

The logo for the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) features the letters 'RSPG' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letters are contained within a white, stylized shape that resembles a signal or a speech bubble, with a gradient from white to light blue. The background of the slide is a horizontal band with a red and orange flame-like pattern at the top, transitioning to a blue and white wavy pattern below.

RSPG

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The Americas Spectrum Management Conference

The Benefits of closer co-operation between Europe and the Americas on Spectrum Policy

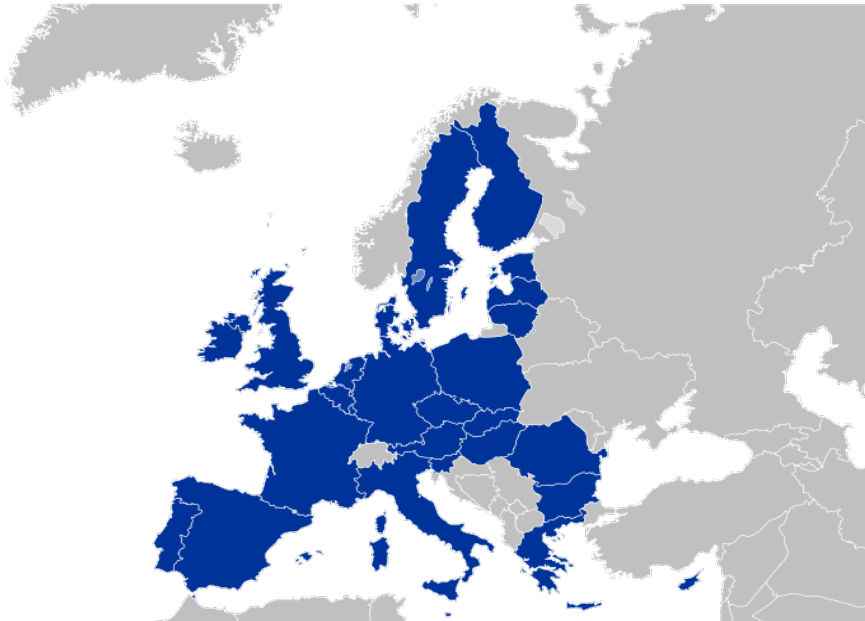
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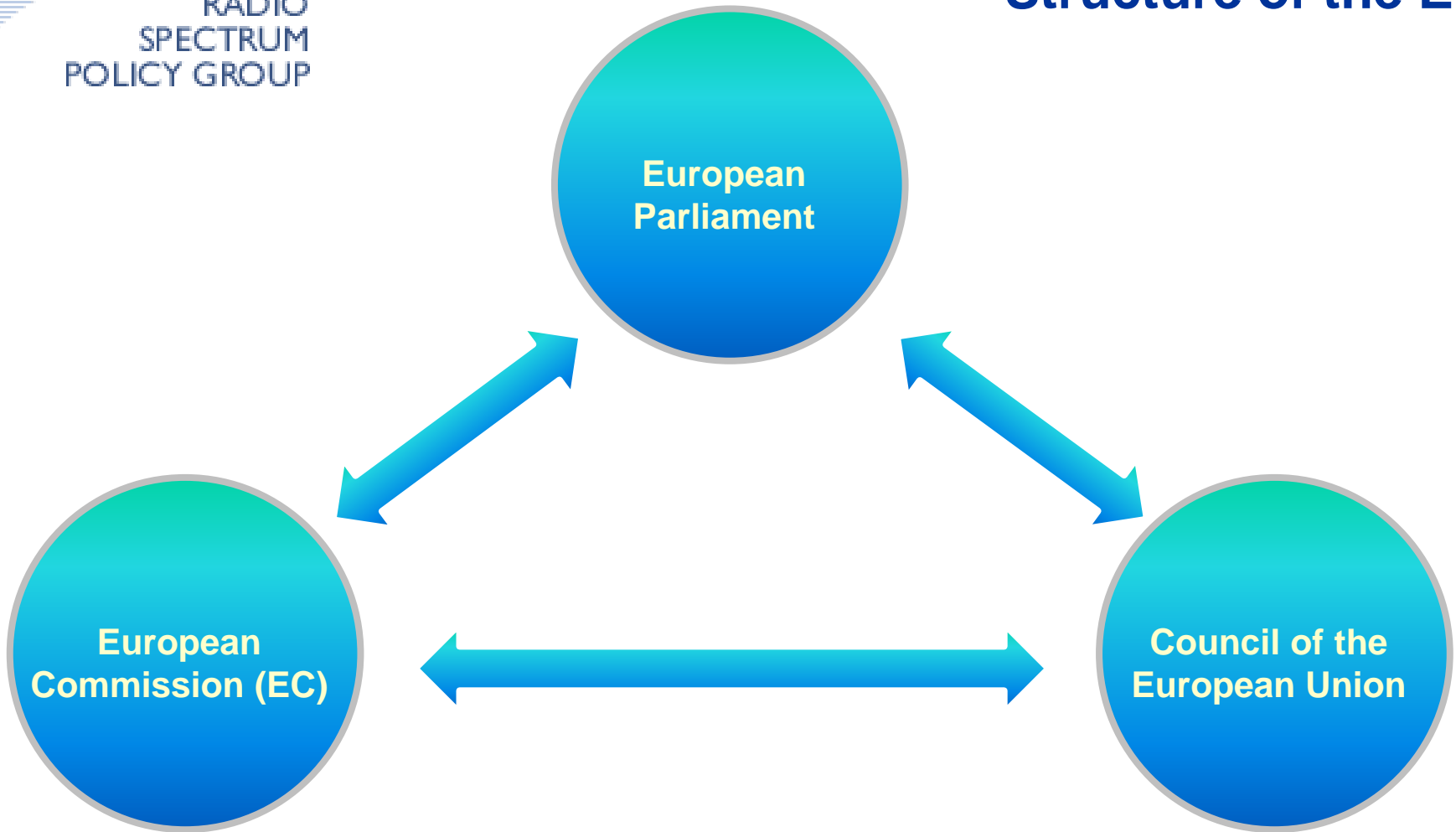
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European Union of 27 Member States



