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Chairman's Report of RSPG #64 on 18 June 2024

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The RSPG Plenary meeting was chaired by the RSPG Chair Aleksander Soltysik (PL) supported the RSPG Deputy Chair Julia Criado Casado (ES).

The RSPG received an update on recent initiatives from the European Commission representative as well as progress reports from the Co-Chairs of the various RSPG Subgroups.

The RSPG adopted a draft *RSPG Report on the result of the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2023* and a draft RSPG Opinion on “*How to master Europe's digital infrastructure needs*”.

The RSPG Members discussed with NATO Digital Staff representative military requirements related to spectrum.

The RSPG charged the RSPG Subgroup of Strategic Spectrum Issues to develop an RSPG Opinion guided by the Commission’s *request for an Opinion on the EU-level policy approach to the use of satellite Direct- to- Device connectivity and related Single Market issues*.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#65) will take place on the 13th November 2024 in hybrid format.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #64

The RSPG Chairman, Aleksander Soltysik opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG24-012), which was adopted without changes.

The European Commission was represented by Kamila Kloc, Director of the Directorate B, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

The Commission presented to the RSPG the state of play in relation to the White Paper “How to master Europe’s digital infrastructure needs?” from February 2024. The Commission informed the RSPG about the Letta Report "Much more than a Market" from April 2024. The Commission also informed the RSPG about the publication of the final report of the Study on Radio Spectrum Policy Programme: taking stock and discussing future scenarios in April 2024, and shared some general views on the EU advancement towards the 2030 Digital targets.

(3) Update from the Chair and Deputy Chair on activities since the last meeting

The RSPG Chair and Deputy Chair provided an update on meetings they participated as representatives of the RSPG since the last plenary meeting in February 2024.

(4) 5G pioneer bands: state of play on awards

The RSPG took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG24-013. The Commission made a presentation indicating a slight progress made concerning awards of 5G pioneer bands since the last plenary meeting in February 2024. The RSPG noted the lack of trustworthy vendors and a lack of demand in the 26 GHz band.

(5) RSPG Subgroup on the Peer review and Member State cooperation

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-014) from the Subgroup on the *Peer review and Member State cooperation* presented by the Co-Chairs Emília Ulelay (HU) and Rory Hinchy (IE).

The RSPG agreed to publish relevant information on Member States' and EEA EFTA countries' notifications received since 1 January 2024 and Peer Review Forums, if relevant, on the RSPG website.

(6) RSPG Subgroup on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-015) from the Subgroup on "*Good Offices*" presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT).

The RSPG welcomed progress regarding the issue of harmful interference from Albania and Ukraine in the 700 MHz band as well as the Adriatic and Ionian regional agreement for DAB. The RSPG invited Italy to take concrete actions within a clear timeline regarding the FM harmful interference issue, including to reply to the Commission's letter by the next RSPG Plenary meeting in November 2024.

(7) RSPG Subgroup on the WRC

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-016) from the Subgroup on the *WRC* presented by the Co-Chairs Nadia Katsanou (EL) and Alexander Kühn (DE).

The RSPG agreed to adopt a *draft RSPG Report on the result of the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2023* (RSPG24-017) and to publish it.

The RSPG thanked Alexander Kühn for his long-term service as the Subgroup Co-Chair and welcomed Jeppe Tanderup Kristensen (DK) as a new Co-Chair.

(8) NATO

The RSPG in the RSPG Members only format, i.e. the EU Member States and the EEA EFTA States, discussed with NATO Digital Staff representative military requirements related to spectrum. The discussions will continue.

(9) RSPG Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-018) from the Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters presented by the Co-Chairs Jonas Wessel (SE) and Didier Chauveau (FR).

The RSPG agreed to adopt a *draft RSPG Opinion on “How to master Europe's digital infrastructure needs?”* (RSPG24-019) and to publish it on the RSPG website as well as on the “Have your say” platform ([White Paper – ‘How to master Europe’s digital infrastructure needs?’ \(europa.eu\)](#)).

The RSPG expressed readiness to further discuss in close cooperation with the European Commission how to support the single market by addressing strategic radio spectrum issues and to develop together appropriate solutions.

(10) RSPG Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-020) from the Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs Meta Pavšek Taškov (SI) and Andreas Johann (DE).

The RSPG invited the Subgroup to organise a hearing with stakeholders interested in the upper 6 GHz band.

(11) RSPG Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-021) from the Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision presented by the Co-Chairs Heidi Himmanen (FI) and Tassos Lyratzis (EL).

The RSPG encouraged the Subgroup to carry on the work, including by organising a workshop or a hearing, with a view of presenting a draft RSPG Report on 6G strategic vision at the RSPG Plenary meeting in November 2024.

(12) RSPG Subgroup on the Sub-700 MHz Band

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-022) from the Subgroup on the Sub-700 MHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs chairs Umberto Mascia (IT) and Andreas Agius (EL).

The RSPG encouraged the Subgroup to carry on the work, including by developing a streamlined questionnaire addressed to different stakeholders related with the sub-700 MHz band.

(13) Satellite Connectivity

The RSPG welcomed a Commission’s *request for an Opinion on the EU-level policy approach to the use of satellite Direct- to- Device connectivity and related Single Market issues* (RSPG24-023).

The RSPG charged the RSPG Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters with developing the RSPG Opinion taking the Commission’s request as a guidance when discussing its substance and timeline.

(14) Any Other Business

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