



GSME statement to European Commission
on call for comments
on the harmonised use of radio spectrum by equipment
using ultra-wideband (UWB) in the European Union

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GSME fully supports the development of regulations covering the harmonised use of radio spectrum by equipment using ultra-wideband (UWB) technology within the European Union. We note that the Commission services intend to request the formal Opinion of the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) on a draft technical implementing measure to be taken for UWB, pursuant to the Radio Spectrum Decision, at its forthcoming meeting.

ECC Decision (06)04, which has been developed in response to an EC mandate to CEPT to identify the conditions relating to the harmonised introduction in the European Union of radio applications based on ultra-wideband (UWB) technology, has resulted from lengthy debate within the CEPT/ECC and relevant Task Group. GSME is particularly pleased that the final ECC Decision takes specific account of the fact that the frequency range below 5GHz is being considered for the development of cellular networks such as IMT-Advanced, as discussed within the framework of Agenda Item 1.4 of WRC-07.

The technical elements of the Decision contained in Annex 1 of ECC(06)04 are, for GSME members, an acceptable compromise that offers some protection to primary and secondary users of the radio spectrum, and we consider that the technical elements contained in the ECC Decision ought to be replicated **without change** in the EC Decision, in order to fulfil the objective of the EC mandates on UWB.

Finally, we note that the ECC is still considering whether or not to adopt a separate Decision covering the frequency band 3.1-4.8GHz, and in particular a possible harmonised transition measure applicable to the 4.2-4.8GHz frequency band. GSME members will continue to engage with ECC and Task Group 3 as this debate draws to a conclusion.