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The RSPG at its Meeting #54 (online, 10th February 2021) approved the 15th Progress Report of the RSPG Sub-Group on Peer Review and Member State cooperation on authorisations and awards.

I. PEER REVIEW FORUM

Since December 21st 2020, with the European Electronic Communications Code that came into force, which sets new rules of conveying Peer Review Workshops and last RSPG Plenary the Sub-Group was involved in organizing two Peer Review Forums, requested on the basis on art. 35 of the European Electronic Communications Code.

In both following cases neither report according to the Art. 35 (7) of the EECC nor opinion according to the Art. 35 (9) were requested by the national authorities that asked to organize Peer Review Forum align with Art. 35 of the EECC.

- **23rd March 2021 – Malta.** The Peer Review Forum focused on mobile ECS market, national spectrum allocations in Malta, facilitating 5G by licensing the entire 700 MHz, 3600 MHz and 1.2 GHz in the 26 GHz band and proposed authorisation model. The meeting was attended by 56 participants from 21 Member States and the European Commission.
- **10th May 2021 – Croatia.** The Peer Review focused on the assignment of the radio spectrum in the 700 MHz, 3600 MHz and 26 GHz frequency bands. The meeting was attended by 83 participants from 23 Member States and the European Commission.

II. MEMBER STATE COOPERATION ON AUTHORISATIONS AND AWARDS

Since the last RSPG Plenary the Sub-Group organized one voluntary Award Workshop.

- **27th May 2021 - Greece**

The workshop was held at the request of the Member State and was chaired by the representative of the Sub – Group. It has to be noted that the Award Workshop was conveyed on the basis of the common work of the Working Group envisaged in the Work Programme for 2020 and beyond and was not in line with the provisions of the EECC in particular Art. 35 and of RSPG Rules of Procedure art. 10. The Workshop focused on several aspects such as: 5G goals in Greece, overview of Electronic

Communications market, assigning 5G spectrum, Award Process and valuation as well as terms of Spectrum Rights. The meeting was attended by 60 participants across RSPG Members and observers and the European Commission.

III. STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

The Sub-Group organised on March 30th 2021 the Stakeholder Workshop. The Workshop focused on topics that were defined through the questionnaire released before the last RSPG Plenary, among which one should mention:

- Authorisation regimes for mm-Wave bands (26 GHz, 66-71 GHz) - presented by GSMA,
- Shared use, common use, LSA – presented by GSMA,
- Auction designs, multi country approach – presented by Telia Company,
- Unlicensed frequency usage WAS/RLAN – presented by Intel,
- Open RAN from mobile operator perspective – presented by Telefonica,
- Open RAN from vendor perspective – presented by Ericsson
- Recommendations to encourage stable vertical integration – presented by Volkswagen and Siemens.

The meeting was attended by several representatives of the telecommunication operators, vendors and verticals, and gathered 182 registered participants from 26 countries including the European Commission.

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