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## **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

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The 2018 RSPG Work Programme includes a work item on the development of a longer term European spectrum strategy. The aim of this work item is to look beyond specific Work Programme topics and provide a strategic frame within which broad policy objectives of spectrum policy and management can be considered. This includes not only technical parameters but also economic, political, social, cultural and other strategic considerations impacting spectrum policy.

The Work Programme notes that these discussions could include the future use of certain bands and the relationship between decisions taken about particular bands; they could look into spectrum management principles such as sharing and authorisation that cut across different bands; they should also look to the objectives of spectrum management and its impact on other digital policy fields and should almost certainly seek to challenge established thinking about spectrum management.

A first meeting of the Working Group was held in London on 4 May and attended by a number of RSPG members. The meeting discussed a wide range of issues that could be considered under the umbrella of a European spectrum strategy and participants exchanged views on topics and how RSPG might approach this task. These discussions are ongoing and a further meeting of the Working Group has been scheduled for 21 June in London. Any RSPG member that wishes to attend this meeting but is not currently on the Working Group mailing list is invited to notify their interest to [Sarah.Murray@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Murray@ofcom.org.uk).

Details of this work item were also briefly presented at the RSPG Stakeholder Forum held in Stockholm on 15 May. One important consideration for the Group concerns the need to seek input from external experts and stakeholders as well as from RSPG members.

A list of items that may be considered under this agenda item is currently being discussed. It is expected that the development of this work item will be facilitated through RSPG-led high level workshops which could be held adjacent to plenary meetings to ensure broad participation of RSPG members.