

Wider Spectrum Group's response to RSPG public consultation on the Draft Work Programme for 2024 and beyond

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The [Wider Spectrum Group](#) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the envisaged RSPG work programme for the next 2 years.

The work programme includes the "Assessment of future usage of the frequency band 470-694 MHz within the EU", a RSPG activity which is of prime importance for the Wider Spectrum Group.

The 470-694 MHz band is essential to secure European content creation, production, and delivery through broadcasting and PMSE, for the benefit of all users – viewers and listeners. Qualified and local employment is fostered. Moreover, the current spectrum allocation supports a democratic and safer Europe, by ensuring quality news, pluralism, and freedom of speech through trusted and regulated media, available free-to-air, and through local events and debates.

We had previously noted that the [final RSPG opinion](#) "Strategy on the future use of the frequency band 470-694 MHz beyond 2030 in the EU" was inviting stakeholders to share accurate analyses and objective data, especially on the social, economic, and cultural factors to take into account as foreseen in Article 7 of Decision (EU) 2017/899.

To that effect The Wider Spectrum Group will be keen to participate in the RSPG initiatives envisaged such as Questionnaire or Workshop, or any other way RSPG sees fit to inform their work.

About the Wider Spectrum Group (widerspectrum.org):

Created in 2015, the Wider Spectrum Group (WSG) brings together 10 European and 8 national organisations representing civil society as well as employee and employer representatives.

- Trade associations and companies in audio, audiovisual and film creation, production and distribution; in radio and tv (broadcasting); in live performance, programme making and special events;
- Viewers, listeners and consumer organisations;
- European trade union organisations representing journalists, creators, technicians and other workers in the media, entertainment, and arts.

Those organisations share a common view on the need to ensure that European and national policies regarding frequency allocation preserve the potential for European growth, innovation and sustainable employment.

European organisations: AER, APWPT, BNE, CEPI, EBU, EFJ, EURALVA, PEARLE, SOS, UNI MEI

National Organisations : AUC, Everyone TV, IC MEDIA, SPIO, Television Abierta, UTECA, VAUNET, VLV



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