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Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #53 on 07 October 2020

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.

RSPG members received updates from the Commission regarding recent developments, including the adoption by the Commission, on 18 September, of a recommendation on a common Union toolbox for reducing the cost of deploying very high capacity networks and ensuring timely and investment-friendly access to 5G radio spectrum, to foster connectivity in support of economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis in the Union.

The RSPG Chair also provided an update in recent activities, including the adoption by the RSPG and BEREC of a common position on spectrum-related EMF issues.

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;
- Peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards.
- Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP).

The next meeting of the RSPG will take place on 10 February 2021.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #53

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 Vesa Tereva, Acting Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced a report on Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting (RSPG20-027). The Commission also provided an oral report on other developments, including those related to the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility.

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

The Chair provided members with information on RSPG recent activities, including a Round Table meeting with the GSMA on 10 June and a 3rd workshop with BEREC on 5G authorisations would be held on 17 June. The Chair also confirmed that he considered with the incoming BEREC Chair possible further BEREC-RSPG cooperation.

(4) Commission recommendation on connectivity

The Commission provided RSPG members with information related to the adoption, on 18 September, of a Commission Recommendation on a common Union toolbox for reducing the cost of deploying very high capacity networks and ensuring timely and investment-friendly access to 5G radio spectrum, to foster connectivity in support of economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis in the Union.

(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 RSPG20-028.

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

The co-rapporteur Alexander Sołtysik (Poland) presented a progress report (RSPG20-029) 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 Ireland and Hungary), and welcomed the intention to hold two more workshops before the end of 2020 (concerning the award procedures in Slovenia and Spain).

(7) RSPG Sub Group on spectrum sharing

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG20-030) from the Sub Group on Spectrum Sharing presented by Co-Chair Mauro Martino (IT). The Group noted the report and thanked the sub group members for their efforts.

(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 (RSPG20-031) presented by the Co-Chairs Bo Andersson (SE) and Tassos Lyratzis (EL).

The RSPG Chair also confirmed that a draft joint position paper with BEREC on spectrum-related EMF issues had been adopted by a written procedure ending on 5 October, and the joint paper would be published on the both the BEREC and RSPG websites. The Netherlands informed the group about a recently published report on 5G and EMF by the independent National Health Council.

(9) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG20-032) presented by the Co-Chairs of the Sub Group on climate change, Rory Hinchy (IE) and Robert Lindgaard (DK). The Group noted that the Sub Group had held public stakeholder workshops on 18 and 21 September to help better inform its work.

(10) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report from the Sub Group on "Good Offices" presented by Co-Chair Eric Fournier (FR). The RSPG also noted an information note provided by the Commission on "the possibility for an RSPG Opinion as foreseen under Article 28(3) of the European Electronic Communications Code" (RSPG20-034).

(11) RSPG Sub Group on the WRC

The Group received an oral report from the Co-Chair of the Sub Group of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC), Alexander Kühn (DE)

(12) RSPG Sub Group on the RSPP

The RSPG considered a progress report from the Sub Group on the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP – RSPG20-036). The Group noted that the Sub Group had organised a public stakeholder workshop for 15 October to help better inform the Sub Group's work.

(9) Administrative matters

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#54) will take place in Brussels on the 10th February 2021.

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