

36th RADIO SPECTRUM COMMITTEE MEETING
6 JULY 2011

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY REPORT

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1. CONTEXT

The 36th meeting of the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC#36) took place in Brussels on 6 July 2011. This document provides an account of the outcome of discussions on the main topics on the agenda (*RSCOM11-23 Final*).

2. OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

- **Implementation of EU law on spectrum:** The Commission services launched the verification of implementation of EC Decision 2010/166/EU on harmonised conditions of use of radio spectrum for mobile communication services on board vessels (*RSCOM11-25*). The RSC members were provided with a summary of replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Commission Decision 2010/368/EU amending Decision 2006/771/EC on short-range devices (3rd amendment) in *RSCOM11-24*. The Commission services shared their concerns about the incomplete state of information on rights of use in EFIS database maintained by the European Communications Office (ECO).
- **Short-Range Devices (SRD):** The RSC members reached agreement on a stable text of the fourth update of the SRD Decision 2006/771/EC. The Commission services will launch an internal procedure to prepare for the regulatory opinion of the RSC. The RSC also discussed and endorsed the Commission guidance document to the CEPT regarding the fifth update of SRD Decision which is planned in 2012.
- **Short-Range Radar (SRR):** The RSC gave a favourable opinion under the examination procedure to the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2005/50/EC on the harmonisation of the 24 GHz range radio spectrum band for the time-limited use by automotive short-range radar equipment in the Community (see *RSCOM11-21*). This opens the way to the adoption of the Decision by the Commission, envisaged for the end of July 2011.
- **169 MHz band:** The RSC gave a favourable opinion under the advisory procedure to the draft Mandate to CEPT to undertake technical studies on the efficient use of the harmonised 169,4-169,8125 MHz band. Administrations were asked to provide updated information on the

current situation with regard to the use of the high-power sub-band C which will serve to the CEPT as input for its work on the Mandate.

- **2 GHz band:** The RSC discussed issues related to the harmonisation of the 2 GHz band for terrestrial electronic communications services. The Commission plans to propose a Commission Decision, which would be discussed in the RSC from October 2011 to March 2012. In preparation for this measure the Commission has contracted a study that will survey existing right holders and it will also organise a public consultation over the summer period. While some Member States expressed concern about the timeframe of adoption of the Decision, the study was welcomed and Member States recognised the need to address the fact that a part of the 2 GHz band remains unused even though rights of use have been awarded for many years.
- **MCA:** The RSC members supported the Commission's proposal (*RSCOM11-31*) to develop an EC Mandate to CEPT on a possible update of Decision 2008/294/EC on mobile communication services on aircraft (MCA Decision). The EC Mandate, which is planned to be tabled at the next RSC meeting, would task the CEPT to conduct compatibility studies for the use of 3G and other technologies on aircraft at the 2 GHz spectrum range and also in other frequency bands.
- **GSM-R:** With regard to the Commission Implementing Decision 2011/152/EU on 900 and 1800 MHz bands and in order to improve the coexistence between public mobile networks operating in the 900 MHz band and GSM-R networks, Member States and relevant stakeholders were invited to take duly into account the ECC Report 162, which provides necessary guidance for this purpose and describes potential mitigation techniques which may be considered by national administrations and/or operators on both sides to address interference cases between GSM-R and public mobile networks on a local, regional or national basis (*RSCOM11-38*).
- **PPDR:** The RSC discussed the results and possible follow-up to the Workshop on "The future of PPDR services in Europe" which took place in Brussels on 30 March 2011 (*RSCOM11-19*). Any follow-up activity which may be initiated by the Commission will take into account the results of the CEPT working group on spectrum for broadband PPDR.

3. AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

All publicly available documents relating to this RSC meeting may be found on the CIRCA website at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/infso/radiospectrum/home>

and on the Commission Radio Spectrum Policy website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomm/radio_spectrum/manage/eu/rsc/index_en.htm

4. NEXT RSC MEETING

RSC#37 is scheduled for 5 and 6 October 2011 in Brussels.

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