

The logo for the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) is located in the top left corner. It features the letters 'RSPG' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is set against a white, rounded rectangular background that has a subtle gradient and a slight shadow effect, making it stand out from the background. The background of the slide is a mix of red and orange at the top, transitioning to a blue and white pattern below.

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36th Plenary Meeting

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RSPG Briefing Session

Brussels

A long-term strategy on the future of the UHF band including 700 MHz

- **RSPG approved its final Opinion on the future of the UHF band in EU**
- **MS to reallocate the 700 MHz for WBB as early as possible**

RSPG supports end of 2020 for the availability of the band for ECS

MS may decide for duly justified reasons and without the need for derogation to delay the availability of the band by up to two years.

- **Cross border coordination to be completed by 2017**
- **European Commission**
 - **to allow national measures supporting the inclusion of more efficient DVB technologies in TV receivers**
 - **to clarify the status of possible national compensation with respect to State aid rules**

A long-term strategy on the future of the UHF band including 700 MHz



The diagram shows a horizontal bar divided into two sections. The left section is red and labeled 'DTT'. The right section is blue and labeled 'WBB'. Below the bar, frequency markers are placed: '470 MHz' under the start of the red section, '694 MHz' at the boundary between red and blue, and '790 MHz' at the end of the blue section.

DTT**WBB**

470 MHz

694 MHz

790 MHz

- 470-694 MHz shall remain available for DTT in the foreseeable future, i.e. 2030
- MS should have the flexibility to use the 470-694 MHz band for WBB downlink, if compatible with DTT needs and do not create constraints on neighbouring countries
- 54 responses were received welcoming the timing of the public consultation

EU Common Policy Objectives for WRC-15

- **46 responses from stakeholders and administrations received during the PC**
- **RSPG confirmed the Common Policy Objectives identified for WRC 15 Agenda Items where EU policies are most relevant**
 - **Information society (WBB)**
 - **Space policy**
 - **Transport policy**
 - **Scientific use of spectrum**
 - **Possible future WRC Agenda Items for WRC 19**
- **MS should take positions at WRC-15 in accordance with these Common Policy Objectives**
- **RSPG agreed on a final Opinion WRC 15 for publication**

EU Common Policy Objectives for WRC-15

- **The aim of this Opinion is to**
 - **assist the European Commission in proposing Common Policy Objectives in an EC communication**
 - **offer guidance to Member States in developing ECPs within CEPT**
 - **identify actions for the European Commission in order to provide political support to promote common policy objectives in regular meetings between EC and non-EU countries**

A review of the Radio Spectrum Policy Program (RSPP)

- By end of last year, RSPG launched its activity on the review of the RSPP

A Draft Opinion is planned for November 15

- Key issues have been identified and confirmed
 - Single Market issues
 - Spectrum challenges for the next 5 years to support various EU Policies
 - WBB and 5G
 - Streamlined approach to spectrum inventory
 - Spectrum sharing efficiency
 - ‘flexible harmonisation’
 - External relations
 - Interaction between Spectrum regulation and standardisation
 - Trading of spectrum rights of use
 - Role of the RSPG to support EU Policy Objectives

Efficient awards and use of spectrum in harmonised ECS bands

- **This activity benefited from a Workshop with BEREC on Spectrum Awards and from a meeting with the GMSA and Mobile Network Operators**
- **The work in progress is focusing on**
 - **Best Practices for Spectrum Awards**
 - **Promoting efficient use of spectrum, competition and coverage**
- **And will also cover**
 - **Suitability of current and future spectrum bands to meet future needs for mobile broadband**
 - **Spectrum Sharing/Spectrum pooling**
 - **Management of under-utilised spectrum**
- **A draft RSPG report is expected in June**

EU Assistance in bi-lateral coordination

- The RSPG “good-offices “are related to TV coordination
- RSPG noted the good progress made
 - The focus is on Cross-border coordination and interference issues between Italy and neighbouring countries
 - Implementation of the Italian compensation scheme for regional DTT broadcasters which will switch-off the stations which are interfering neighbouring countries is under study
 - A new focus on FM broadcasting interference
- An ad hoc meeting took place today

Spectrum issues relative to wireless backhaul for mobile networks

- RSPG welcomed the very good progress made in a short time frame
- The draft report focus on strategic spectrum issues relative to wireless backhaul for mobile networks (lessons learnt, various types of backhaul, trends, needs, etc.) due to:
 - higher capacity needs for existing macro-cellular sites
 - the densification of base stations and the small cells
- It reviews the state-of-the-art developments and trends in wireless backhaul (FS)
- RPSG invited the group to highlight strategic spectrum issues relative to wireless backhaul for mobile networks with the objective of a final report in June

Next meeting

See you the 11 June – Brussels

Briefing RSPG#37 Plenary at 16 h 30

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