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Chairman's Report of RSPG #66 on 12 February 2025

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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

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

The RSPG decided to organise in June 2025 a discussion on strategic spectrum issues in connection to the Digital Networks Act.

The RSPG agreed to adopt and publish a *draft Peer Review Report*, foreseen under Article 35(8) of the Code, and *draft Report on 6G Strategic Vision*. It also decided to start developing a 6G roadmap.

The RSPG agreed to publish a *draft Opinion on the EU-level policy approach to the use of satellite Direct- to- Device connectivity and related Single Market* for 6-weeks long public consultation.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#67) will take place on the 17 June 2025.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #66

The RSPG Chairman, Aleksander Sołtysik opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG25-001), which was adopted without changes.

The Commission was represented by Kamila Kloc, Director of the Directorate B and Gerasimos Sofianatos, Head of Spectrum Policy Unit, both DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

In its update, the Commission presented the recently adopted Communication on Competitiveness Compass for the EU, which establishes competitiveness as one of the EU's overarching principles for action, and focused on two initiatives, announced therein, i.e. the Digital Networks Act and the Space Act. The RSPG asked to receive more information about the Space Act from DG DEFIS at the next plenary meeting in June 2025.

In relation to the Digital Networks Act, the Commission updated the RSPG on studies and consultations carried out in the realm thereof, including on a strategic BEREC workshop in March 2025. On a proposal of the Commission, the RSPG decided to organise a discussion on strategic spectrum issues in June 2025.

In addition, the Commission updated the RSPG on the 2 GHz MSS initiative developments.

(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 November 2024. Specially, they focused on the workshop “Brussels-Geneva interlinks” organised by the PL PRES where inter alia the Deputy Chair shared the lessons learned in the EU coordination at the recent WRC-23. RSPG Chair provided a debrief from the ongoing negotiations and the concept of the Council Conclusions on reliable and resilient connectivity prepared by the PL PRES to be adopted by the TTE Council in June 2025.

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

The RSPG took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG25-002 indicating a slight progress since the last plenary meeting in November 2024. It also noted the Commission’s intention to adapt reporting based on the enhanced European 5G Observatory.

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

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-003) from the Subgroup on the *Peer review and Member State cooperation* presented by the Co-Chairs Emilia Ulelay (HU) and Rory Hinchy (IE). All Member States were encouraged to participate in the announced SK and IT Peer Review Forums and in the next Peer Review Workshop dedicated to the lessons learned from the Olympic Games in 2024, the 26GHz band and the evaluation of mobile spectrum awards.

The RSPG adopted a draft Peer Review Report (RSPG25-004), foreseen under Article 35(8) of the Code.

(6) RSPG Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-005) from the Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision presented by the Co-Chairs Heidi Himmanen (FI) and Tassos Lyratzis (EL).

The RSPG agreed to adopt a *draft Report on 6G Strategic Vision* (RSPG25-006) and to publish it.

The RSPG agreed that the Subgroup will start developing a 6G roadmap based on the amended mandate as proposed by the RSPG Chair, the Co-Chairs and the Commission.

(7) RSPG Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-007) from the Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters presented by the Co-Chairs Jonas Wessel (SE) and Didier Chauveau (FR).

The RSPG considered a draft *Opinion on the EU-level policy approach to the use of satellite Direct- to- Device connectivity and related Single Market issues* (RSPG25-008) and decided to adopt revised version for public consultation from 14 February to 28 March 2025. The RSPG also decided not to publish Member State's replies to the questionnaire.

(8) RSPG Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-009) from the Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs Meta Pavšek Taškov (SI) and Andreas Johann (DE).

RSPG invited the Subgroup to focus on strategic policy issues, if needed together with BEREC based on the RSPG-BEREC working arrangements, while respecting the recently amended timeline, i.e. public consultation in June 2025 and adoption in November 2025.

(9) RSPG Subgroup on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-010) from the Subgroup on "*Good Offices*" presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas -Zilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT) and noted a progress on some issues. Regarding the long-standing FM harmful interference issue around Italy, the Commission noted it is considering appropriate measures to be taken in this regard.

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

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-011) from the Subgroup on the Sub-700 MHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs chairs Umberto Mascia (IT) and Andreas Agius (EL). All the RSPG Members were asked to actively participate in the stakeholder workshop scheduled for April.

(11) RSPG Subgroup on the WRC

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG25-012) from the Subgroup on the WRC presented by the Co-Chair Nadia Katsanou (EL) and Jeppe Tanderup Kristensen (DK)

(12) Any Other Business

FR recalled the importance that the regulatory framework is in line with standardisation framework.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#67) will take place on the 17 June 2025 in hybrid format.
