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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

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The RSPG at its Meeting #39 established a Working Group to deliver an Opinion developing Europe's spectrum policy strategy regarding the Internet of Things (IoT), as set out in the RSPG's "Work Programme for 2016 and beyond".

The Working Group has comprised members from the European Commission, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden and UK and we would like to thank them all for their valuable input. In addition, ETSI attended as an observer.

This Working Group has held three meetings jointly with the Working Group for ITS. The third of these meetings was also attended by the co-rapporteur for 5G, to develop a position on the connections between IoT and 5G.

Opinion on IoT

Following the time schedule set out in the Work Programme, a draft Opinion has been developed, and is presented alongside this Progress Report for approval by the Plenary with a view to public consultation in the coming weeks.

We then propose to hold a further Working Group meeting to discuss responses to the consultation, and to propose a final draft for adoption by the RSPG Plenary Meeting #42.

Further work on IoT

The Work Programme does not propose further deliverables. However, the draft Opinion identifies a need for ongoing activity: both in terms of keeping the spectrum availability for IoT under review, and a practical dimension of communicating the opportunities for spectrum access for IoT to relevant stakeholders. We will make a proposal for any ongoing activity by the Working Group in our next progress report.

Collaboration with BEREC on IoT

BEREC is holding a workshop on "Enabling the Internet of Things" on 1 February 2017 in Brussels, and has invited RSPG to speak in a session on Scarce Resources that will focus on numbers and frequencies. We propose to accept on behalf of the RSPG and to present the messages in the draft Opinion.

Proposed course of action

The RSPG Plenary Meeting #41 is invited:

1.   to approve the publication for public consultation of the draft Opinion on IoT;

2.   to confirm that members will undertake to examine their frameworks for spectrum management from the IoT perspective, and seek to explain the opportunities for spectrum access for IoT; and

3.   to confirm support for the proposed engagement with BEREC on IoT.

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