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37th Plenary Meeting

Gilles Brégant, Chairman
Finn Petersen, Vice Chairman
RSPG Briefing Session

Brussels

European Commission initiatives on Digital Single market

- The European Commission highlighted the spectrum issues included in its strategy on Digital Single Market
 - The RSPG welcomes this initiative to support **the growth of digital economy in Europe**
 - The RSPG has paved the way of WBB in Europe by providing **visibility to policy makers on spectrum resources** suitable for possible future harmonisation measures
 - The RSPG welcomes Commission proposals regarding the **coordinated release of 700 MHz band** and on-going **harmonisation measures in 1452-1492 MHz and 2,3-2,4 GHz bands** in line with its recommendations
 - The RSPG is finalising a report on **“Efficient use of Spectrum and Spectrum Awards”**
 - The draft RSPG Opinion on RSPD includes proposals on the future role of the RSPG and RSPG is ready to respond to further request for Opinions

A review of the Radio Spectrum Policy Program (RSPP)

- RSPG welcomed the good progress and agreed on the revised structure of the draft Opinion to be approved for PC in October
- RSPG supports at least a need for updating the current policy program
- RSPG is developing strategic recommendations
 - Coherence of various EU policies objectives
 - WBB harmonisation in particular in 700 MHz, 1452-1492 MHz, 2.3-2.4GHz
 - 5G challenges
 - Streamlined approach to spectrum inventory
 - Interaction between spectrum regulation and standardisation
- RSPG intends to submit proposals to increase its role to support EU Policy Objectives
- RSPG noted that the European Commission will focus its effort on Telecom review

Efficient awards and use of spectrum in harmonised ECS bands

- **The RSPG noted the good progress on this activity and the large scope of issues covered**
- **Key issues include**
 - **Best Practices for Spectrum Awards**
 - **Efficient use of spectrum, competition and coverage**
 - **Suitability of current and future spectrum bands to meet future needs for mobile broadband**
 - **Spectrum sharing/Spectrum pooling**
 - **Management of under-utilised spectrum**
- **This report includes material which may be relevant for the upcoming review of the Regulatory Framework**
- **The draft RSPG report will be submitted for approval for Public Consultation in October**

Spectrum issues on Wireless Backhaul

- RSPG approved its report on “*Spectrum issues on Wireless Backhaul*”
- Lessons learnt, various types of backhaul, trends, needs, etc. due to:
 - higher capacity needs for existing macro-cellular sites
 - the densification of base stations and the small cells
- Strategic considerations on wireless backhaul including national issues such as authorizations
 - Different requirements on medium & long terms
 - A range of frequency bands to respond to national demands
- Some key bands for wireless backhaul may be targeted for 5 G. RSPG agreed to consider this report when developing its future Opinion on 5 G

EU Assistance in bi-lateral coordination

- The RSPG “good-offices “are related to **broadcasting coordination**
- RSPG noted the good progress made
 - The focus is on **cross-border coordination and interference** between Italy and neighbouring countries
 - Ongoing implementation of the Italian compensation scheme for regional DTT broadcasters which will switch-off interfering stations
 - New focus on **FM broadcasting** interference
- An ad hoc meeting took place today

Update of the RSPG work program

- The RSPG Report on *“Efficient Awards and Efficient Use of Spectrum”* in Feb 16
- The RSPG started to develop its Work-program for next year(s)
 - **“Bons Offices”** to be maintained
- Possible new strategic spectrum issues to be addressed
 - **5G**
 - **DSM and Telecom Framework review**
 - **Internet-of-things (IoT) including M2M and ITS**
- Possible common Workshop with BEREC as appropriate
- The RSPG agreed to kick off the work on DSM and Telecom Framework Review before the next plenary

Next meeting

See you the 15 October – Brussels

Briefing RSPG#38 Plenary at 16 h 30

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