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**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

The meeting was chaired by RSPG Chair Jonas Wessel (Sweden).

The RSPG adopted an Opinion on a "Strategic spectrum roadmap towards 5G for Europe".

The RSPG also adopted a work programme for "2018 and beyond".

The RSPG noted progress reports from the Working Groups dealing with the following policy areas:

- WRC19;
- Cross-border coordination ("Good offices");
- Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market;

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on Tuesday 5th June 2018.

## MEETING REPORT

### (1) Introduction to RSPG #44

The RSPG Chairman, Jonas Wessel (Sweden), opened the meeting.

The European Commission was represented by Anthony Whelan, Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

### (2) Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced document RSPG18-003 "Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting". The Commission also provided additional information regarding the state of play of the Commission proposal for a Directive establishing an Electronic Communications Code.

### (3) Update from the Chair on activities since the last meeting

The Chair provided members with information on his recent activities, including a report of a recent study trip by the RSPG Chair and previous RSPG Chairs to Asia in December 2017 (RSPG18-011).

### (4) RSPG Working Group on 5G

The co-rapporteurs B. Andersson (SE) and Tassos Lyratzis (GR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG18-004) and a draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Opinion (RSPG18-005) on a "Strategic spectrum roadmap towards 5G for Europe". The RSPG thanked the working group for its efforts and adopted the opinion.

### (5) RSPG Working Group on WRC19

The rapporteur A. Kühn introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG17-035) and noted the objective that a draft Opinion on WRC19 will be presented to the next Plenary in June with the intention that it can then be published for public consultation. The RSPG also agreed that the working group should continue work on a supplementary Opinion on EU coordination at ITU-R WRC conferences.

### (6) Good Offices

The co-rapporteur E. Fournier (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG18-006), and the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> RSPG questionnaire on the 700MHz band (RSPG18-007). The RSPG noted the excellent progress made in terms of cross-border coordination of the 700 MHz band within the EU and thanked the working group for its efforts. The RSPG also considered progress on cross-border coordination with third countries. Italy noted that it had experienced difficulties in coordinating with Algeria and Tunisia. The RSPG also agreed to the launch of a 5<sup>th</sup> questionnaire on the 700 MHz band (RSPG18-015).

**(8) RSPG working group on the Digital Single Market**

The co-rapporteur A. Soltysik (PL) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG18-110). The co-rapporteur also reported on a successful two workshops on award of 700 MHz band held in Brussels on 20 November 2017 and in Dublin on 16 January 2018 on the Irish 3.6 MHz band spectrum award and summarized the outcome of the public consultations on joint BEREC-RSPG report on mobile connectivity in challenge areas.

**(9) Future RSPG Work Programme**

The RSPG Chair, J. Wessel, introduced the draft work programme for the RSPG during 2018-19 (RSPG18-12) which included changes to the previous version following comments received during the public consultation. The RSPG adopted the work programme.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#46) will take place in Brussels on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The subsequent RSPG plenary meeting (RSPG#47) will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

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