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Initial discussion on the next RSPG work programme post-2015 has been launched at the RSPG#37 on the basis of RSPG document (RSPG15-613). It has been agreed in June 2015 to develop an update of the Work Programme accordingly. RSPG members have been invited to contribute to this activity and a relevant RSPG ad hoc group has been established.

Preparation of the ad hoc meeting

Further to the invitation from RSPG secretariat circulated to RSPG members, a relevant mailing list has been established. M. Robert Lindgaard (DK) and Didier Chauveau (F) acted as contact points for the preparation of the ad hoc RSPG. Initial draft Work Items developed on the basis of RSPG15-613 has been circulated to the RSPG ad hoc group mailing list. Comments have been received prior the meeting.

Ad hoc meeting on the update of RSPG work program

The ad hoc meeting held in Maisons-Alfort the 24 September 2015. It was attended by representatives from the Netherlands, Greece, Ireland, Finland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, France and from the Commission services. Others Member States subscribed to the mailing list.

The meeting, chaired by the RSPG Chairman on behalf of the vice Chairman who initiated the work on RSPG work program, reviewed the various work items resulting from the correspondence activity:

- Digital Single Market – Telecoms Regulatory Framework issues
- Spectrum related aspects for next-generation wireless systems (5G)
- Internet-of-things (IoT) including M2M and ITS
- WRC-19 preparation (common policy objectives for WRC-19)
- “Good offices” to assist in bilateral negotiations between EU countries

These work items have been improved during the meeting.

In conclusion, **the meeting agreed to submit to RSPG for consideration and approval for public consultation the draft update of RSPG Work programme “2016 and beyond attached” (see annex 1). The meeting recognized that an update of the Work Programme could be done on yearly basis in order to address emerging strategic issues.**

Further to discussion, **it has been agreed also to launch without delay the work on Telecom review. RSPG is invited to note and comment on this initiative to be presented at RSPG#38 (see relevant agenda item and additional document).**

Moreover the meeting considered also the late input suggesting a Work Item on “indoor coverage” to collect best practices in Member States on indoor coverage solutions, to assess possible national regulatory tools to respond to the demand and on forward looking view on solutions for the indoor coverage issues in the long term.

Views have been exchanged noting that coverage issues are addressed at national level and that RSPG report on efficient use of spectrum includes a relevant section. Further to the discussion, it has been agreed to assess with the RSPG plenary if “coverage” could be a possible topic for a workshop with BEREC.

The meeting noted that collection of best practices on ‘indoor coverage’ could be done by CEPT for example, as it has been done for coverage obligations. The recent work done in Sweden on indoor coverage (including topics outside spectrum issues) has been mentioned during the discussion.

RSPG plenary is invited to agree on a possible initiative for organizing a common workshop with BEREC on “coverage issues including indoor coverage”

This initiative could be considered as a follow up action of the work done on “Efficient use of Spectrum and Spectrum Awards”. M. Chris Woolford is invited to take on board this task with the support of the relevant RSPG WG as appropriate.

Annex 1: RSPG WP “2016 and beyond”