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**12th Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group
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The Working Group has held two meetings, the first one during the previous RSPG meeting, on 24th February 2016, and the second one during the RSCOM meeting (16th March 2016).

The Working Group is focusing its activity on the cross-border coordination and interference issues between Italy and its neighbouring countries.

During these two meetings, and also by further correspondence activities, the WG analyzed the progress in the implementation of the Decreto-Legge n°145, a compensation scheme for regional DTT broadcasters to switch-off the stations which are interfering neighboring countries.

Although the Italian administration confirmed during the previous RSPG meeting that the full planned implementation would be effective before the end of April 2016, this is clearly not the case.

As of 25th May, the list of channels to be switched off has been published for 8 regions, but the list is still missing in 4 regions (<http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/incentivi/comunicazioni/rottamazione-frequenze-tv>)

The channels have been effectively switched off in 4 regions.

This has been checked by the two concerned neighbouring countries, Malta and France. However, Malta still measured some interference on channel 43, which will be used by Malta to replace the channel used for TV in the 800 MHz band. Italy identified the source of the interference as coming from a transmitter in the north of Sicily, outside the area included in the application of the decreto legge n°145, and has taken actions to cease interference, not yet proven sufficient.

In the Adriatic area, no channel has been yet switched off as of 20th May.

Since the situation may evolve rapidly, an update of the situation will be provided orally during the RSPG meeting.

It should be noted that the decreto legge n°145 was not designed to address interference cases notified after December 2013 nor interferences to the neighbouring countries coordinated frequencies not in operation in December 2013, nor any remaining interference from Italian national broadcasters. Also, it did not cover the requirement from some neighbouring administrations to introduce and to protect new TV multiplex. It was considered as a first step solving the most problematic issue of longstanding interference on some channels used by some regional programmes, but does not completely solve the issues of TV interference to neighbouring countries. In addition, the issue of interference in the FM broadcasting band is not addressed.

Considering the request for reporting the results of the RSPG «good offices», a draft Report has been developed by correspondence. Being in the midstream of the implementation of the Decreto Legge n°145, the draft will need to include the final results of this implementation. The draft report is attached for information.

If agreed by RSPG, the report could be finalized as an RSPG Report for adoption at the November meeting of the RSPG.

Next meeting

Ad-hoc meeting of the RSPG WG on cross-border coordination will be organized during the RSPG meeting, lunch time, on 8th June.

A dedicated meeting for finalizing the RSPG Report on the application of the good offices is expected to be organized in September.