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RSPG on its 31st Plenary Meeting (Brussels June 13, 2013) approved an Interim Opinion on Common Policy Objectives for WRC-15 (RSPG13-525).

RSPG on its meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 also endorsed **3rd Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on the preparation of Common Policy Objectives for WRC-15** and noted the update of the draft opinion on EU common policy objectives

According to the updated RSPG Work Program the draft opinion is to be delivered for public consultation in **November 2014** and to be finalised in **February 2015**.

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RSPG WG WRC-15 met twice after the March 2014 meeting of RSPG on kind invitation of ANFR and BNetzA. The WG continued considering the draft opinion on WRC-15, in particular elements for the common policy objectives.

The timeframe of the work item has also been discussed, raised by a request from the Commission that it needs a stable text in accordance with the timetable. The WG is confident that it will fulfill its tasks in accordance with the timeframe, i.e. provide a final draft to RSPG November.

The meetings amended the introduction to complement the existing text showing the role of RSPG in the preparation of the EU on WRC-15.

Regarding the agenda topics with relevance on EU policy, some topics have been added to the satellite and transport part, e.g. 1.9.2, 9.1.8.

In general the common policy objectives have been developed taken utmost account of the current status of CEPT preparation, but to keep the elements in a more general manner.

Elements for common policy objectives have been developed and included in the draft opinion on all topics.

The WG would like to express also the view that the description and suggested common policy objectives on Agenda item 1.1 needs further consideration as its needs to reflect the most current status of the preparatory work.

This may also include considerations on different frequency bands under discussion. Moreover it needs to be highlighted that member states would probably not have taken final decision on their positions on the different bands under consideration.

This is expected shortly before the conference.

Furthermore it has been discussed, how detailed certain specific frequency bands should be or can be addressed. As there was no consensus at the WG, no amendments have been made. This includes also a proposal from one country reflecting on the spectrum requirement estimations for IMT contained in different ITU-R reports.

Regarding the existing supported candidate bands a re-wording has been agreed to highlight that more bands are likely to be added later. As a general guideline the WG considered that allocations and identifications for IMT should only be considered as preferable at WRC, when sharing and co-existence with existing services is feasible. Looking at the situation on 5 GHz RLAN extension the WG concluded that this can only be supported when the EU policy regarding Copernicus is fully satisfied, ie. the existing services in the bands 5350-5470, 5725-5850 MHz are protected.

A further fact needs to be highlighted that the spectrum requirements for mobile broadband for EU member states have not been established yet. In that regard RSPG need to recognize that the ITU Report on spectrum requirements based on assumptions from outside Europe which may not be valid for European member states and thus the result from the report could not be taken as generally applicable without further analysis.

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