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Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #54 on 10 February 2021

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Frank Krüger (Germany) and took place “on-line” given the restrictions in force as a result of the covid-19 pandemic.

The RSPG adopted a report on “*Spectrum Sharing - A forward-looking survey*” (RSPG21-016) and agreed to publish draft Opinions, for public consultation, concerning:

- “*Spectrum sharing – pioneer initiatives and bands*”
- “*Additional spectrum needs*”
- “*Radio Spectrum Policy Programme*”.

The RSPG also received progress reports from the Sub Groups dealing with:

- peer review and member state cooperation on authorisation and awards;
- spectrum sharing;
- Additional spectrum needs and future wireless broadband rollout;
- climate change;
- Cross-border coordination ("Good offices");
- The WRC;
- Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP).

The RSPG also discussed the ongoing cooperation with the Connectivity Special Group in preparation for the Joint meeting to be held on 12 February 2021.

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on 16 June 2021.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #54

The RSPG Chairman, Frank Krüger (Germany), opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG20-026) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Rita Wezenbeek, Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced a report on Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting (RSPG20-002).

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

The Chair noted the Extraordinary RSPG Plenary meeting which had been held on 4 December 2020, and thanked RSPG members for their inputs, which had allowed the RSPG to provide an input to the Connectivity Special Group (RSPG20-039). The RSPG Chair thanked in particular the co-chairs of the RSPG Sub Groups dealing with Additional Spectrum needs, Peer review and awards and spectrum sharing for their efforts in facilitating the process.

(4) Connectivity Toolbox

The Chair noted that, in the interim, the Special Group had asked the RSPG to provide an additional input to phase 2 of the process, when Member States in the Special Group were expected to agree on a Union Toolbox of best practices on Connectivity.

To this end, the Chair had proposed a joint meeting between the RSPG and the Special Group Sub Group dealing with access to 5G radio spectrum, which would be held on 12 February 2021.

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

The Chair thanked RSPG members for providing updates regarding their national award situations. The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG21-003.

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

The co-rapporteur Alexander Soltysik (PL) presented a progress report (RSPG21-004) from the working group on peer review and Member State authorisations and awards. The Group noted the two workshops held by RSPG members since the last Plenary (concerning the award procedures in Slovenia and Spain), and the need to organise any future Peer Review Forum in line with the procedures foreseen in the European Electronic Communications Code (which had come into effect on 21 December 2020). In particular, RSPG members noted the obligations of Member States to report to the RSPG in certain circumstances as foreseen in Article 35 of the Code.

(7) RSPG Sub Group on spectrum sharing

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-005) from the Sub Group on Spectrum Sharing presented by Co-Chair Mauro Martino (IT). The Group also agreed to the adoption of a report on “Spectrum Sharing - A forward-looking survey” (RSPG21-016) and the adoption of a draft Opinion (for public consultation) on “spectrum sharing – pioneer initiatives and bands” (RSPG21-006).

(8) RSPG Sub Group on Additional Spectrum needs

The Group considered a progress report from the Sub Group on Additional Spectrum Needs and Future Wireless Broadband Rollout (RSPG21-007) presented by the Co-Chairs Bo Andersson (SE) and Thassos Lyratzis (EL).

The Group also adopted a draft Opinion (for public consultation) on “additional spectrum needs”.

(9) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-009) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group on climate change, Rory Hinchy (IE) and Robert Lindgaard (DK).

(10) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-010) from the Sub Group on “Good Offices” presented by Co-Chair Eric Fournier (FR). The RSPG also acknowledged a request from Croatia to initiate the procedure foreseen in Article 28 of the European Electronic Communications Code, in relation to cross-border interference problems concerning Italy. The Group agreed that the matter should be considered in the “Good offices” Sub Group with a view to the drafting of an opinion for consideration at the next scheduled Plenary meeting in June.

(11) RSPG Sub Group on the WRC

The Group considered a progress report (RSPG21-011) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC), Nadia Katsanou (EL) and Alexander Kühn (DE).

(12) RSPG Sub Group on the RSPP

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG21-013) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group on the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme, Didier Chauveau (FR) and Jonas Wessel (SE). . The Group agreed to the adoption (for public consultation) of a draft opinion on the RSPP (RSPG21-014).

(9) Administrative matters

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#55) will take place on the 16th June 2021.
