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1.

Since the last RSPG plenary the Sub Group on WRC has met once electronically and once in a hybrid mode. The work was focused on the establishment of the questionnaire and the development of the draft Interim Opinion for the ITU-R World Radiocommunication Conference 2027, with the participation of representatives from numerous MS: Germany, Greece, Denmark, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Malta, Hungary, Latvia, Spain and the European Commission.

2.

A structure of the draft Interim Opinion on WRC-27 was proposed by the co-chairs. The Group considered the proposed structure and accepted it in general.

The agreed structure contains some general text coming from the Opinion on WRC23.

Therefore, the Interim Opinion will address – as outlined in the Work Program – the result of an analysis of the WRC-27 Agenda and identify the relevance of Agenda item to EU policies and EU law in particular EU spectrum harmonization decisions. This work is essential for recommendations by RSPG to the EC on elements for a proposal towards an EU Position for WRC-27.

The draft Interim Opinion will be structured in Chapters as the previous ones:

1. Introduction
2. Identification of relevant EU Policies for WRC-27
3. Response to public consultation (at a later stage)
4. Identification of AIs and the relevant EU policies and EU legislation for each AI.

Chapter 4 will, for each Agenda Item identified, have the following sub-structure:

1. Description of the Agenda Item
2. Link with EU Policies
3. Relevant spectrum harmonisation decisions
4. RSPG Recommendation (this section is subject to the final Opinion)

3.

A short questionnaire was elaborated and further clarifications to the questions were discussed and provided.

The questions that M-S have been asked to provide their replies are indicated in the following table:

Q1a	EU Policies: Which policy areas are of interest in for the EU in relevance to the WRC-27 agenda?
Q1b	Which specific EU laws/rules risk being affected by the WRC-27 agenda in the EU?
Q2a	Which items of WRC-27 Agenda need to be addressed from a EU perspective?
Q2b	Which items of WRC-27 Agenda would it be desirable to be addressed from a EU perspective?
Q3	Add to Opinion? Will an EU position will be needed, at this point in time?

The questionnaire was sent to Member States requesting their feedback with a deadline of 1st of November. Replies from 13 MS and the European Commission have been received.

4.

During our 2nd meeting (12 November 2024-hybrid meeting), we have identified twelve (12) Agenda items to be included in the Draft Interim Opinion. Drafters have been volunteered and have been assigned to the identified Ais.

Six (6) Agenda items will be closely monitored, for possible future inclusion, depending on the development of the progress of the topic.

The submission of the contributions will be in 2 rounds:

- **Friday 20 December (first round)**
- **Friday 17 January (second round)**

A GOOD START IS HALF A WAY THERE

We thank all the volunteers, physically attending as well as remotely for their willingness to draft the assigned AIs.

5.

Our next meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **3rd meeting: 28 January 2025 (morning session) - web meeting**
- 4th meeting: 17 March 2025 (afternoon session) - web meeting
- 5th meeting: 26 May 2025 full day (alternatively 27 May- if hybrid)