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## **33<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting**

***Gilles Brégant, Chairman***

***Finn Petersen, Vice Chairman***

***RSPG Briefing Session***

***Brussels***

# **EU Common Policy Objectives for WRC-15**

- **RSPG confirmed the main themes within the agenda of WRC-15 with relevance to specific EU policy areas to be further considered and noted the ongoing update of the draft Opinion on EU common policy objectives (CPO)**
- **RSPG noted the recent proposals from European Commission on international negotiations. RSPG agreed to develop Common Policy Objectives for WRC15 in accordance with the requirements of the principle of sincere cooperation, as pointed out in RSPP Art. 10.1 (b)**
- **RSPG updated its work programme in order to deliver at the latest a draft Opinion for public consultation in November 2014 and a final Opinion in February 2015**

## **EU Assistance in bilateral coordination**

- **The RSPG role of “good-offices “ for cross-border coordination is ongoing. All cases are related to TV coordination.**
- **RSPG noted the progress made on all cases:**
  - **Italy – Malta (in relation with the 800 MHz derogation process)**
  - **Italy – France**
  - **Germany – Belgium**
  - **Italy – Slovenia : initial investigation started**
- **RSPG confirmed this strategic role and agreed to maintain it in the updated RSPG work programme. An meeting of the working group took place today.**

# Updating the RSPG Work Programme

- RSPG improved its Work programme “2014 and beyond” following the public consultation. RSPG highlighted also its recent reports *“Interference Management”* and *“Sectoral Needs”*
- RSPG agreed to develop:
  - RSPG Opinion on *“A long-term strategy on the future of the UHF band in EU”* (Final Opinion Feb 15)
  - RSPG report(s) on *“Efficient awards and use of spectrum in harmonised ECS bands”* (Final Report Nov 15). A cooperation with BEREC is also foreseen with a common workshop
- RSPG confirmed the *“WRC-15 preparation (common policy objectives for WRC-15)”* for the next two years and the permanent activity of the *“Good offices”* to assist in bilateral negotiations between EU countries
- RSPG agreed to develop an RSPG Opinion on *“the update of RSPP”*. This activity will be launched at the end of 2014

## **Update of the RSPG WP additional follow-up actions**

- **RSPG agreed to develop a draft additional Work Item on “Wireless Backhaul including small cell issues” to be confirmed at the next meeting**
- **RSPG confirmed its intention to organise a consultation meeting with the Defence sector in June (see also the previous RSPG Public Use of Spectrum opinion)**
  - ✓ **To identify evolving spectrum needs of the Defence sector**
  - ✓ **To assess how Defence spectrum needs are addressed at national level**
  - ✓ **To identify actions to promote efficient use of spectrum in particular spectrum sharing with civil usage**

## **A long-term strategy on the future of the UHF band in the EU**

- **RSPG confirmed Ms Luísa Mendes (Portugal - Anacom) as rapporteur of this activity**
- **RSPG noted the initial work done during an ad-hoc meeting in January paving the way towards a draft Opinion and advised on for further progress on the basis of the initial work and the agreed Work Item**
- **RSPG stressed the need to consider separately the issue of potential coordinated release for 700 MHz and the long term strategy for the band 470-694 MHz**
- **RSPG noted the draft Request for Opinion (RfO) submitted by European Commission. A final RfO will be issued soon and will be taken in due consideration by the ad hoc group when drafting the Opinion.**

## **Efficient awards and use of spectrum in harmonised ECS bands**

- **RSPG nominated M. Chris Woolford (UK - OFCOM) as rapporteur of this activity and agreed on the work item in order to develop an RSPG report (May 15)**
- **RSPG invited the rapporteur with the support of the RSPG vice chairman to set up the way of cooperation with BEREC and to organise later this year a workshop on topics of common interest**
- **RSPG noted the draft Request for Report (RfR) submitted by the European Commission. A final RfR will be issued soon and will be taken in due consideration by the ad hoc group when drafting the report.**
- **RSPG took note of the recent state-of-play concerning the proposed measures to establish a Telecoms Single Market. According to the results of the on-going negotiations, the scope of this RSPG activity may be reviewed/refined at a later stage.**

# European research towards 5th generation communication systems

- **RSPG welcomed the presentation of METIS and MiWave on 5G communication systems and the EC initiative to establish a 5G Public Private Partnership**
- **RSPG noted the trends towards radio systems with larger bandwidth and the current research on possible systems to use higher frequency bands**
- **RSPG confirmed the need to address 5G issues as appropriate in the future update of the RSPP**

## Next meetings

- **RSPG consultation with Defence Sector : 11 June afternoon (planned)**
- **RSPG Plenary : 12 June (note change of date)**