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6th Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on WRC-19

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The Group met once since the 45th RSPG plenary and worked on the following issues:

1. Development of the final Opinion on WRC-19 for public consultation;
2. Development of an initial draft of supplemental Opinion to RSPG09-294 on EU Coordination at WRC's;

Representatives from Greece, Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, France, Denmark and the European Commission participated actively.

1.

The Group considered the current developments within international fora and updated the Opinion accordingly. This includes mainly the proposed Recommendation to the European Commission and outstanding elements on the general objective and Agenda items 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, issue 9.1.5 and 10:

- The Group developed further the category of Recommendations (Cases) and outlined in particular that only case a) and b) require a legal proposal to the Council, whereas case c) provides a larger variety of possibilities to support a common view by Member States.
- In order to ease the reading abbreviations on the subject of the Agenda items and issues as used by CEPT have been included.
- The general objective was subject of intense consideration. The Group agreed finally to include the Recommendations under Agenda item 1.13. In consequence the section deals now with the understanding of the RSPG that proposals at a very late stage which may change existing Agenda items should be handled very carefully in light of the scope of an Agenda item. Also the issue of overlapping frequency bands between different Agenda items can be solved by a consistent positioning which is endorsed by RSPG.
- Regarding the Agenda Item 1.7 on spectrum for short duration space missions the Group amended the background text to better address the interest stakeholders.
- Regarding Agenda item 1.8 on GMDSS, the Group considered further the legal relation between EU positions for IMO meetings by the Council and their relation to WRC decisions. The group concluded that a categorisation as Case A may only be required if the IMO concludes its consideration before WRC-19. After the meeting, the European Commission agreed that the Agenda item will be categorised as Case c).
- Regarding Agenda item 1.10 on the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS), background information have been developed. It was noted that the aviation community within Europe (Eurocontrol) and globally (ICAO) concluded already that there is no necessity to amend the Radio Regulation regarding new spectrum bands and associated usage provisions on GADSS.
- Regarding issue 9.1.5 which addresses studies on a regulatory update of referenced ITU-R Recommendation, the Group agreed that a comprehensive description on 5 GHz RLAN would be beneficial and combined the issue with Agenda item 1.16.

- The Group also included elements on Agenda item 10. It needs to be noted that all elements for new Agenda items are subject to further consideration. In any case two preliminary Agenda items for WRC-23 have to be noted as having relevance for EU policies: The review on the UHF band and GMDSS modernization.

With such changes the Group seeks the consent of RSPG to send this Opinion to public consultation.

2.

The Group developed based on the results of the 7th meeting and the guideline by the 45th Plenary of RSPG a draft supplemental Opinion on the EU coordination at WRC's.

The representative of the European Commission outlined possibilities for a practical approach at a WRC to ensure the proper implementation of agreed EU positions and coordination. The Group agreed that the cases where specific EU coordination is required need to be identified. In other cases, in particular in cases where the CEPT coordinator is from an EU Member state, specific EU coordination may not be needed. In other cases where an EU position may need specific attention, a specific EU Rapporteur may be set up by an EU coordination meeting. The Group considered unanimously in any way that specific EU coordination should be kept to the minimum extent necessary.

Summary

The development of the draft final Opinion on WRC-19 is reaching its final phase. The draft Opinion is now been presented for agreement to send it for public consultation. The Group suggests that the period for public consultation should at least been until the 15th of July to ensure that the latest development within CEPT can be fully reflected.

The new work on the Supplementary Opinion on EU coordination is progressing well.

All interested Member states are invited to provide further comments on the current drafts and should also consider participating at the meetings of WG WRC-19.

Special thanks are going all group members, the representative of the European Commission and all hosts.

The next, 9th, meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2018.

Recommended action for RSPG#46:

1. Approval of the draft Final Opinion on WRC-19 for public consultation (RSPG18-023) in June-July 2018.
2. Endorsement of the development of the supplementary Opinion on EU coordination (RSPG18-024).
3. Endorsement of the updated work item overview (Annex I).
4. Noting of the 6th Progress Report.

