

Results of the WGFM No.99 Virtual Meeting 24-28th May 2021

General

1. WGFM No.99 took place 'virtually' using the GoTo Meeting software platform, 24-28 May 2021. The WG FM Chairman, Mr Vincent Durepaire, opened the 99th meeting of WG FM and welcomed all remote participants.
2. 148 delegates participated in the meeting from 36 CEPT administrations and 20 LoU / MoU / company representatives, EC and ECO.
3. IARU was represented by Dave Court, EI3IO. Barry Lewis G4SJH also attended in his role as Chairman of CEPT's WGFM Radio Amateur Forum Group. EURAO logged into the meeting from time to time.

WPT

4. WGFM confirmed that no further action on WPT would be taken until the results of WGSE and PT SE24 studies had been made available.

WAS/RLAN

5. 'Concerning WAS/RLAN operating in the 5250-5850 MHz band PT FM57 was tasked to develop two lists of countries one which listed those which didn't permit operation with or without Country Determination Capability (CDC) and another listing those that did permit operation.

RNSS issues in 1240-1300 MHz band

6. Not addressed by WGFM No.99

FM58 Maritime

7. Annexes 2 and 3 of doc (21)065 provide the results of a monitoring campaign of interference recorded to HF distress frequencies. The Russian Federation stated that ITU procedures should be followed in the case of interference occurring.

SRD Management Group

8. EFIS/MG had been requested to clarify the implementation options presented for national regulations regarding the use of the bands below 9 kHz. The draft amended REC 70-03 Annexes 9 and 10 as well as Appendix 1 were approved for public consultation by WG FM (Annex 10). Consultation ends 13 August.

EC Permanent Mandate on SRD

9. There was a discussion on the EC Permanent Mandate on Short Range devices (SRD) noting that there were different views in ETSI and CEPT on how to address and agree the parameters on 2.4 GHz SRD. (2400-2483.5 MHz) data transmission systems. One

administration proposed some study work in relation to statements in CEPT Report 77 section 9 using 2.4 GHz as a first example. There was no support for this proposal, in particular concerning sharing responsibilities between ETSI and CEPT.

Radio Amateur Forum Group (RAFG)

10. The RA-FG Chairman, Barry Lewis (IARU), presented the progress report on the Forum Group activities since the last WG FM meeting (FM(21)069).
11. As per the task given by WG FM #98 to RA-FG, the RA-FG Chairman introduced the draft new work item on an Electronic Radio Amateur Licensing database feasibility. He noted there had been little response within the RA-FG on this topic
12. The new work item was supported by France, Germany, Romania, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Belgium. In addition, the administration of Romania is offering to host the database without any cost to administrations. The new work item was approved.

RAFG Chair

13. The WG FM Chairman proposed a merger of FM58 and RA-FG. One administration raised concern on the proposed upgrading of RA-FG to a PT. This change was not progressed at this meeting. The WG FM Chairman indicated that there was no urgency on this matter and invited administrations to think about how to handle RA-FG in the future. For the time being, Ms Aire Siinvert (Estonia) and Mr Barry Lewis (IARU) remain respectively FM58 and RA-FG chairs.

Future Meetings of WGFM

14. WGFM No.100 4-8 October 2021, WGFM No.101 7-11 February 2022, WGFM No.102 6-10 June 2022, WGFM No.103 10-14 October 2022.