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### **RSPG WORK ON RADIO BROADCASTING IN 2010**

#### **Proposed work plan regarding the future of radio broadcasting**

In the RPSG work program for 2010 two workstreams are described under the “Technology impact on spectrum management” umbrella.

This document presents the broad outlines for the work to be undertaken under the second workstream as described in the work program i.e. on the future of radio broadcasting in Europe. The document further describes broadly the objectives to be pursued, and lastly an indicative timetable with deliverables.

#### **The rapporteur**

The designated rapporteur, Dr. Magnus Falk, has worked for the National Post and Telecom Agency in Sweden since 2001, mainly dealing with spectrum issues on a policy level. His international responsibilities encompass both CEPT and ITU. This year he will take part in the national and European preparations for World Telecommunication Development Conference in Hyderabad India, and The Plenipotentiary Conference in Vera Cruz Mexico.

#### **Work to be carried out**

The work deals, in a broader sense, with technology impact on the possibilities of achieving a more efficient spectrum management/usage. The aim in this case would be to highlight the spectrum usage situation by radio broadcasting services – in order to manage a more efficient use of the bands. This shall be done by:

1. describing today’s usage in some European countries
2. assessing the needs and the opportunities of the sector based on the findings
3. identifying strategic objectives for the VHF bands and 1.5GHz
4. identifying and proposing activities that would be beneficial for its development

In order to be able to assess the needs and opportunities the working group must initiate a data collecting work in countries that wish to take part in the study.

The analysis should also touch upon the pros and cons of indicating a target date for analogue radio broadcasting (FM) switch off and assessing the efficient use of L band frequencies. No public consultation is foreseen for this work item.

### **Indicative timetable and deliverables**

The work will mainly be carried out through mail contact. We foresee though that the working group has to meet at least three times – the first in Stockholm in March, the second in May (location TBD) and the third (Stockholm) during the finalisation of the report.

#### Working Group meeting #1 March

Aim: producing a questionnaire

#### Working Group meeting #2 May

Aim: Discussing preliminary results of questionnaire. Preparing presentation to RSPG#22.

#### RSPG#22, Wednesday 9 June 2010

Presentation of preliminary results.

#### Working Group meeting #3 (Date TBD)

Aim: Finalisation of report.

#### RSPG#23, Wednesday 17 November 2010

Final report.