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# **INNOVATION IN THE **DIGITAL** SINGLE MARKET IN EUROPE**

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## About RSPG

*“The Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) is a **high-level advisory group** that **assists the European Commission in the development of radio spectrum policy**”.*

**RSPG develops Opinions and Reports at its own initiative or in response to**

- **Requests from European Commission to advise or assist on issues related to multiannual radio spectrum policy program, internal market (harmonisation needs), EU Common Policy Objectives for WRC**
- **Requests to the Commission from Council and European Parliament on radio spectrum policy issues relating to electronic communications**

**RSPG is also playing the role of “good offices” in bi-lateral cross border coordination**

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Many sectors rely on access to spectrum

The activity of many companies depends on access to spectrum

- Mobile broadband (4G)
- New DTT channels in HD
- Internet of things
- Smart cities
- M-Health
- Connected vehicle

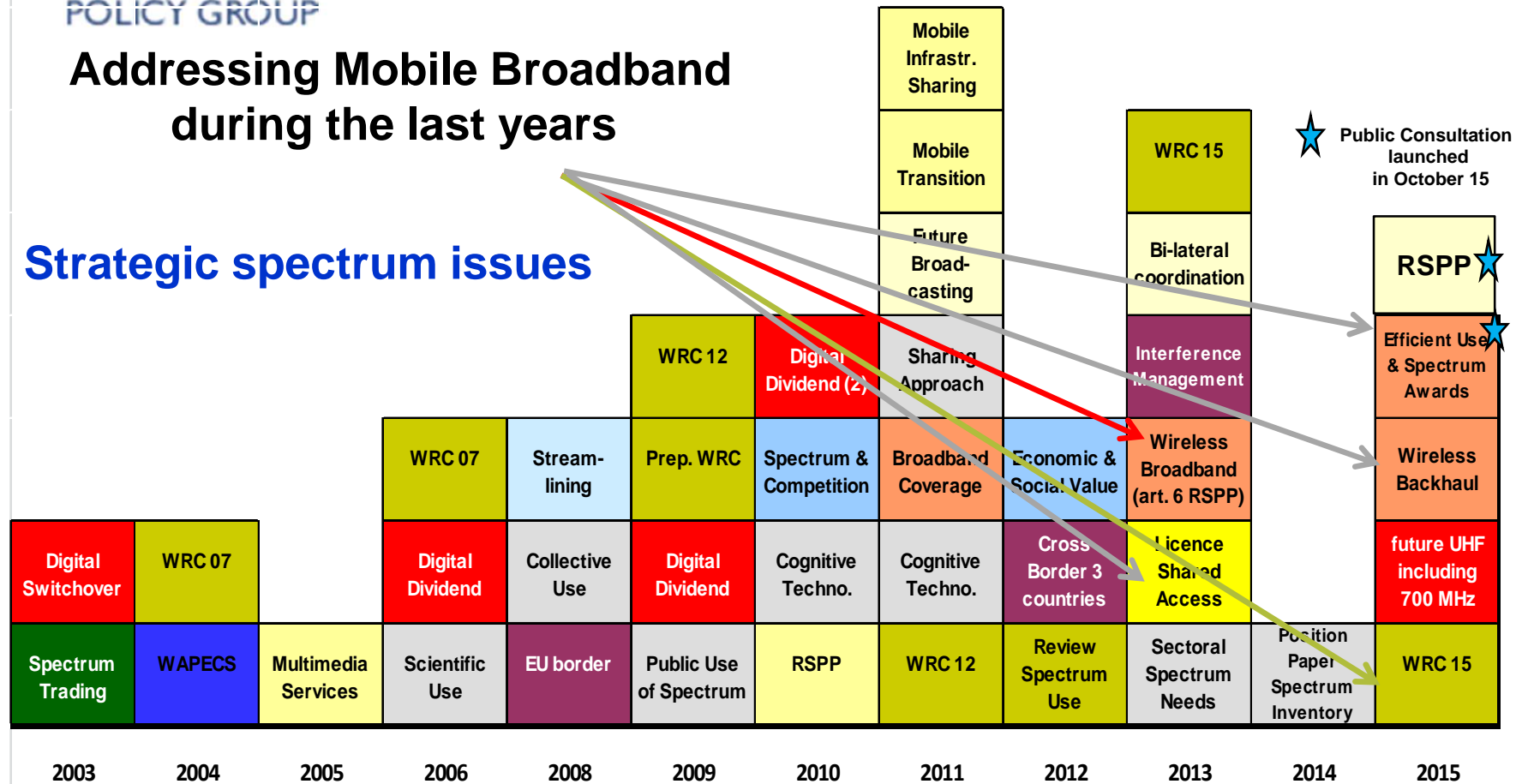
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## A decade of results from RSPG

### Addressing Mobile Broadband during the last years

### Strategic spectrum issues



## European Commission initiatives on **Digital Single market**

- The RSPG welcomes the Digital Single Market initiatives to support **the growth of digital economy in Europe**
- The RSPG has paved the way of WBB in Europe by providing **visibility to policy makers on spectrum resources** suitable for possible future harmonisation measures

The RSPG welcomes Commission proposals regarding the **coordinated release of 700 MHz band** and on-going **harmonisation measures in 1452-1492 MHz and 2,3-2,4 GHz bands** in line with its recommendations (see RSPG Opinions on future of UHF and WBB)

The RSPG developed a report on **“Efficient use of Spectrum and Spectrum Awards”**

- RSPG will develop **strategic recommendations on 5G** (see RSPG Opinion on RSPG) and its work program

# Providing **visibility** to policy makers

Already a unique ‘Portfolio’ of harmonized mobile bands in Europe to support DSM  
**800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2 GHz, 2,6 GHz, 3,5 GHz**

More than **1200 MHz** of harmonized spectrum for mobile BB  
 including **700 MHz, 1452-1492 MHz, 2.3-2.4GHz (under LSA)**

A potential already identified for the medium/long terms  
 including **3.8- 4.2 GHz (protecting existing and future earth stations)**

(see RSPG WBB opinion – June 2013)

Broadband access	In use/available for WBB (MHz)	Potential for WBB (near term) (MHz)	Medium term potential (>2015) (MHz)	Possibly in very long timeframe	Total (MHz)
Terrestrial	990,00	140,00	566,00	224,00	<b>1920,00</b>

More **harmonised spectrum** than in any other regions !

