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**Joint meeting ERG/RSPG
Gothenburg, 27 February 2008**

Short report

The session held jointly with the European Regulators Group (ERG) followed the regular 15th plenary session of the RSPG. The meeting was **co-chaired by the ERG chairman, Mr Dániel Pataki**, also President of the National Communications Authority (Hungary) and **the RSPG chairman, Mrs Marianne Treschow**, Director General of the Swedish National Post & Telecom Agency. This was the first joint meeting of the two groups and a first step towards a closer working relationship between spectrum management and telecom regulations. Among the main topics of discussion in the joint session were broadband infrastructure and the convergence of fixed and mobile communications.

The joint meeting was dedicated to the topic of the broadband future: "**regulatory challenges in a converging environment**". The introduction by Mrs Treschow, as well as the slides of the presentations by Prof. G. Pogorel and Prof. M. Cave are available on the public RSPG web site¹.

A discussion followed the presentation in view of establishing priority areas for the future cooperation between the two groups (RSPG and ERG). In conclusion to the debate, Mrs Treschow and Mr Pataki have indicated their intention to prepare jointly with the Commission a proposal for the next meeting on the way forward regarding the suggested cooperation.

The meeting was followed by a formal joint dinner hosted by the Swedish National Post & Telecom Agency in the presence of the **Swedish Minister for Infrastructure and Communications, Mrs Åsa Torstensson** and the **EU Commissioner for Information Society and Media, Mrs Reding**. Mrs Reding gave a key note address [text available on Mrs Reding's web site²].

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¹ Respectively documents RSPG08-216, RSPG08-217 and RSPG08-218. These documents are available at http://rspg.ec.europa.eu/meeting_documents/index_en.htm

² http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/reding/docs/speeches/2008/gothenburg_20080227.pdf