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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

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The RSPG at its Meeting #66 (hybrid, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025) approved the 27<sup>6h</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-Group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation.

#### I. PEER REVIEW FORUM

Since the last RSPG Plenary Sweden made the notification pursuant to Article 35(1) and 23(2) of the Code about its intention to award spectrum in a frequency band harmonised for use at EU level in accordance with Decision No 676/2002/EC on 14 February 2025. Sweden requested to convene a voluntary Peer Review Forum on the basis of Article 35 of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC).

**Sweden notified the RSPG** about a selection procedure in order to assign the rights of use of the spectrum band 1800 MHz. The public consultation on the "Open Invitation Part 2 started on February 19th and ended on March 21st 2025. The call for tender will be finalised after the public consultation. It is expected that the award auction will start in Q4 2025.

### II. SUB-GROUP ACTIVITY

Since the last RSPG plenary meeting, the sub-group has held three online only Peer Review Forums. The Slovakian and Italian Peer Review Forums were requested in January 2025, the Swedish Peer Review was requested in February 2025.

The Slovakian Peer Review Forum took place online on 13<sup>th</sup> February. It addressed the Slovak selection procedure in order to assign the rights of use of spectrum in the bands 800 MHz, 900MHz, 1500MHz, 2100 MHz and 2600MHz. The public consultation started on January 15th and ended on February 17th, 2025.

The Italian Peer Review took place on 26<sup>th</sup> February. It addressed the selection procedure and the rules for the use of the radio spectrum in the band 24.25-26.5 GHz (lower 26 GHz band) in Italy.

The Swedish Peer Review took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March. It addressed the selection procedure and the rules for the use of part of the radio spectrum in the band 1800 MHz in Sweden.

A Peer Review workshop took place on 2-3 April 2025. The Peer Review workshop was also held in hybrid format at the ANFR premise Paris and online. The topics included a presentation on the work associated with the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris and a look back at the 2004 Olympics in Athens as part of Greece presentation on

Spectrum Management and Monitoring at major events, presentations on the contrasting fate of 26 GHz in Italy and in Denmark and evaluations of Mobile awards in Finland and Hungary.

In the presentation on the 2024 Olympics, France shared their experience on methodology to handle spectrum issues during the organisation of special events, including the frequency plan, the spectrum monitoring and the "test and tagging" system. The Greek presentation on their approach provided a contrast to their approach in 2004, given different technological demands, and the relative inexperience at the time. Italy gave a brief presentation on the state of 26 GHz band in Italy as did Denmark on their national experience. Finland and Hungary reviewed their spectrum policy decisions and competitive procedures in the light of current coverage data and market conditions, reflected on mobile awards in their countries in recent years.