## Sharing: the **New Frontier**

**Licensed Shared approach** paves the way for **innovative regulatory framework in Europe** (and in others regions)

See **RSPG Opinion on LSA published in Feb 2014**

- **Creating new opportunities to access spectrum**
- **Compatible with the current EU regulation and framework : a spectrum management tool that fits under the individual licensing regime**
- **RSPG described how LSA could be implemented, in particular, focusing primarily on unlocking bands used by incumbents**
- **Clarification of role of the different parties:**
  - **Administrations/NRAs have to define clear sharing rules and to carry out the licensing process**
  - **Incumbent users (protection) and prospective LSA users (guaranteed level of spectrum access to secure investment) have to be part of the discussion at national level**

# Sharing: the **New Frontier**

## **Licensed Shared approach in 2.3-2.4 GHz**

- **The current use varies among the Member States (PMSE, fixed service, Telemetry)**
- **Already used in USA and Asia for LTE : equipment are available**
- **Provide extra-capacity to mobile operators**
- **ETSI standards for dynamic sharing (LSA controller / repository)**
- **CEPT guidelines and harmonised framework, responses to EC mandate**

**Time for trials paving the way for implementation of LTE in this band**

**... and for envisaging LSA in other bands such as 3.6-3.8 GHz**

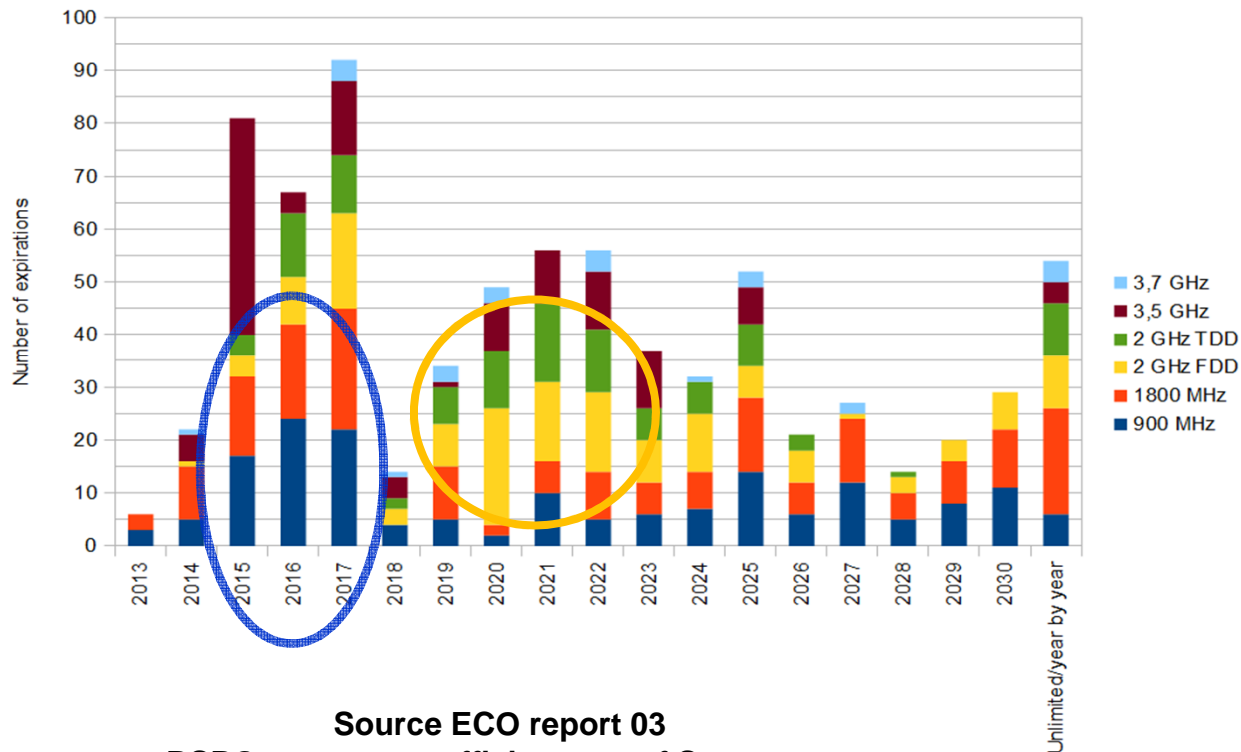


## Efficient awards and use of spectrum in harmonised ECS bands

- **Key issues**
  - **Suitability of current and future spectrum bands to meet future needs for mobile broadband**
  - **Best Practices for Spectrum Awards : no “*one size fits all*”**
  - **Associated conditions to promote efficient use of spectrum**
  - **A “tool box” for spectrum awards and to ensure efficient use of spectrum**
- **This report includes material which may be relevant for the upcoming review of the Regulatory Framework**
- **The draft RPSG report will be subject to Public Consultation in the coming weeks**

## Spectrum awards ahead

Overview of licence expiration in Member States



Various frequency bands and the main “ expiry periods” in Europe

900 MHz – 1800 MHz

2GHz

Source ECO report 03  
RSPG report on « efficient use of Spectrum and spectrum awards »

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