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Final Report of the RSPG Working Group

on the review of the RSPP

(Radio Spectrum Policy Program)

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The RSPG WG on ‘the review of the RSPP’ met once since the last RSPG plenary (the 28 January at the invitation of OFCOM UK) in order to resolve the comments received during the public consultation on the draft Opinion on the “*future spectrum challenges - Implementation of the current RSPP and key issues to be addressed in the next period*”.

Results from the public consultation

The public consultation on the draft version of this Opinion was held from 22 October until 21 December 2015. 13 responses were received. The RSPG is grateful to all respondents for their input.

It is proposed to make the comments available on the RSPG web site.

A summary of the comments has been agreed during the resolution of comments and added in Annex 4 “*Summary of the responses to the public consultation*” of the Opinion.

Resolution of comments

RSPG identified common elements in the responses as:

- Broad support for updating/revising the current RSPP
- Each respondent is advocating that sufficient, suitable spectrum is made available for the sector it is representing (in a timely manner)
- Spectrum sharing is being supported, but at the same time caution is being expressed: sharing must be based on real, proven technical means, with proof that harmful interference will be avoided.

Some comments deal with issues outside the RSPG competence: e.g. EchoStar Mobile Ltd on 2 GHz MSS.

Others comments on European harmonization and implementation of harmonization measures. It is noted that future harmonised spectrum for WBB below 2,5 GHz (700 MHz, 1,5 GHz, 2,3 GHz) will bridge the gap with other regions. Europe will maintain its leadership compare to the others regions.

Concerning the implementation of harmonization measures, one comment refers to first deadline (first country movers in line with the analysis of RSPG RSPP), and second deadline to ensure that the harmonized measure could benefit from economy of scale.

Others comments as densification of networks and on 5 G will be made available to the other RSPG ad hoc group on 5G. Those comments will be further considered in the future RSPG Opinion on 5G to be developed by RSPG in 2016/2017.

All comments have been resolved.

In consequence, the draft Opinion has been slightly improved during the resolution of comments to clarify the section on GSM R issues, the issue of flexibility and harmonization and on the future leadership of Europe on harmonized spectrum below 2,5 GHz. The table 1 in Annex 3 “*Harmonised spectrum for electronic communications services (mobile broadband)*” has been also improved to ensure full alignment with the same table included in the recent published RSPG Opinion on DSM.

During the final editorial review of the deliverable, we identified a need for alignment of the text of one recommendation “spectrum sharing” with the relevant recommendation in the main part of the Opinion to ensure consistency of the overall document. We invite RSPG to follow our proposal to align this recommendation on “spectrum sharing” with the relevant recommendation in the main part of the deliverable.

The RSPG Opinion is submitted for approval for publication

The RSPG Opinion on the “*future spectrum challenges - Implementation of the current RSPG and key issues to be addressed in the next period*” is now ready for approval for publication.

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