

## The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance urges legislators to maximise connectivity through the European Electronic Communications Code

*Official comments from the [Dynamic Spectrum Alliance](#)*

**London, UK, 22 November 2017:** The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA) is calling for legislators to safeguard important provisions on the sharing and management of spectrum within the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC). In a position paper posted today, the DSA has urged the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament to ensure that the valuable resource of spectrum is being put to the best and most efficient uses to extend Internet connectivity for European citizens.

Commenting as the two EU institutions reach the closing stages of the legislative process, the DSA strongly supports the proposals which would empower spectrum managers to reallocate unused or under-utilized spectrum. Maximising the availability of spectrum is crucial for enabling the additional capacity and Gigabit speeds needed to meet the connectivity demands of new technologies and bandwidth-hungry applications.

“The sharing and efficient management of spectrum is at the heart of the DSA’s mission. Now the Council and Parliament are seeking a common position during ‘trilogue’ negotiations, we want to publicly support the Council’s approach to spectrum sharing and the empowering of national authorities to reallocate underused spectrum,” said Kalpak Gude, President of the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance. “Developments with the EECC also played a huge part in our decision to bring next year’s DSA Global Summit to the UK’s capital city, London.”

The draft EECC provides the opportunity to make it easier for national spectrum authorities to reallocate spectrum which is being under-used, in Articles 19(2) and 45(3). While the Parliament’s amendments would sensibly broaden the ability of a regulator to restrict and withdraw spectrum rights, the overall impact of their approach would be to make it much harder for spectrum authorities to repurpose spectrum.

The draft Code gives more prominence to spectrum sharing as a tool for making more efficient use of spectrum while protecting incumbents. However, the DSA warns that the Parliament’s approach (in Article 46(2) and Recital 113a) would weaken these significant provisions, raising barriers to the sharing of spectrum.

The DSA also shares concerns over the potential introduction of minimum 25-year license terms, a period which would span multiple technology life-cycles.

Commenting on the new proposed license terms, Gude continued: “Such long-term licenses will delay the use of new and more efficient technology when it becomes available. Lengthy license terms inherently risk constraining competition and stifling innovation. They are also damaging - greatly restricting the flexibility of national authorities to keep pace with the rapid advances of technology and evolving customer demand.”

As the lawmakers seek a compromise, the DSA advocates a middle ground which would avoid introducing legally-sanctioned and dangerously long license lengths and, instead, emphasize flexible licensing policies.

To read the full position paper from the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, please visit:

<http://dynamicspectrumalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DSA-EECC-Statement.pdf>

To find out more about the DSA Global Summit 2018 (May 1-3, 2018), which is set to take place in London, UK, please visit: <http://dynamicspectrumalliance.org/global-summit/>.

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### **About the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance**

The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization. The DSA's membership spans multinationals, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and academic, research, and other organizations from around the world, all working to create innovative solutions that will increase the amount of available spectrum to the benefit of consumers and businesses alike.

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