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The RSPG WG on 'Efficient Awards and Efficient Use of Spectrum' met once since the last RSPG plenary, on 28 January in London, to consider comments received during the public consultation.

Results from the public consultation

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

A summary of the comments has been agreed during the discussion of the responses and added in Annex 5 of the Report. All the responses are also available on the RSPG website.

Resolution of comments

The majority of responses focused on the parts of the report dealing with types of awards, best practice and ensuring efficient use. There was a broad consensus with the RSPG view that "no one size fits all" and that spectrum management needs to take a balanced proportionate approach to spectrum management and harmonisation to ensure efficient use is made of spectrum.

As well as providing a summary of responses in Annex 5 we have, where appropriate, reflected comments from respondents in the body of the report. In particular, some specific points were raised on aspects of best practice which we have sought to clarify in this report, notably on efficiency on the auction design (see Chapter 4) and the role of reserve prices in designing awards (see Chapter 5).

In addition, a number of interesting points were also raised by some respondents that are outside the scope of the report.

Next steps

The RSPG Report on *"Efficient Awards and Efficient Use of Spectrum"* is submitted to RSPG for final adoption.

A question for RSPG is what, if any, further work should be undertaken by RSPG on the topic of spectrum awards. The report aims to provide a basis for the sharing of best practice in relation to efficient awards and efficient use of spectrum, and it would be worth RSPG considering whether further RSPG activity in this area would be beneficial for the development of spectrum policy and management in Europe.

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