

## NEWS RELEASE

# Shared use of spectrum is essential, but challenges with implementation remain, comments European Commission ahead of DSA Global Summit 2018

**London, United Kingdom, 17 April 2018:** Speaking ahead of the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA) Global Summit 2018, which will take place in London from 1-3 May 2018, the European Commission's Head of Unit for Radio Spectrum Policy has urged how essential the shared use of spectrum is but cautioned that challenges with implementation remain.

"Technology has created new opportunities to make more efficient use of spectrum through more and better sharing," commented Andreas Geiss, Head of Unit, Radio Spectrum Policy, European Commission, who is set to join a panel titled '*Is Technology the Best Manager of Spectrum*' at the DSA Global Summit 2018 in two weeks. "Back in 2012 the European Commission issued a [communication](#) promoting the shared use of spectrum. We consider shared use essential, although challenges in its implementation remain. In my presentation I will dwell on initiatives that the European Commission has undertaken to promote the shared use of spectrum. I will highlight some of the obstacles that we have run into, since the publication of the communication, as well as highlight ongoing initiatives of the Commission in this domain."

The DSA Global Summit is the only conference to discuss modern and innovative spectrum management methodologies, including dynamically shared and license-exempt operations. Regulators from around the world are set to converge at the event to discuss topics such as the challenges governments face in utilizing new technology systems and spectrum management tools. Regulators and government officials confirmed on the agenda so far include:

- Mr. Philip Marnick, Group Director, Spectrum, Ofcom, United Kingdom
- Mr. Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), United States
- Mr. Andreas Geiss, Head of Unit, Radio Spectrum Policy, European Commission
- Mr. Jonas Wessel, Director Spectrum Department; Chairperson, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS); Radio Spectrum Policy Group, Sweden
- Hon. Hector Huici, Secretary of Communications and Information Technologies, The Ministry of Communications, Argentina
- Mr. Leonardo Euler de Moraes, Commissioner, National Telecommunication agency (ANATEL), Brazil
- Dr. Martha Liliana Suárez Peñaloza, Director, Agència Nacional del Espectro (ANE), Colombia
- Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Deputy Director, Radiocommunications Bureau of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Geneva
- Mr. Chris Woolford, Director of International Spectrum Policy, Ofcom, United Kingdom
- Ms. Lisa Roper, Head of Spectrum Sales, Ofcom, United Kingdom

"We look forward to welcoming the strongest group of regulators, government leaders and policy makers from around the world to discuss the work that is ongoing in their countries

and any challenges they seek to overcome,” said Kalpak Gude, President of the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance. “We are already witnessing tremendous progress for the use of TV White Space technology in South America following the 2016 Global Summit in Colombia and in South Africa following the 2017 Global Summit. In both cases, the Summit provided an invaluable information hub for regulators to discuss and debate the future of spectrum management. These discussions are vital to promote affordable internet access in rural areas, define the future of 5G networks and enable the Internet of Things.”

This year the Global Summit will put Europe in the spotlight and add a new focus on next generation networks across the region. Jonas Wessel, Director of the Spectrum Department at the Swedish regulator, PTS, will give a keynote address on Day 3 of the Summit, where he will provide an overview of the strategic spectrum issues on the European agenda and give the Radio Spectrum Policy Group view. This will include the outcomes of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC), the 5G strategic direction and other topics on the current RSPG work programme.

The DSA Global Summit 2018 will be sponsored by Microsoft, Nominet, Adaptrum, Aruba (a Hewlett Packard Enterprise company), Access Partnership and Google.

To secure your place at the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance’s sixth annual Global Summit in London, United Kingdom (1-3 May 2018), or for more information, 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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