

RSPG WG European Spectrum Strategy

Stakeholder Workshop

Wednesday 5th September 2018, 10am – 4pm, Dublin

Background

The rapid pace of change in wireless communications technologies and markets presents immediate challenges for spectrum management such as the introduction of 5G mobile services. However, there is also a cumulative effect of these developments and a need to look beyond the current policy initiatives, to the medium and longer term. The RSPG is leading European thinking on a longer term spectrum strategy that seeks to anticipate challenges over the next 10-20 years and take a view on how best to enable the future needs of all spectrum users.

Spectrum management has the potential either to facilitate or to impede technological evolution. There is a risk that spectrum policy decisions are taken in isolation and with reference to the current policy imperatives, rather than as part of delivering a wider strategic vision. Taking spectrum policy decisions within a strategic frame of the wider policy objectives will lead to greater potential long term benefits. In this context the RSPG will take into account not only technical parameters but also economic, political, social, cultural and other strategic considerations impacting spectrum policy.

The RSPG is in the process of identifying the key issues that needs to be addressed as part of the work on a European Spectrum Strategy. We have agreed that 'innovation' and 'sharing' are two key issues and there are others that we are currently considering; harmonisation; role of market mechanisms; meeting the needs of all spectrum users; and receivers and equipment standards. We would like to engage with stakeholders to help us delve deeper into each of these issues, discussing the possible remaining themes, consider whether we are addressing the right issues and probe what the drivers are in terms of development of a European spectrum strategy.

Draft agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction to the work of the Group
- Initial consideration on the key identified issues
- Breakout sessions to focus on 'innovation' and 'sharing'
- Reconvene to discuss outcomes of breakout sessions and next steps

Venue

The workshop will be held in Dublin (venue tbc) on the 5th September 2018 from 10am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

Participation

We are keen to hear the views of as many stakeholders as possible from all relevant sectors. We have reached out to the various trade associations so that all sectors can be represented. We would also like as many individual stakeholders to attend as possible, but numbers will be limited so in the event that we are oversubscribed we'll try to ensure a balance of spectrum users.

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