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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

### **RSPG Work Program**

**Work Item “*The review of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme*”**

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The RSPG is invited:

- to consider and to approve the editorial update of the work item “*The review of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme*” (see attached document)
- to agree on the time-schedule for the drafting of the Opinion : Draft Opinion for Public Consultation (RSPG October 2015), Final Opinion (February 2016)
- to launch the work without delay after the approval of the work item at this plenary meeting.

**The review of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme**

Source : RSPG Work Program – RSPG 14-553rev 1

Rationale:

The first Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) has been established by Decision 2012/243/EU of the European Parliament and Council for the period 2012-15. When drafting its proposal on multiannual radio spectrum policy programmes to be submitted to the European Parliament and the Council, the European Commission shall take utmost account of the opinion of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) (Framework Directive (art.8a3)).

RSPP focuses on harmonisation of the use of spectrum to ensure the functioning of the internal market in the Union policy areas involving the use of spectrum, such as electronic communications, research, technological development and space, transport, energy and audio-visual policies. It sets out policy orientations and objectives for the strategic planning and harmonisation of the use of spectrum in accordance with the Directives applicable to electronic communications networks and services. Those policy orientations and objectives refer to the availability and efficient use of the spectrum necessary for the establishment and functioning of the internal market.

According to the current RSPP, the European Commission published a report on measures adopted pursuant to this Decision by mid April 14. A review of the current RSPP should be done by end of December 2015.

The next RSPP could play a role in the definition of a long term strategy for spectrum harmonization and in the development of a path to enable the next generation wireless services post 2020.

RSPG already developed a number of opinions and reports in its WP “2012 and beyond” to support the current RSPP.

Nevertheless, the RSPG considers that it will be appropriate to engage in work regarding the review of the RSPP and to develop relevant recommendations.

Scope of RSPG activity:

The RSPG plans to:

- Assess the strategic spectrum issues and the need for harmonisation of the use of radio spectrum in the Union to be considered during the next 5 years (2015/20) necessary for the functioning and development of the internal market.
- Develop strategic recommendations to support various Union policy areas involving the use of spectrum, such as electronic communications, research, technological development and space, transport, energy and audio-visual policies.

Planned type of deliverable: RSPG Opinion

Time Schedule: Draft Opinion for Public Consultation (RSPG October 2015), Final Opinion (February 2016)