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Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on European Spectrum Strategy

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Progress Report to RSPG Plenary

1. The RSPG Working Group on European Spectrum Strategy (WG ESS) has been considering medium to long term spectrum management issues for Europe. It identified six interconnected themes:
 - Innovation
 - Sharing
 - Harmonisation
 - The role of market mechanisms
 - Meeting the needs of all spectrum users
 - Receivers and Standards.

Our June update to Plenary noted that the WG had built on first round of stakeholder discussions on innovation and sharing discussions with further working group meetings which examined all six themes.

These themes were presented to the RSPG Stakeholders at a workshop in Dublin in 2018 which focused on the subjects of Sharing and Innovation as part of the goal of meeting the needs of spectrum users. Stakeholders were also briefed at the RSPG stakeholder event in May in Berlin 2019, followed by a second and final Stakeholder Workshop which was held in London at the end of June 2019 which focused on the remaining areas of market mechanisms, harmonisation and receivers and standards.

This large event was attended by over 70 participants, including spectrum managers and stakeholders from a cross section of industry across Europe, and discussed several themes in detail. It focused on harmonisation, receivers and standards and market mechanisms, and particularly considered the longer-term outlook. The RSPG probed stakeholders' views on these issues in the context of the RSPG's goal of enabling spectrum access for all.

After this final stakeholder event, the WG pulled together the key themes into a skeleton paper which was discussed at a final meeting of the WG on 9 July. Following discussions there the WG developed a paper which analyses the issues raised by both the WG's own deliberations and those discussed with stakeholders.

This paper, which is presented to Plenary today, pulls together all of the issues, challenges and opportunities identified through the discussions with stakeholders, together with closing observations for those issues which merit further development by RSPG.