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**Short report on the public consultation**  
**regarding the draft RSPG Work Programme 2012 and beyond**

The draft RSPG Work Programme 2012 was submitted to public consultation from 20 January to 8 February 2012. During the consultation two answers were received, from Telecom Italia and BBC, for which RSPG thanks the respondents for their interest and valuable contribution.

The answers received are published on the RSPG web site at the address:  
[http://rspg.ec.europa.eu/consultations/index\\_en.htm](http://rspg.ec.europa.eu/consultations/index_en.htm)

In general, the answer from Telecom Italia showed a very supportive position to the draft programme. Telecom Italia deems useful that a central role should be given to Opinions and Reports of RSPG in the new European spectrum arena. They wish that all documents of RSPG, not only Opinions, be submitted to public consultation, the same position as they expressed already two years ago. This issue is now clarified in the new Rules of Procedures of RSPG. On specific item, Telecom Italia agrees on the proposed lines of the activities and their shape and offer in some cases some more detailed suggestions. In particular on the shared use of spectrum. Telecom Italia is of the opinion that the best solution in order to reach more efficient and flexible use of spectrum while adequately manage interference would be the intra-operator spectrum sharing scenario.

In the response of BBC, we find a similar position as Telecom Italia when it comes to protection from interference. BBC also calls for considering, in many of the items in the draft programme, suitable measures to protect incumbent users, in particular while developing mobile broadband and white spaces. More specifically, on item 4 on furthering efficient interference management, BBC is of the opinion that the activity should be expanded to include also interference caused to broadcasting and, in future, also to other communications, by non radio devices such as those in PLC (Power Line Communications) technology. RSPG, as RSC a few years ago, thinks that this issue is more related to equipment standardization and so an issue for the EMC and RTT&E Directive. BBC may be invited by the Commission to identify a suitable roadmap to address their specific concern.

Apart from specific aspects related to the PLC issue, RSPG thinks that all the other suggestions by respondent to the public consultation are already addressed in the programme in one form or another (in some case indirectly at strategic level). The valuable suggestions from respondents will be conveyed to the relevant Working Groups that will practically handle the various items for further consideration. So, we believe that there is no need to make specific updates to the current draft work programme text, besides a few slight modifications to line up the text after the end of consultation and better clarify a couple of points (highlighted in track changes).

It is finally deemed important to also raise the issue of a targeted consideration, in the final work programme, of the results of the World Radio Conference as those may affect spectrum policy development. It is so advisable to put this forward as a matter of discussion at the coming Plenary meeting.