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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

### **21<sup>st</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards**

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The RSPG at its Meeting #59 (hybrid, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022) approved the 20<sup>th</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-Group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards.

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### **I. PEER REVIEW FORUM**

Since the last RSPG Plenary the Working Group did not receive any request from the Member States to convey a voluntary Peer Review Forum on the basis of Article 35 of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC).

### **II. NOTIFICATIONS**

The Working Group has received four notifications by Member States without the request for conveying a Peer Review Forum.

- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Romania of the intention to undertake a selection procedure in order to reassign radio frequencies in frequency bands 700 MHz, 1500 MHz, 2600 MHz and 3400-3800 MHz (not listed in the previous Progress Report).
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Estonia on the assignment of the radio spectrum in the 26 GHz band (24,7–27,1 GHz).
- 24<sup>th</sup> December – Poland on consultation regarding selection procedure (auction) in order to assign radio spectrum in 3480-3800 MHz band (3,6 GHz).
- 28<sup>th</sup> December – Belgium on the consultation regarding draft measures for the radio spectrum in 3400-3800 MHz band.

### **III. AWARD WORKSHOPS**

On 8<sup>th</sup> November the Working Group received notification from Hungary, on public consultation on the draft Documentation of the auction procedure launched for the use of radio spectrum in the 31.871-32.543/32.683-33.355 GHz frequency band. The technical specifications for the use of the 32 GHz frequency band are not harmonised under Decision No 676/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on a regulatory framework for radio spectrum policy in the European Community (Radio Spectrum Decision), therefore this notification was not covered by the obligation under the art. 35 of the EECC.

The Working Group organised on 30<sup>th</sup> November requested Award Workshop, chaired by Aleksander Sołtysik (PL) which was in line with the common working programme of the Group.

#### IV. STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The Stakeholder Workshop took place on December 15<sup>th</sup> and was chaired by Aleksander Sołtysik (PL). The topics were carefully selected from those sent by the stakeholders and then discussed during the workshop. The following areas were in the Agenda:

1. ECTA - Promotion of competition and VHCN investments through spectrum assignment. Covering the balance of access to frequencies between operators, particularly access to spectrum below 1GHz and the impact of article 52 of the EECC.
2. ETNO - Best practices in mobile licensing to ensure investments needed to meet the Digital Decade targets.
3. GSMA - Dealing with legacy in bands where an alternative global ecosystem has developed: what to do with fragmented existing service specific licences.

The next Stakeholder Workshop is scheduled for June 2023.

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