

Dear Sir or Madam,

the Federal Ministry of the Interior (acting on behalf of the German Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) sector) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft RSPG opinion on Wireless Broadband.

In this respect, we would like to emphasize that the German PPDR have a well-founded national demand for dedicated spectrum for their future broadband PPDR systems. As spectrum is a limited resource, regarding this demand - especially if the preferred 700 MHz band is considered - a competitive situation of the PPDR and other current and potentially future users of suitable broadband frequencies is evident.

As the ongoing discussions on the European level show, this is not only a specific national issue. In fact, the German Federal Ministry of the Interior sees its national PPDR broadband spectrum demand in line with the respective requirements of the other European PPDR organizations. Therefore we fully support the current statement of the Radio Communications Expert Group (RCEG) as it is attached to this mail.

We kindly ask to take this statement into consideration for a modification of the draft RSPG opinion. Such a modification should express the demand of the European PPDR for dedicated broadband spectrum and the resulting conflict of interest regarding the key frequency bands for Wireless Broadband as being outlined in section IX. more clearly.

With kind regards

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