

Peer Review and Member State Co-operation on Authorisation and Awards

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RSPG Working Group Peer Review

- This work item was originally established in 2016 to facilitate peer learning between the Member States on spectrum awards and authorisation.
- The RSPG hosted a voluntary “Peer Review” platform (EC CIRCABC website) allowing the Member States to share documents and experience and to seek advice from their peers during the award design process.
- The RSPG held numerous Peer Review/Award workshops to share experience and expertise on specific (planned or completed) awards.

Peer Review Platform

- RSPG established the Peer Review Platform for spectrum awards and national assignment regulations of ECS spectrum.
- Hosted on the European Commission CIRCABC website. Access granted to Member State experts.
- Two main functions:
 - Library: repository for relevant information regarding awards presented
 - Peer-to-peer messaging - facilitating the swift sharing of ideas and information between experts

Award Workshops

- Joint Czech Republic/Slovak Republic on 3.5 GHz awards
- Ireland 3.5 GHz
- Joint 700 MHz workshop (France, Germany, Sweden, Norway)
- Sweden 700 MHz
- UK 2.3 GHz/3.4 GHz
- Joint 5G Award Workshop (Slovenia, Italy, Hungary)
- UK 700 MHz/3.6-3.8 GHz
- Joint Workshop on 2.3 GHz/3.4-3.8 GHz (Finland, Sweden, Austria)
- Austria 700/1500/2100 MHz and 3.4-3.8 GHz
- Slovenia 700/1500/2100/2300/3600 MHz and 26 GHz
- Spain 700 MHz, 3.4-3.8 GHz
- Greece assigning 5G spectrum

Peer Review Forum

Since 21. December 2020, new rules of conveying Peer Review Workshops apply with the European Electronic Communications Code that came into force.

Article 35 of the EECC:

Where the national regulatory or other competent authority intends to undertake a selection procedure in accordance with Article 55(2) in relation to radio spectrum for which harmonised conditions have been set by technical implementing measures in accordance with Decision No 676/2002/EC in order to enable its use for wireless broadband networks and services, it shall, pursuant to Article 23, inform the RSPG about any draft measure which falls within the scope of the comparative or competitive selection procedure pursuant to Article 55(2) and indicate whether and when it is to request the RSPG to convene a Peer Review Forum.

When requested to do so, the RSPG shall organise a Peer Review Forum in order to discuss and exchange views on the draft measures transmitted and shall facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices on those draft measures.

The Peer Review Forum shall be composed of the members of the RSPG and organised and chaired by a representative of the RSPG.

Peer Review Forum based on Article 35 EECC

- Malta 700 MHz, 3600 MHz, 1.2 GHz in the 26 GHz
- Croatia 700 MHz, 3600 MHz and 26 GHz
- Lithuania 700 MHz
- The Netherlands 700 MHz, 1400 MHz and 2100 MHz as well as plans regarding 3,5 GHz auction.

Next steps

- Planning forthcoming workshops with Member States for 2022
- Preparing the annual report according to the Article 35 (8) of the EECC which RSPG shall publish in February 2022