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# **RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY GROUP**

## **Progress Report of the RSPG Working Group on Future Demand for Spectrum for Wireless Broadband**

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The Working Group has held two meetings to date, on 24 April in Dublin and on 23 May in Brussels.

The first meeting was largely taken up with discussing the scope of the project and agreeing an outline structure for the draft Opinion which the group was required to produce.

The group has taken note of developments in the Council and European Parliament on the proposed Radio Spectrum Policy Programme and in the ITU and CEPT on technical and regulatory studies regarding wireless broadband in the frequency bands of interest. The latest version of the Request for Opinion was also taken into account.

The Working Group continued its discussions on development of the draft Opinion at the second meeting. One possibility currently under consideration is that it may be appropriate to produce both an Opinion and an accompanying Report due to the volume of material which may be generated in covering all of the requirements of the Request for Opinion. However, a decision on this issue will be taken at a later date as the work progresses.

The group is also considering issuing one, or possibly two, questionnaires to Member States with the aim of informing its work on specific frequency bands, in particular the 700 MHz band. It may also be possible to glean relevant information from the work being undertaken by the consultants engaged in the pilot inventory project on behalf of the EC. The EC is looking into this possibility.

The next meetings of the Working Group are scheduled for

- Wednesday 11 July in Dublin
- Tuesday 11 September in [TBC]

Participants in the Working Group included representatives from Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the EC.