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### COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

#### RELATED TO RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER**

This paper is to report on Commission activities related to radio spectrum policy since the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of RSPG on 5 November 2009. The paper includes only activities which have a relevance to RSPG's scope of responsibilities, in particular activities which may influence priorities in the RSPG work programme. It also contains a brief update on the Review of the regulatory framework for electronic communications and on ongoing studies.

#### **2. DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS**

On 20 November 2009, the Council of the European Union unanimously approved the EU's telecoms package which was initially proposed by the Commission in 2007. The Council decision came after a political agreement on the package had been reached in a meeting between the European Parliament and Council on 5 November. The European Parliament formally endorsed the telecoms package on 24 November. The reformed telecoms rules will become EU law as soon as they are published in the EU's Official Journal. The national transposition will have to be completed by May 2011.

#### **3. COMMUNICATION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND**

As announced in the report to the last meeting, on 28 October 2009 the Commission adopted its Communication1 "Transforming the digital dividend into social benefits and economic growth". On the same day, the Commission adopted its Recommendation "Facilitating the release of the digital dividend in the European Union".

#### **4. HARMONISATION AND TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES**

Since the last RSPG meeting, the following activities should be noted:

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- **Implementation of Commission Decisions**: The Commission services launched the verification of implementation of EC spectrum Decisions adopted in 2009: on ultra-wide band (UWB) and on short-range devices (SRD). The RSC discussed a request submitted by Bulgaria for extending the derogation period for the implementation of EC Decision on the 2.5-2.69 GHz band. RSC delegates took note of the written status report by ECO on spectrum information in the EFIS database as of December 2009.
- **Digital Dividend (800 MHz band)**: Good progress has been achieved in developing a draft EC Decision on the technical harmonisation of the 790-862 MHz band (part of the digital dividend). A public version of the current draft text, which is considered to be stable, has been uploaded on CIRCA (*RSCOM09-59 rev2*). The RSC also discussed the issue of interference between mobile terminals and cable TV receivers, on which the Commission services intend to organise a workshop for interested Member States and stakeholders on 25 January 2010 in order to facilitate a common understanding of the issue and to share information on tests that have been carried out.
- **Short-range devices (SRD)**: The RSC expressed support for the draft EC Decision amending Decision 2006/771/EC on short-range devices (third amendment). The RSC also discussed the time frame for possible future amendments of the SRD Decision based on the EC Permanent Mandate.
- **EC Decision 2008/411/EC on the 3.4-3.8 GHz band**: Representatives of the satellite and the terrestrial wireless industries presented their views on the coordinated use of the 3.4-3.8 GHz band by operators of terrestrial base stations and FSS Earth stations. The Commission services offered to organise a further meeting for stakeholders at the beginning of 2010, in order to finalise guidance on the implementation of the Decision.
- **MCV**: The RSC reached consensus on a draft Commission Decision on MCV. It was noted that the work in the COCOM on the MCV Recommendation was ongoing in parallel.
- **Short Range Radar**: The CEPT representative presented CEPT reports in response to the EC Mandate on SRR. [The Commission services commented on the way proposed by the CEPT to conduct a preliminary impact assessment on SRR.]
- **WAPECS**: Two Mandates to CEPT on the 900/1800 MHz and the 2 GHz bands have been adopted. CEPT confirmed that its work had started.

## 5. STUDY ACTIVITIES

No study work has been undertaken since the last RSPG meeting.

## **6. OTHER**

A workshop on the possible interference situations between LTE terminals and cable tv systems was held on 25 January and provided a useful opportunity to exchange views and achieve a better understanding of the issues. A further workshop is envisaged for the middle of the year.

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