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**WORKSHOP ON  
CABLE TV RECEIVERS AFFECTED BY NEW RADIO SERVICES  
IN THE 800 MHZ BAND**

**BRUSSELS, 30 JUNE 2010**

**ROOM S1, AVENUE BEAULIEU 25**

• **CONTEXT FOR THE WORKSHOP**

The Commission published in 2009 a Communication regarding the Digital Dividend<sup>1</sup>, which contains a roadmap for actions aimed at achieving the highest socio-economic benefit out of the switchover to digital television in the European Union. One of its results was the adoption of a Commission Decision on the harmonisation of technical conditions in the 790-862 MHz band (800 MHz band)<sup>2</sup>.

Several studies from Member States and stakeholders have come to the conclusion that the introduction of new wireless broadband services in the 800 MHz band could have a negative impact on cable TV services. The results of these studies, however, differ, and the level of interference to be expected, is not yet clear. The Commission already reacted by sending a letter to both CENELEC and ETSI requesting urgent action in terms of standards for cable and TV receiver equipment and broadband radio devices. Following the letter the Commission organised a first workshop on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 in order to discuss the situation with the different stakeholders and find a common understanding about the problem.

• **OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING**

The main objective of this second workshop is to examine the results of further studies that have been carried out, and in particular review the work of the Joint Working Group ETSI/CENELEC that was created following the Commission letter of November 2009.

The work of the Joint Working Group has focused on two different aspects Firstly, the study of the new electromagnetic environment that will result from the implementation of the 800MHz Decision, which should be taken into account for the revision of the Harmonised Standards. Secondly, the study of mitigation measures that could be implemented for the remaining life period of existing equipment.

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<sup>1</sup> EUROPEAN COMMISSION COMMUNICATION [COM\(2009\) 586/2](#) ON 'TRANSFORMING THE DIGITAL DIVIDEND INTO SOCIAL BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.'

<sup>2</sup> COMMISSION DECISION ON HARMONISED TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF USE IN THE 790-862 MHZ FREQUENCY BAND FOR TERRESTRIAL SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**PROGRAMME**

09h30–09h45      Registration  
09h45–10h00      Opening and welcome

**Session 1:      Member States studies and standardisation work**

**Chairman:**      *Alexandra Jour-Schröder, Head of Unit, Mechanical, Electrical and  
Telecomm Equipment, DG Enterprise and Industry, EC*

10h00–10h20      Bundesnetzagentur, Germany:      Reiner Liebler  
10h20-10h40      CENELEC / ETSI, JWG 10:      Ronald Storrs  
10h40-11h10      Discussion  
11h10-11h30      Coffee Break

**Session 2:      Views of the stakeholders involved**

**Chairman:**      *Andreas Geiss, Radio Spectrum Policy, DG Information Society, EC*

11h30-11h45      CA-TV operators:      Malcolm Taylor, Cable Europe  
11h45-12h00      Mobile operators:      Simon Pike, VODAFONE  
12h00-12h15      Equipment manufacturers:      Ton Almering, PHILIPS  
  
12h15-12h45      Discussion and conclusion  
12h45      Closure