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**4<sup>th</sup> Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on WRC19**

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The Group met once since the 43rd RSPG plenary and initiated the development of the draft Opinion on common policy objectives. Representatives from Greece, Germany, Ireland, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Sweden and the European Commission participated actively for which I express my sincere appreciation.

Starting with a collection of views towards common policy objectives on the WRC-19 Agenda items identified by the RSPG Interim Opinion, the group thoroughly analysed the current status of preliminary positions as well as developments in the EU policy regarding the relevant Agenda Items of WRC-19. In that regard the result and comments made at the stakeholder workshop organised by CEPT/CPG and the European Commission on 11<sup>th</sup> May have been fully taken into account.

Regarding the Agenda Item (A.I. 1.7) on spectrum for short duration space missions the question was raised, whether this item still needs to be addressed by the final opinion, as neither a European harmonisation measure on spectrum is in force, nor a respective EU policy. A decision on this was postponed to highlight this question at the RSPG Plenary meeting and invite views from Member states.

Another considered issue was the role of the EU at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), in particular whether it is similar to the role at ITU, which is relevant for the common policy objectives on two identified Agenda items (i.e. A.I.s 1.8 and 1.9.2). The European Commission confirmed a similarity after the meeting.

Finally, it was concluded to transpose the draft elements for common policy objectives into the draft for the final Opinion. Based on the Interim Opinion initial elements of the final Opinion were considered.

The development of the draft final Opinion is progressing well. The Group considered the planned schedule together with the relevant progress within CEPT. It was concluded that the current timeline for the adoption of the final opinion (June 2018) may be too early to project the further developments towards WRC-19, in particular within CEPT CPG. Noting also the schedule of the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> RSPG Plenary in 2018, the group suggests to the RSPG Plenary to consider minor changes in the development schedule for the output of the Working group: 1. to adopt the draft Opinion by written procedure until the End of March and 2. to adopt the final Opinion either finally in October 2018 or if possible by written procedure until mid September 2018. This would allow the Group to take full account of the CPG meeting at the end of June 2018.

Special thanks are going to all group members, the representative of the European Commission and all hosts.

The next, 6<sup>th</sup>, meeting is scheduled for 7 December 2017 in Brussels.

**Recommended action for RSPG#44:**

1. Endorsement of progress on the Final Opinion on WRC-19.
2. Endorsement of the updated work program regarding the final Opinion, in particular the suggested way for the adoption.
3. Noting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Progress Report.

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Bonn, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Alexander Kühn  
Rapporteur

## Annex

RSPG work item: update to Plenary	
<b>Work item</b>	<i>Opinion on WRC-19</i>
<b>Rapporteur/s</b>	<i>Alexander Kühn, Federal Network Agency, Germany</i>
<b>Rationale</b>	<i>WRC-15 ended on 27 November 2015. One of the decisions taken at WRC-15 was the agenda for WRC-19. RSPG should start to identify common policy objectives on items which are of particular importance for EU policies as early as possible in the process of preparation of WRC-19, similarly to the processes successfully carried out for past WRCs.</i>
<b>Scope</b>	<p><i>The RSPG plans to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Assess the preparation of ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences in order to update, if needed, the recommendations provided in the RSPG Opinion on “The preparation of ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences”;</i></li> <li><i>2. Assist the European Commission in formulating Common Policy Objectives;</i></li> <li><i>3. 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.</i></li> </ol>
<b>Planned deliverables and timing</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Draft Final Opinion February 2018</i></li> <li><i>2. Final Opinion June 2018</i></li> </ol>
<b>Analytical approach</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Analysis of the provisional Agenda as adopted by WRC-15 and identify those items/issue on which EU policy aspects may be affected.</i></li> <li><i>2. Taking into account various developments within international fora especially the ITU and CEPT, as well as information provided by the members of the group, develop recommendations for elements of common policy objectives on the identified items of the WRC-19 agenda.</i></li> </ol>
<b>Project plan</b>	<p><i>2 Step approach:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Step: Identification of relevant EU policies which may be affected.</i></li> <li><i>2. Step: Based on the result of step 1, develop an RSPG Opinion on elements for common policy objectives.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>The group will use personal meetings to finalise texts and electronic means to the maximum extend possible to collect proposals.</i></p>
<b>Dependencies</b>	<p><i>Consistency with regard to the RSPG work on 5G, ITS and IoT has to be ensured.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore the work is heavily depending on the further preparatory activities within other international fora in particular the ITU and CEPT.</i></p> <p><i>The group will also take fully account of the results of relevant case before the European Court of Justice.</i></p>

**Members, stakeholders and resources**

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Key stakeholders	All		
Other resources	Not applicable		

**Work flow (internal and external milestones)**

Date	Action / deliverable	Internal Work group only	External Plenary, Publication
Year 2017			
24 January	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting – finalization of the draft interim opinion	Work Group	n/a
7 February	Presentation of the draft interim opinion to Plenary	Rapporteur	Plenary
11 May	Stakeholder Workshop	Rapporteur	Public
15 September	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting – Development of the final Opinion	Working Group	n/a
21 November	Progress Report to Plenary	Rapporteur	Plenary
[7] December	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting - Development of the final Opinion	Working Group	n/a
Year 2018			
[23 or 26] January	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting – Finalization of the Opinion	Working Group	n/a
30 January	Presentation of the final Opinion for public consultation – Decision by written procedure	Rapporteur	Plenary
March-April	Public Consultation		
May	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting – Inclusion of results of public consultation	Working Group	n/a
5 June	Presentation of final Opinion	Rapporteur	Plenary
End of July	End of Adoption by written procedure		Membership

Further work plan is subject to the later sessions of the working group.