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Chairman's Report of RSPG #65 on 13 November 2024

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 White Paper follow-up as well as progress reports from the Co-Chairs of the various RSPG Subgroups.

The RSPG agreed to publish a *draft Report on 6G Strategic Vision* for 6-weeks long public consultation.

The RSPG agreed to extend the deadline for the final RSPG opinion on long term vision on the upper 6 GHz band until November 2025 as asked by the relevant Subgroup.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#66) will take place on the 12 February 2025.

MEETING REPORT

(1) Introduction to RSPG #65

The RSPG Chairman, Aleksander Sołtysik opened the meeting and presented the draft agenda (RSPG24-026rev1), which was adopted without changes.

The Commission was represented during the morning session by Renate Nikolay, Deputy Director-General, and during the afternoon session by Kamila Kloc, Director of the Directorate B, both from DG CONNECT.

(2) Update from the Commission

In its update, the Commission addressed the new Commission, the EVP-designate Henna Virkkunen's hearing and the White Paper follow-up activities and some spectrum related considerations.

(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 June 2024.

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

The RSPG took note of the current state of play as set out in document RSPG24-027 indicating a slight progress since the last plenary meeting in June 2024. It also noted the Commission's intention to enhance the European 5G Observatory.

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

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-028) from the Subgroup on the Peer review and Member State cooperation presented by the Co-Chairs Emília Ulelay (HU) and Rory Hinchy (IE).

(6) RSPG Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-029) from the Subgroup on the 6G Strategic Vision presented by the Co-Chairs Heidi Himmanen (FI) and Tassos Lyratzis (EL).

The Group agreed to publish a draft Report on 6G Strategic Vision (RSPG24-030) for public consultation that will last six weeks.

(7) RSPG Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-031) from the Subgroup on the Upper 6 GHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs Meta Pavšek Taškov (SI) and Andreas Johann (DE).

The Group agreed to extend the deadline for the final RSPG opinion until November 2025 as asked by the Subgroup.

(8) MSS Study Presentation

The representative of Detecon presented outcomes of the Study on the Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) in the 2 GHz Band in the EU, which was contracted by the Commission. The final report of the study will be available in the beginning 2025.

(9) RSPG Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-032) from the Subgroup on Strategic Spectrum Matters presented by the Co-Chairs Jonas Wessel (SE) and Didier Chauveau (FR). The Subgroup is now working on developing the RSPG Opinion following the Commission's request for an Opinion on the EU-level policy approach to the use of satellite Direct- to- Device connectivity and related Single Market issues (RSPG24-023).

(10) RSPG Subgroup on "Good offices"

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-033) from the Subgroup on "Good Offices" presented by the Co-Chairs Mindaugas Zilinskas (LT) and Adrian Galea (MT).

The Group encouraged all involved parties to work on remaining issues. It also noted that Italy replied to the Commission's letter regarding the FM harmful interference as requested at the RSPG#64 plenary and that Commission reserved its opinion due to short notice.

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

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-034) from the Subgroup on the Sub-700 MHz Band presented by the Co-Chairs chairs Umberto Mascia (IT) and Andreas Agius (EL).

(12) RSPG Subgroup on the WRC

The RSPG considered a Progress Report (RSPG24-035) and from the Subgroup on the WRC presented by the Co-Chairs Nadia Katsanou (EL) and Jeppe Tanderup Kristensen (DK) as well as their oral debrief on the outcomes of the Subgroup meeting on 12 November 2024.

(13) Any Other Business

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