

The logo for the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) is located in the top left corner. It features the letters 'RSPG' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letters are contained within a white, rounded rectangular shape that has a slight 3D effect, appearing to float above a blue and white wavy graphic element.

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Digital Decade Sub Group

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Progress Report

Digital Decade subgroup activated

- Triggered by a broad EC consultation on “*The future of the electronic communications sector and its infrastructure*”
- Launched by mid March
- 3 web-meetings : 16/03, 17/04, 26/04
- Focused on spectrum strategic issues (most notably Q 36-39)
- Consideration of recent RSPG Opinions : RSPP, DD but not only
- mid May : Opinion adopted by correspondence and submitted as RSPG response to the above EC consultation

How to harmonise radio spectrum

- Radio Spectrum as a key enabler
- European spectrum governance model successful and a fundamental pillar
- RSPG ready to support policy initiatives
- RSC as committee to assist implementation of a new RSPP
- EU technical harmonisation supporting Internal Market
- Role of standardisation through ETSI
- National sovereignty on spectrum for public order, security and defence

EU-level licensing and authorisation

- National competence according to EECC
- Cooperation through the Peer Review Process
- National specificities due to local issues
- Vertical: spectrum harmonisation, voluntary cooperation
- Satellite communications : MSS 2GHz, Union Secure Connectivity Programme

EU interests and EU's digital sovereignty

- CEPT as a multiplier for EU interests
 - Responses to EC mandates under Radio Spectrum Decision well recognised
 - Deep knowledge of the complexities of spectrum management
 - EEA countries, EU enlargement
- EU interests in the international environment
 - Recognised role of CEPT in ITU-R
 - Process in place for developing EU positions and supporting them in WRC
- Harmonisation measures supporting EU interests
 - Opinions from MS prior adoption of EC mandates, EC harmonisation measures

Spectrum coordination with third countries

- Enhancing the role of European Commission in the negotiation with third countries, when requested by a Member State (Member States)
- Support from “good offices”
- Defining work plan, negotiation targets/objectives, timeline and actions to be taken