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EUTC is to Host a Workshop on Radio Spectrum on 21 March 2011

EUTC has announced that it is organising a workshop on radio spectrum that will take place on 21 March 2011 at the Silken Berlaymont Hotel in Brussels.

Recognising that a Smart Grid represents the application of ICT to the energy networks, and that communications is at the heart of ICT, the European Utilities Telecom Council (EUTC) established a radio spectrum group to assess the wireless communications needs for the Smart Grid.

On the occasion of the workshop, delegates from every part of the energy chain will meet together with the Commission to review progress to date, and discuss how the EUTC can assist in fulfilling the vision of the new EU Spectrum Policy Programme.

Peter Moray, EUTC Director said that *“Access to radio spectrum is vital if utilities are to be able to deliver a Smart Grid on the timescales envisaged in EU Energy policies. Even if wireline communications could meet all our needs, they cannot be realised in the time required to deliver the energy targets. Radio is the only option in many cases”*.

Adrian Grilli, Managing Director of a UK energy spectrum management organisation chaired the preparatory group and added *“We are pleased that as well as the whole of the energy chain, we have wireless communications suppliers participating in the radio spectrum group. All the utilities are coming from a different starting position, with wide ranging requirements. Merging these needs into a coherent strategy is extremely challenging. In engaging with the Commission and Parliament, we must develop a credible industry strategy and determine how this fits with national and Commission radio spectrum policies. We have to find a solution: climate change and energy security will not wait”*.

Potential participants can go on the [Workshop's webpage](#) for more information and to register.

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