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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP

Subject: **Chairman's Report of RSPG#41 on 09 November 2016**

RSPG #41
Brussels, 09 November 2016

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The meeting was Chaired by RSPG Chair Philip Marnick (UK).

The RSPG adopted the *Strategic Roadmap Towards 5g For Europe* (Opinion on spectrum related aspects for next-generation wireless systems (5G)), and agreed draft Opinions for consultation on Intelligent Transport Systems and the Internet of Things.

The RSPG also noted progress reports from the Working Groups dealing with the following items in the Work Programme:

- Review of the Telecomms Regulatory Framework;

- "Good offices" to assist in bilateral negotiations between EU countries;

- A long-term strategy with regard to future PMSE spectrum requirements;

- WRC-19 preparation;

- Spectrum related aspects for next-generation wireless systems (5G);

- Spectrum aspects of the Digital Single Market;

- Spectrum aspects of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS);

- Spectrum aspects of Internet-of-things (IoT) including M2M.

 The RSPG Chair also reported on the 2nd RSPG Stakeholder workshop held in Brussels on the 3rd October 2016.

The next Plenary meeting of the RSPG will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2017.

MEETING REPORT

(1)   Introduction to RSPG #41

The RSPG Chairman, Philip Marnick (UK), opened the meeting.

The European Commission was represented by Anthony Whelan, Director for Electronic Communications Networks and Services, DG CONNECT.

(2)   Update on Commission Initiatives

The European Commission introduced document RSPG16-0134 "Commission activities related to spectrum policy since the last meeting". The Commission also provided information regarding the Commission proposal for a Directive establishing an Electronic Communications Code and an update on the 5G Action Plan.

(3)   Oral report from the RSPG Chair on recent activities

The RSPG Chair provided an oral report on the public meeting with stakeholders held in Brussels on 3rd October 2016. The meeting was well attended by a variety of stakeholders as well as by many of the RSPG rapporteurs. Feedback from the meeting suggested that the event had enabled a successful dialogue with stakeholders on some key topics in the Work Programme. RSPG members encouraged the Chair to organise similar stakeholder engagement activities in the future.

The Chair also informed RSPG members that he had met recently with Mr Soriano, the incoming Chair of BEREC to discuss potential areas of collaboration, including several items in the 2017 BEREC Work Programme. The Chair will consider how these will be addressed within the RSPG's current Working Group structure.

(4)   RSPG Working Group on 5G

The co-rapporteur B. Andersson (SE) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG16-035).

The rapporteurs also presented a draft Opinion for adoption on "Spectrum related aspects of next generation wireless systems (5G)" (RSPG16-032). This draft had been developed following a period of public consultation on an earlier draft Opinion between 14 June and 31 July 2016, and further meetings of the responsible RSPG working group.

Following some minor amendments to clarify that the proposed future supplementary Opinion should also consider existing licences in the pioneer bands, the RSPG adopted a final version of the Opinion (RSPG16-032). During the discussions, the fact that the 28 MHz band was not considered a pioneer band was also stressed, and consequently it remains the RSPG's position that this band should not be discussed at WRC-19.

The RSPG members thanked the working group for its efforts to produce this Opinion quickly, and noted that the working group will continue its activities to examine other related issues and future developments in a further Opinion.

(5)   RSPG Working Group on the Framework Review

The co-rapporteurs E. Ulelay (HU) and D. Chauveau (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG16-036). The RSPG welcomed the progress report and noted that the next meeting will take place on 21 November 2016.

(6)   RSPG working Group on "Good offices".

The co-rapporteur E. Fournier (FR) introduced the progress report from the working group (RSPG16-037), a draft RSPG report on the results of the RSPG's good offices in bilateral negotiations between EU countries (RSPG16-046) and a draft questionnaire on cross border issues regarding 700MHz spectrum clearance and mitigation of broadcasting service below 694 MHz (RSPG16-047).

The RSPG noted the current situation regarding progress in the implementation of the Decreto-Legge n°145, a compensation scheme in Italy for regional DTT broadcasters to switch-off the stations which are interfering neighbouring countries.

The RSPG adopted the report of the results of the RSPG "good offices" in bilateral negotiations between EU countries (RSPG116-046) and the questionnaire set out in RSPG16-047.

(7)   RSPG Working Group on PMSE

The rapporteur Franz Ziegelwanger (AT) introduced the progress report (RSPG16-038) noting that the working group had now held its first meeting since the European Commission's request for an RSPG Opinion on "a long-term strategy on spectrum requirements facing the future needs and use of wireless audio and video PMSE applications". The RSPG discussed the future focus that the work should take, took note of the progress report and thanked Mr. Ziegelwanger for offering to act as rapporteur for this working group.

(8)   RSPG Working Group on WRC19

The rapporteur, Alexander Kühn (DE) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-039).

(9)   RSPG Working Group on the Digital Single Market

The co-rapporteur C. Woolford (UK) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-040), noting that the "peer Review Platform" was now in test phase among several working group members.

The RSPG also received an oral report on the workshop held in Brussels on 8th November on "Strategic coverage issues".

(10)   Intelligent Transport Systems

The rapporteur, Erika Forsberg (UK) presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-041) and a draft Opinion for public consultation (RSPG16-044). The RSPG agreed that the draft Opinion should be published for public consultation.

(11)   Internet of Things

 The co-rapporteurs, F. Bos (NL) and O. Bird (UK), presented the progress report of the working group dealing with this issue (RSPG16-042) and a draft Opinion for public consultation (RSPG16-045). The RSPG agreed that the draft Opinion should be published for public consultation.

The next RSPG Plenary meeting (RSPG#42) will take place in Brussels on the 7Th February 2017, with RSPG#43 taking place on the 6th June 2017 and RSPG#44 on the 21st November 2017.

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