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**The Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG)** is a high level expert group in the European Union in the field of spectrum. It was established under the Radio Spectrum Policy Group Decision to assist and advise the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council on radio spectrum policy issues.

The Group gathers experts from each Member State, representing the consolidated and coordinated national view in relation not only to the internal market but also to all policies which affect the use of radio spectrum in that Member State, including public order, public security, civil protection and defence policies.

RSPG consults on technological, market and regulatory developments relating to the use of radio spectrum with radio spectrum users involved, both commercial and non-commercial, as well as with any other interested parties.

The RSPG contributes to the development of a radio spectrum policy in the Community by

- assisting and advising the Commission on **radio spectrum policy issues**, on **coordination of policy approaches**, on the **preparation of multiannual radio spectrum policy programmes (RSPP)** and, where appropriate, on **harmonised conditions** with regard to the availability and efficient use of radio spectrum necessary for the establishment and functioning of the internal market;
- assisting the Commission in proposing **common policy objectives** to the European Parliament and the Council, for ensuring the **effective coordination of the interest of the European Union** in international organisations competent in radio spectrum matters;
- developing position papers on spectrum related topics.

In addition, the RSPG brings its **“good offices”** to bear in facilitating the resolution of cross border coordination issues inside EU through its collective expertise and by moderating discussions between the concerned parties.

The RSPG conducts its work through Opinions and Reports, detailed in a work programme jointly agreed with the Commission.

During recent months, the RSPG has published Opinions on the future of the UHF band, the WRC 15 and a position paper on the *“RSPG response to the Commission Report on the Radio*

*Spectrum Inventory*". In 2013, it produced, inter alia, an Opinion on Wireless Broadband and recommendations on sector needs supporting EU public policies.

## Current key policy objectives

Based on its Work Programme "2014 and beyond", the RSPG developed and is still developing several deliverables in support of the implementation of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP) and on-going EU policy objectives:

- The RSPG Opinion on Wireless Broadband identified 1260 MHz of harmonised spectrum with the potential to be a key enabler for mobile broadband development in Europe and provides visibility on possible additional resources to respond to the future needs.
- The RSPG started to address "5G" spectrum challenges: The Group adopted a Report on Spectrum issues on Wireless backhaul in 2015. RSPG intends to develop before the end of 2017 an Opinion for "5G", focusing on those bands which have the best potential for EU harmonization and addressing related issues as appropriate.
- The RSPG identified common policy objectives for the WRC 15 which have been established in accordance with the requirements of the principle of sincere cooperation between the Member States and the EU.
- The RSPG welcomes **the review of the RSPP**. An RSPG Opinion is envisaged on this issue with expected publication in February 2016.

## More Information

- <http://rspg-spectrum.eu/>
- [Decision 2002/622/EC of the Commission of 26 July 2002<sup>1</sup> establishing the Radio Spectrum Policy Group as amended by Decision 2009/978/EC of the Commission, \( 'RSPG Decision'\)](#)
- [Deliverables published by RSPG during the last decade: Opinions, Reports, Positions Papers](#)

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