



THE GLOBAL DIMENSION OF RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY:

THE ITU WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE 2007 (WRC-07)

JOINT EUROPEAN COMMISSION-CEPT WORKSHOP

SALLE S3, CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING, BRUSSELS, MARCH 9TH 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are hereby kindly invited to participate in a public workshop jointly organised by the European Commission and the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) on the European preparations for the ITU WRC-07 conference. **The general agenda for this workshop is attached.**

Access to the radio spectrum is a critical requirement for all sectors using wireless technologies, such as media, mobile communications, defence and aviation. The management of this scarce and valuable natural resource can have significant societal and economic impacts which in Europe are often addressed more effectively by cooperation between Member States. For this reason, in recent years, activities to develop a coherent European radio spectrum policy have gathered pace, under the impulse of the European Commission and with the active collaboration of CEPT, in order to support common EC/EU policy areas, such as the Single Market, Environment and Transport.

Beyond Europe, a global coordination of spectrum use is also essential. This coordination is undertaken by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), a United Nations agency with the mission to maintain and extend international cooperation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds. The ITU holds the World Radiocommunication Conference, a process aimed at periodically adapting the international regulatory framework of spectrum usage to the changing needs of the various radiocommunication services and applications. The next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07), the culmination of several years of preparatory work, will be held in Geneva from 22 October to 16 November 2007. CEPT has intensively participated in the preparatory work for this Conference and has developed European positions and European Common Proposals.

As well as developing better understanding of the global context of spectrum management, the main objective of this workshop is to debate specific conference issues in order to assist the Commission's preparation of a Communication to the Council of Ministers and to the European Parliament on the European policy objectives for WRC-07, and as an input to CEPT in the finalisation of the European Common Proposals to the WRC-07.

The workshop will be held in Brussels on Friday March 9th from 09.15 to 14:00h at the European Commission premises (S3 Room, Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels).

Related material regarding an earlier workshop held on this subject in March 2005 can be viewed at

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/radio_spectrum/workshops/invitation_wrc07/index_en.htm

You will need to register to attend this workshop. You may do so until March 7th, 2007 via the following link:

<http://www.ero.dk/registration-Joint-EU-CEPT-Mar07>.

Yours Sincerely.

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PROGRAMME

- 8.30–9.15** **Registration**
- 9.15–9.30:** **Opening and welcome by co-chairmen**
- 9.30 -10.00** **ITU and WRC-07: Context and the EU dimension**
- 10.00 – 11.00** **IMT-2000 and systems beyond**
- 11.00 – 13.00** **Other sector-specific issues:**
- Reorganisation of HF bands
 - Future spectrum needs for aviation
 - Support for scientific uses of spectrum
 - Improving the global regulatory framework for satellite communications
- 13.00 – 13.30** **Future activities**
- Preparation of next WRC agenda
 - Introduction of more flexibility in the international spectrum regulatory framework
- 13.30** **Conclusions**