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### **Progress Report of the RSPG Sub Group on MSS 2 GHz**

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1. Since the last RSPG Plenary meeting, the Subgroup met four times virtually (17 March, 19 April, 3 May and 16 May 2023) and worked towards a draft Opinion with the participation of representatives from numerous MS: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the European Commission.
2. The Subgroup developed a questionnaire directed to European administrations with the aim to updating and complementing existing information about the licenses and the current use of the 2 GHz MSS frequency band in Europe. This questionnaire was sent to RSPG Member States and RSPG observer countries. Nearly 30 responses were send to the SG.
3. It was agreed, to transfer the detailed responses into general findings and to add the detailed responses as Annex to the future draft Opinion.
4. Due to EU communication policy reasons, relevant information concerning the UK will need to be extracted from publicly available sources.
5. The Subgroup developed a questionnaire directed to the two selected MSS operators concerning their licenses and current use, which was send out accordingly. They responded to the questionnaire and each company hold a presentation. Both presentations were followed by a questions and answers session. Subsequent questions were send to the selected MSS operators.
6. As for the responses provided by the administrations, operator's responses are planned to be transferred into general findings and to add, if deemed appropriate, the detailed responses as Annex to the future draft Opinion.
7. The Subgroup further agreed on a letter to RSPGs observers, ETSI and CEPT, inviting them to provide information on the latest technological developments in satellite communications and trends in the provision of MSS services with relevance to the future use of the 2 GHz MSS frequency bands. The letter was send out accordingly. Responses are expected until 20 June 2023.
8. Furthermore, the Subgroup concluded its discussion how to involve interested parties in the work of the Subgroup: interested parties may respond to a questionnaire on the potential future use of the 2 GHz MSS frequency bands which was published on the RSPG webpage ([https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/consultations-0\\_en](https://radio-spectrum-policy-group.ec.europa.eu/consultations-0_en)). The consultation will be open until 20 June 2023.

9. To meet the time frame set by the Request for Opinion, the future work will be organised in parallel work streams by correspondence, each developing another section of the draft Opinion. This approach will start with drafting on the section *“Existing licenses and the current use of 1 980 - 2 010 MHz and 2 170 - 2 200 MHz in the EU and in other countries”*.
10. All future meetings of the Subgroup are scheduled:
  - #6 22.06.2023, virtual
  - #7 10.08.2023, virtual
  - #8 12.09.2023, hybrid in Madrid, on kind invitation of Spain
  - #9 05.10.2023, virtual
11. After the last SG meeting the RSPG secretariat informed about a call for tender of the European Commission for a *“Study on Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) in the 2 GHz Band in the EU – Implementation of the Current Regulatory Framework and an Overview of the Satellite Connectivity Market”*. Its content is utmost similar to the Request for Opinion, the Commission issued to the RSPG. The SG will dedicate a time-slot in its upcoming meeting and invites the EC to provide more detailed information about the aim and purpose of the Study and what its status/relevance compared to the RSPG Opinion is.

**RSPG is invited:**

1. To take note of this Progress Report and
2. To provide guidance as appropriate.