Documents/Annexes: 3

Bonn, May 23rd

Alexander Kühn
Rapporteur

ANNEX

RSPG work item: update to Plenary	
Work item	<i>Opinion on WRC-19 / Supplemental Opinion on EU coordination</i>
Rapporteur/s	<i>Alexander Kühn, Federal Network Agency, Germany</i>
Rationale	<i>WRC-15 ended on 27 November 2015. One of the decisions taken at WRC-15 was the agenda for WRC-19. RSPG should start to identify common policy objectives on items which are of particular importance for EU policies as early as possible in the process of preparation of WRC-19, similarly to the processes successfully carried out for past WRCs.</i>
Scope	<p><i>The RSPG plans to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Assess the preparation of ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences in order to update, if needed, the recommendations provided in the RSPG Opinion on “The preparation of ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences”;</i> <i>2. Assist the European Commission in formulating Common Policy Objectives;</i> <i>3. Identify actions for the European Commission in order to provide political support to promote common policy objectives in regular meetings between EC and non-EU countries.</i>
Planned deliverables and timing	<p><i>Opinion on WRC-19</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Draft Final Opinion June 2018</i> <i>2. Final Opinion October 2018</i> <p><i>Opinion supplementary to RSPG09-294</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Draft Opinion 1st meeting 2019</i> <i>2. Final Opinion 2nd meeting 2019</i>
Analytical approach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Analysis of the provisional Agenda as adopted by WRC-15 and identify those items/issue on which EU policy aspects may be affected.</i> <i>2. Taking into account various developements within international fora especially the ITU and CEPT, as well as information provided by the members of the group, develop recommendations for elements of common policy obejectives on the identified items of the WRC-19 agenda.</i>
Project plan	<p><i>2 Step approach:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Step: Identification of relevant EU policies which may be affected.</i>

	<p><i>2. Step: Based on the result of step 1, develop an RSPG Opinion on elements for common policy objectives.</i></p> <p><i>The group will use personal meetings to finalise texts and electronic means to the maximum extent possible to collect proposals.</i></p>
Dependencies	<p><i>Consistency with regard to the RSPG work on 5G, ITS and IoT has to be ensured.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore the work is heavily depending on the further preparatory activities within other international fora in particular the ITU and CEPT.</i></p> <p><i>The group will also take fully account of the results of relevant case(s) before the European Court of Justice.</i></p>

Members, stakeholders and resources

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Key stakeholders	<i>All</i>
Other resources	<i>Not applicable</i>

Work flow (internal and external milestones)

Date	Action / deliverable	Internal	External
		Work group only	Plenary, Publication
Year 2018			
15 January	7 th Meeting – Development of the Opinion Review of the Opinion on WRC preparation	Working Group	n/a
30 January	Progress Report to Plenary	Rapporteur	Plenary
25 April	8 th Meeting – Development of the Opinions; On WRC-19 towards public consultation Development of the Supplemental Opinion	Working Group	n/a
5 June	Presentation of final Opinion on WRC-19 for public consultation; Progress Report to Plenary	Rapporteur	Plenary
June/July	Public Consultation of the Opinion on WRC-19	Working Group	n/a

Date	Action / deliverable	Internal Work group only	External Plenary, Publication
10 September	9 th Meeting – Finalisation of the Opinion on WRC-19, Development of the Supplemental Opinion	Working Group	n/a
3 October	Presentation of the final Opinion on WRC-19 for Adoption, Progress Report to Plenary [Presentation on the Draft Supplemental Opinion on WRC preparation, if possible]	Rapporteur	Plenary
[tbd] December	10 th Meeting – finalization of the Supplemental Opinion	Working group	n/a
Year 2019			
February	Presentation of the final Opinion on WRC preparation for Adoption.		Plenary
May/June	...		Plenary

Further work plan is subject to the later sessions of the working group.