



**GSME response to RSPG consultation in the context of an RSPG
Opinion on priorities and objectives for the Community in the World
Radiocommunication Conference 2007**

GSME welcomes the opportunity to comment on the RSPG consultation in the context of an RSPG Opinion on priorities and objectives for the Community in the World Radiocommunication Conference 2007.

Question 1:

What are the agenda items at WRC-07 (to be specified by the respondent) which potentially could have a significant positive or negative impact on common European policies and on important pan-European industrial sectors?

Answer 1:

Agenda item 1.4 (frequency-related matters for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000) and agenda item 1.9 (technical, operational and regulatory provisions applicable to the use of the band 2500 – 2690 MHz by space services)

Question 2:

Which are the broad objectives which Europe could set itself for these agenda items, bearing in mind that many technical constraints are not yet clarified, and the fact that non-European interests might not support such objectives during the negotiations?

Answer 2:

Agenda item 1.4: To ensure that the spectrum demand for the future development of IMT-2000 and systems beyond IMT-2000 is adequately addressed, based on studies/work currently ongoing in various fora e.g.:

- SWG Services & Market Aspects of CEPT ECC PT1
- JRS-IPTS study initiated by the Commission in support of PT1 work
- IST-Project WINNER under the Commission's 6th FP for Research
- Report #33 of the UMTS-Forum
- WG Future Services & Market Aspects of ITU-R WP8F

Agenda item 1.9: As the band 2500 – 2690 MHz will be used for IMT-2000 in Europe by 2008, adequate protection of IMT-2000 systems from satellite systems operated in other Regions has to be ensured mainly by participating in the relevant CEPT CPG and ITU-R JTG 6-8-9 work.

(see also section IMT-2000 and systems beyond on page 7 of the RSPG document)



Question 3:

Is it currently foreseeable that there could be contrasting requirements for different Community policies which would need to be interpreted preferably before the WRC-07 negotiations? If so, where?

Answer:

No

Question 4:

How to effectively promote at the conference and within ITU the Common Proposals on spectrum selected by Europe in other regions of the world, in order to enable European industry and consumers to benefit from lower barriers to trade and greater economies of scale?

Answer 4:

Active participation during the WRC preparatory process (CPG / CPM) as well as during the conference itself.

Question 5:

How to ensure that generic regulatory principles enshrined in Community legislation for various spectrum-using sectors are supported in the WRC-07 process, and notably the principles of technology neutrality, fair competition, regulatory transparency, non-discrimination and proportionality, as well as the optimisation of spectrum use?

Answer:

Active participation during the WRC preparatory process (CPG / CPM) as well as during the conference itself.

Question 6:

What should be the strategy approaches before and during the conference for European delegations to optimise the possibility to reach the above-identified common European objectives? Should some European Common Proposals be mandatory for EU members?

Answer 6:

Active participation during the WRC preparatory process (CPG / CPM) as well as during the conference itself.

Question 7:



Are the current procedural arrangements for the European WRC preparations, such as participation to and scheduling of meetings, drafting of European Common Positions and Briefs, availability of information, etc., appropriate? If not, please suggest ways to improve this process.

Answer 7:

Yes

Question 8:

*If applicable, please indicate your early views on issues Europe could propose to be included in the agenda for the next conference after WRC-07 (see the preliminary agenda proposed by WRC-03 in **annex 3**).*

Answer 8:

The requirements of the mobile communications industry should be adequately covered also at the next conference after WRC-07. Agenda Items potentially relevant for this subsequent conference will have to be identified based on the results of the WRC-07 preparatory process. GSME would be pleased to discuss this issue further with RSPG in the future as appropriate.

