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Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #60 on 15 February 2023

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Eric Fournier (France).

During the meeting the RSPG:

- Adopted a report as foreseen under Article 35(8) of the European Electronic Communications Code (concerning Peer Review activities during 2022)
- Adopted a report on *Mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies*
- Agreed to publish a questionnaire for public stakeholder input on the *Role of Radio Spectrum Policy to help combat Climate Change*

The Commission also announced a new URL for the RSPG website which can now be found at:

https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/index_en

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #59

The RSPG Chairman, Eric Fournier opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG23-001) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Kamila Kloc, Acting Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

The Commission provided the Group with an update concerning the Commission's intention to propose a decision concerning a Radio Spectrum Policy programme (RSPP) during 2023. The Group agreed to activate a Sub Group, already in the current work programme, concerning the Digital Decade in order to provide the Commission with further RSPG input concerning the Commission's planned consultation on the Future of Connectivity, including spectrum policy matters. The Group also confirmed that Didier Chauveau (FR) and Jonas Wessel (SE) would act as co-chairs of the Sub Group.

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

The RSPG Chair confirmed that he had not participated in any activities related to the RSPG since the last Plenary meeting.

(4) 5G pioneer bands: state of play on authorisations and awards

The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG23-002. The Commission made a presentation summarising developments and emphasized that further action was still required by the majority of Member States to make spectrum in the three bands (700 MHz, 3.6 GHz and 26 GHz) fully available.

(5) RSPG Sub Group on Peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards

The Sub Group co-chair Alexander **Soltysik (PL)** presented a progress report (RSPG23-003) on *peer review and Member State authorisations and awards*, and a Draft report foreseen under Article 35(8) of the European Electronic Communications Code (RSPG23-004). The draft report was adopted by the Group.

(6) RSPG Sub Group on UHF band beyond 2030

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-005) from the Sub-Group on *UHF band beyond 2030* presented by the Co-Chairs Elena Nanou (EL) and Umberto Mascia (IT). The Group also invited the Sub Group to finalise a draft Opinion that could be published for public consultation after the next Plenary meeting.

(7) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-006) from the Sub-Group on *Good Offices* presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT).

(8) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-007) from the Sub-Group on *Climate Change* presented by the Co-Chair Rory Hinchy (IE) and agreed to publish a draft questionnaire (RSPG23-014) to invite further inputs from interested parties.

(9) Mobile technology evolution & Development of 6G

The RSPG considered a progress report on *mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies* (RSPG23-008) and a progress report on *the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* (RSPG23-009) presented by the Co-Chairs Tasso Lyratzis (EL) and Heidi Himmanen (FI)

The Group agreed to adopt a report (RSPG23-010) on *Mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies* and to invite the Sub Group to finalise a draft Opinion on *The development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* for the next plenary meeting.

The Group agreed to delay the sending into public consultation of the draft opinion on *the development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* to the next Plenary.

(10) Mobile Satellite Services

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG23-012) from the Sub Group on *Mobile Satellite Services* presented by the Co-Chairs Chris Seifert (DE) and Diána Daczi (HU).

The Group agreed that the subgroup could send a questionnaire to the Membership and to MSS stakeholders.

(11) Any Other Business

Under this agenda item the Commission provided an update concerning the ongoing discussions in the Council regarding the status of ETFA countries in the Group.

The Group also agreed to gather initial topics for the next Work Programme (2024-2025), inviting proposals to be sent to the RSPG Chairman and Vice-Chairman, with a view to a preliminary discussion at the next plenary meeting.

The Commission also confirmed that the RSPG's website had been migrated to https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/index_en to ensure better stability and security.
