received progress reports from the Sub Groups dealing with “peer review and member state cooperation on authorisation and awards” noting, in particular, that since the previous plenary meeting in February, the RSPG had convened two Peer Review Forums, as foreseen under article 35 of the EECC, at the request of Malta and Croatia, and that two more would be convened at the request of Lithuania and the Netherlands.

The RSPG also received presentations from the Commission on its proposal for a strategic European partnership on Smart Networks and Services, and regarding the current state of play for eCall.

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on 24 November 2021.

## MEETING REPORT

**(1) Introduction to RSPG #55**

The RSPG Chairman, Frank Krüger (DE), opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG20-026) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Rita Wezenbeek, Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

**(2) Election of a Deputy Chair**

RSPG members were informed that the Bulgarian authorities had confirmed to the RSPG Secretariat that Ms Andreana Atanasova had left her position in the Bulgarian administration and would no longer be able to continue as the Deputy Chair of the RSPG. RSPG members expressed their gratitude to Ms Atanasova for her service to the Group and elected Eric Fournier from France to serve as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the current term.

**(3) Update on Commission Initiatives**

The European Commission introduced a report on Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting (RSPG20-018).

**(4) Update from the Chair and former Chair on activities since the last meeting**

The Chair provided RSPG members with a brief report on his recent and future planned activities.

**(5) 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 RSPG21-019. The Commission welcomed the progress reported and urged Member States that had not yet completed national awards procedures to do so as soon as possible so as to minimise any further delays.

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

The co-rapporteur Alexander Sołtysik (PL) presented a progress report (RSPG21-020) from the working group on peer review and Member State authorisations and awards. The Group noted that since the last Plenary meeting in February, the RSPG had been formally requested by two Member States, Malta and Croatia, to convene Peer Review Forums (as foreseen in Article 35 of the Code). These had taken place in March and May respectively.

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The Group also noted that Greece had held an Award workshop (in line with Article 2.5 of the RSPG Decision<sup>1</sup>) on the national award procedures completed in 2020.

The group also noted that, in the interim, two further formal requests for the RSPG to convene Peer Review Forums under Article 35 had been received, from Lithuania and the Netherlands, and that these two Forums were scheduled to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June respectively.

**(7) RSPG Sub Group on spectrum sharing**

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-021) from the Sub Group on Spectrum Sharing presented by Co-Chairs Mauro Martino (IT) and Julia Criado Casado (ES). The Group also adopted an Opinion on “spectrum sharing – pioneer initiatives and bands” (RSPG21-022). The Group noted that the Sub Group had now completed its tasks and thanked the members of the Sub Group for their work.

**(8) 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 (RSPG21-023) presented by the Co-Chairs Bo Andersson (SE) and Tassos Lyratzis (EL). The Group also adopted an Opinion on “additional spectrum needs” (RSPG21-024). The Group noted that the Sub Group had now completed its tasks and thanked the members of the Sub Group for their work.

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

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-025) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group on climate change, Rory Hinchy (IE) and Robert Lindgaard (DK). The Group also adopted a report on the “role of radio spectrum policy to help combat climate change” (RSPG21-026) and agreed to publish, for public consultation, a draft Opinion on “the role of radio spectrum policy to help combat climate change”.

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

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-028) from the Sub-Group on “Good Offices” presented by Co-Chairs Eric Fournier (FR) and Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT). The RSPG also adopted an Opinion pursuant to Article 28 of the European Electronic Communications Code “in relation to cross-border interference problems between Italy and Croatia in the UHF band” (RSPG21-029). Italy voted against the adoption of the Opinion, attaching a statement to be included in the annex of the opinion, and also presented document (RSPG21-036) expressing its views regarding the draft opinion and the proposed coordinated solution.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Decision of 11 June 2019 setting up the Radio Spectrum Policy Group and repealing Decision 2002/622/EC (2019/C 196/08)

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

The Group considered a progress report (RSPG21-030) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC), Nadia Katsanou (EL) and Alexander Kühn (DE) and adopted an interim Opinion on WRC 23 (RSPG21-031).

**(12) RSPG Sub Group on the RSPP**

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-032) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group on the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme, Didier Chauveau (FR) and Jonas Wessel (SE), and adopted an Opinion on the RSPP (RSPG21-033). Although the European Commission has no immediate plans to adopt a new Radio Spectrum Policy Programme, the Commission welcomed the Opinion as a useful and timely input to the Commission's ongoing reflections for a Digital Policy Programme and to future spectrum policy reflections in general.

The European Commission expressed its view that a contribution from the RSPG to the spectrum related aspects of the forthcoming public consultation on the future Digital Policy Programme would be appreciated.

**(13) Administrative matters**

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#56) will take place on the 24<sup>h</sup> November 2021.

The Group tasked the Deputy Chair to prepare a draft future RSPG work programme to be presented at the next Plenary meeting.

The Group also agreed that the meetings in 2022 will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2022.

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