Structure of the EU



The Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG)



RSPG is a strategic advisory group to EC:

- **Assists in the development of radio spectrum policy**
- **Representatives of Member States (NRAs & Ministries); EC; plus Observers)**

Provides policy advice on:

- **Use and availability of the radio spectrum**
- **Harmonisation and allocation of spectrum**

Previous RSPG Opinions

- RSPG has provided strategic advice and adopted Opinions on:
 - Secondary trading of Spectrum (2004)
 - Digital switchover (2004)
 - WAPECS (2005)
 - Digital dividend (2007, 2009, 2010)
 - Collective use of spectrum (2008)
 - Opinion on spectrum issues concerning outer EU borders (2008)
 - *and other key areas...*
- The RPSG publishes an annual work programme: <http://rspg.groups.eu.int/>

Benefits of closer cooperation

- Innovation through the use of Spectrum
- Safety of Life – and Disaster Relief
- Potential economic benefits to a Nation
- *Economic and Social* benefits for all



How to cooperate more effectively

- **EU Spectrum Summit (March 2010)**
- **A five-year Radio Spectrum Policy Programme for Europe (RSPP)**
- **New Policies for new uses of Spectrum**
– **“White Spaces” / Cognitive Radio?**
- **Spectrum use as a “social good”**



Summary



- I. **Radio spectrum is a finite resource of enormous value and potential, its use can :**
 - **support technological innovation,**
 - **grow our economies,**
 - **increase employment and supply our consumers and citizens with services, both commercial and public, which enhance and safeguard their lives**

- II. **Regions should maximise cooperation through engagement in international fora to ensure that we make the right decisions as to the use of this powerful resource on a global level**

Thank You!

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