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RSPG at its Meeting #45 (Brussels, 30 January 2018) approved the 6th Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group (RSPG18-010) on Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market. This covered the RSPG's ongoing work on the development of its Peer Review functions and also considered areas of joint work and common interest between RSPG and BEREC.

I. PEER REVIEW

In 2017 The RSPG launched a Peer Review Platform allowing Member States to share documents and experiences and to seek advice from their Peers during the award design process. As described in previous Progress Reports, the Peer Review Platform is based on voluntary principles and is not intended to impose additional obligations for the Members. Member States are encouraged to continue to upload further information about spectrum awards in their countries as more information becomes available.

II. MEMBER STATE COOPERATION ON AUTHORIZATIONS AND AWARDS

One of the basic activities of the group is cooperation with RSPG Members in arranging workshops in terms of spectrum management. Workshops run by authorities responsible for the authorizations and awards, make possible the exchange of best practices and knowledge on spectrum auctions. The value of this close cooperation between Member States along with deeper and better understanding of the specificity of given countries is a key element for the future utilization of the Peer Review mechanism.

Key initiative undertaken by RSPG over the past few months include:

- A workshop, held on 16th May hosted by PTS, focusing on the 700 MHz award in Sweden;

Swedish workshop on award of 700 MHz band

A workshop on spectrum awards of the 700 MHz band was held on 16th May in Stockholm. It has provided an outstanding opportunity to discuss the experience of the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS), the National Regulatory Authority in organizing its spectrum award on 700 MHz band in the middle of the process. It gathered approximately 20 representatives from Slovenia, Poland, Netherlands, Austria, Norway, France, UK, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, Ireland, Germany, Greece and the European Commission. PTS presented the main assumptions of the auction, taking in consideration details regarding spectrum capacity, coverage obligations, duration of a licences, minimum bids, etc. The workshop was an excellent example of peer learning with auction experts sharing knowledge and asking probing question

that challenged all present to think in alternative ways vis-à-vis the choices of auction design. It was a thoroughly successful exercise and the slides and other documents have been uploaded to the Peer Review Platform.

III. FURTHER ACTIONS

- Peer Review Workshop on 2.3/3.4 GHz band on 22nd June 2018 (London, UK)
- Peer Review Workshop on 700 MHz band, November 2018 (Budapest, Hungary) - TBC
- Dedicated workshop on authorisation challenges for 5G - TBC

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