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1. PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER

This paper is to report on Commission activities related to radio spectrum policy since the 26th meeting of RSPG on 16 November 2011. The paper concentrates on activities which have most relevance to RSPG's scope of responsibilities.

2. HARMONISATION AND TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Since the last RSPG meeting, there was an RSC meeting on 15 December 2011. The following topics were addressed:

- **Short-Range Devices:** The Commission informed the RSC about the planned adoption on 8 December 2011 of Implementing Decision 2011/829/EU amending Decision 2006/771/EC on harmonisation of radio spectrum for use by short-range devices. The adoption is now completed.
- **Harmonised technical conditions for the terrestrial 2 GHz band:** The Commission presented the recommendations of the Study¹ in support of the impact assessment for the technical harmonisation of the terrestrial 2 GHz band as well as a preliminary draft of an Implementing Decision on the harmonisation of this band.
- **Mandate to CEPT on PMSE:** The RSC approved a new mandate to CEPT to undertake studies on the technical conditions regarding spectrum harmonisation options for wireless radio microphones and wireless video cameras.
- **State of play of RSPP and spectrum inventory:** The Commission presented a document² which clarifies the role of the RSC and outlines the planned next steps for

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http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecommm/radio_spectrum/_document_storage/studies/2ghz/support2ghz_ia_final_report.pdf

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http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/infos/radiospectrum/library?l=/public_documents/public_documents_2011/rsc38/rscom11-60_preparations/_EN_1.0_&a=d

implementing the spectrum inventory on the basis of the provisions of the RSPP and taking into account of the RSPG Opinion. The Commission launched an initial discussion with Member States and requested feedback regarding the experience gained by Member States in conducting elements of an inventory or a review at national level.

3. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Radio Spectrum Policy Programme (RSPP): On 15 February 2012, the European Parliament voted positively on the compromise text with the Council regarding the first Radio Spectrum Policy Programme³. A press release has been published on the Commission's web site⁴. At this occasion, Ms Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the Commission, Commissioner in charge of Digital Agenda, published a personal blog⁵ on the RSPP. The formal final adoption is expected to take place in March 2012.

4. WORKSHOPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

A workshop on "Promoting the shared use of radio spectrum resources" took place in Brussels on 16 December 2011. The consultants in charge of the study on shared spectrum access carried out for the Commission (SCF Associates Ltd) presented the preliminary results of their work. The results of the workshop are available on the radio spectrum policy web site⁶.

A public consultation on "Spectrum for more efficient energy production and distribution" has been launched on 20 January 2012. The public consultation is linked to a Commission initiative on the use of spectrum for one of the specific Union policies referred to in Article 8 of the RSPP. This article states that the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall consider making spectrum available for wireless technologies with a potential for improving energy saving, including smart energy grids and smart metering systems. The period of consultation will close on 18 April 2012. The call and questionnaire for the public consultation can be found on the radio spectrum policy web site⁷.

5. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Commission staff attended the World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12) in Geneva.

³ http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomms/radio_spectrum/eu_policy/rspp/index_en.htm#concrete_actions

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<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/141&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=fr>

⁵ <http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/neelie-kroes/rspp/>

⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomms/radio_spectrum/activities/index_en.htm#Workshops/Events

⁷ http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomms/radio_spectrum/_document_storage/consultations/2012_energy_efficiency/energy_efficiency_public_consultation.pdf