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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

Subject: Chairman's Report of RSPG #59 on 23 November 2022

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Plenary meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Eric Fournier (France).

During the meeting the RSPG:

- Considered a final Opinion on WRC23
- Agreed to publish a draft report on *Mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies* for public consultation
- Reviewed progress related to the award of spectrum by Member States for the pioneer bands for 5G;
- Received progress reports from each of the RSPG Sub Groups.

The Commission presented a request for an RSPG opinion on Mobile Satellite Services (MSS).

The RSPG also received an update from the Chair regarding recent contacts with the Eastern Partnership Electronic Communications Regulators Network (EaPeReg).

All documents can be found at: <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/f5b44016-a8c5-4ef6-a0bf-bc8d357debcblibrary/f507f0db-8f55-4286-ba25-e8a7d8764144>

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #59

The RSPG Chairman, Eric Fournier opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG22-025) which was adopted.

The European Commission was represented by Rita Wezenbeek, Director for Connectivity, DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

Commission representative Rita Wezenbeek provided the Group with an update on recent developments, including those related to the inclusion of a proposal for a Radio Spectrum Policy programme (RSPP) in the Commission's work programme for 2023, and the request from the Commission for an RSPG Opinion on Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) as set out in document RSPG22-037. The Commission

(Dominic Hayes from DG DEFIS) also made a presentation on the Commission's proposal for a secure connectivity space programme (renamed *IRIS*²).¹

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

The RSPG Chair provided RSPG members with an oral report on his activities since the last Plenary meeting in February, including presentations on RSPG activities at various conferences and seminars.

(4) RSPG Sub Group on the WRC

The Group considered a progress report (RSPG22-026) presented by the Co-Chair of the Sub Group Alexander Kühn (Germany) and a draft Final Opinion (RSPG22-027). It was subsequently decided to continue the Group's deliberations at an additional RSPG meeting on 9 December 2022.

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

The Group took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG22-028. The Commission made a presentation summarising developments and emphasized that further action was still required by the majority of Member States to make spectrum in the three bands (700 MHz, 3.6 GHz and 26 GHz) fully available. The Commission noted that authorisation of the 26 GHz band in particular was still lagging behind at EU level.

(6) RSPG Sub Group on Peer review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards

The Sub Group co-chair Alexander Sołtysik (Poland) presented a progress report (RSPG22-012) from the working group on peer review and Member State authorisations and awards, and confirmed that a public stakeholder workshop on Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards for stakeholders would take place on 15 December.

In relation to notifications, the Commission reminded RSPG members that Member States needed to fully respect the procedural requirements foreseen in the Code, specifically that notifications under Article 35 of the Code should be made to the RSPG at the same time as the national public consultation was opened.

(7) RSPG Sub Group on UHF band beyond 2030

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-030) from the Sub-Group on UHF band beyond 2030 presented by the Co-Chair Umberto Mascia (Italy).

(8) RSPG Sub Group on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-031) from the Sub-Group on "Good Offices" presented by the Co-Chair Adrian Galea (Malta). The Group also

¹ See: [IRISS \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

considered a letter submitted by Croatia to the RSPG Chair and to the European Commission concerning interference problems in the FM band originating in Italy. The Group agreed that the Good Offices Sub Group should develop an Action plan to address the problems concerned. The Commission urged a solution be found to address this breach of international and EU law and reserved the right to take appropriate action if necessary.

(9) RSPG Sub Group on Climate Change

The RSPG considered a progress report (RSPG22-032) from the Sub-Group on Climate Change presented by the Co-Chair Victor López (Denmark).

(10) Mobile technology evolution & Development of 6G

The RSPG considered a progress report of the work item on *mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies* (RSPG22-033) and a progress report of the work item on the *development of 6G and possible implications for spectrum needs and guidance on the rollout of future wireless broadband networks* (RSPG22-034) presented by the Co-Chairs Tasso Lyratzis (Greece) and Bo Andersson (Sweden). The Group thanks Bo Andersson for his contributions to the work of the RSPG in light of his announcement that this would be his last RSPG meeting for the foreseeable future.

The Group also agreed to publish a draft report (RSPG22-035) on *Mobile technology evolution – experiences and strategies* for public consultation.

(11) EaPeReg

The Chair provide an oral report on recent contacts with the Eastern Partnership Electronic Communications Regulators Network (EaPeReg). The Commission provided advice to the Group on what form cooperation between the two bodies could take. The Group will cooperate further with EaPeReg taking into account the Commission's recommendations on that matter.

(12) Any Other Business

Under this agenda item the Group discussed how to reduce the environmental impact of physical meetings of the Group in the future. The Commission also provided information concerning ongoing discussion in the Council regarding the status of ETFA countries in the Group.
