

LEWP-RCEG statement on RSPG draft opinion on Wireless Broadband

The Radio Communications Expert Group (RCEG) of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) of the Council of the European Union, representing the radio communication interests of the European Public Protection and Disaster Relief Organisations, takes notice of the draft opinion of the RSPG on Strategic Challenges facing Europe in addressing the Growing Spectrum Demand for Wireless Broadband.

The LEWP-RCEG respects both the intermediate target in the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSP) to make 1200 MHz of spectrum available for Wireless Broadband and the respective long term objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe. In addition the RCEG seeks to ensure that the requirement of the European PPDR organisations for sufficient harmonised spectrum for their future PPDR broadband solutions is met.

In this respect the RCEG has elaborated the commonly agreed European PPDR Requirements regarding future broadband data applications, known as the so-called MATRIX of the LEWP-RCEG.

The user requirements described in this MATRIX served as one of the main inputs for the current work of the project team 49 (PT 49) of the ECC of the CEPT, which is dealing with the European harmonisation of spectrum suitable for the European PPDR. The draft of the first output report of PT 49 clearly indicates that European PPDR will need dedicated harmonised spectrum, at a minimum of 2 X 10 MHz, for their future interoperable broadband solutions. However different national needs could lead to varying national spectrum demands.

Against this background LEWP-RCEG is kindly requesting the RSPG to take into account the dedicated specific wireless broadband frequency demand of the European PPDR and to advise the European Commission accordingly. The LEWP-RCEG kindly requests that this requirement to identify dedicated spectrum for broadband PPDR is reflected in the RSPG Opinion. As spectrum saves lives, the European PPDR dedicated spectrum demand is critical and at least as equally important as the role played by commercial mobile radio communication.



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