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**NOTE**

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Subject: **Summary conclusions of the 22nd meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 4 December 2012**

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The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Rolf ANNERBERG.

The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

**1. Approval of the provisional agenda**

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 5453/12.

**2. Relation and possible collaborations between ESFRI and GPC**

- **Presentation by ESFRI representative**

The ESFRI representative, Mr. Adrian Duşa, made a presentation concerning the relation and possible collaboration between ESFRI and GPC.

In their interventions, the delegations underlined there is a lot of potential for cooperation as both ESFRI and JPIs are Member States' driven initiative. They stressed also the need to have up-to-date information concerning the infrastructures under ESFRI which are close to JPIs in order to better use the existing infrastructures in the context of joint programming. The starting point could be to have regular exchanges of information between various Strategic Groups of ESFRI and the Coordinators of the JPIs.

The importance of commitment from Member States was also mentioned during the discussions. The Commission representative, Ms Anneli Pauli, informed about different workshops that were organised to network ESFRI and JPIs by research area and to explore the use of common infrastructures. The Commission representative suggested also that, in order to foster the cooperation, interaction and cooperation between Strategic Groups of ESFRI and JPIs should be included in their respective Work Programmes.

### **3. The JOREP study (Joint and Open R&D programmes in Europe), a recent study by DG Research and Innovation**

#### **- Presentation by the Commission**

The Commission representative, Mr. Matthieu Delescluse, made a presentation on the JOREP study, "*Investments in joint and open R&D programmes and analysis of their economic impact*". He indicated that the study was conducted by DG Research and Innovation over the last two and a half years and it will end in early 2013. In the study, "joint programs" are defined as research funding programs for which at least one of the key program functions – i.e. mission statement, call for proposals, evaluation and selection, funding and contract management – is shared between at least two countries.

The study has built a database of all joint programs active in 2008 and 2009 in 11 European countries, namely Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. For each joint program, a large set of qualitative and quantitative standardized descriptors has been collected, among which the amount of national funding devoted to the program, the funding model used, the integration mode, the research topics, the beneficiary sectors.

There will be a follow-up study launched in 2013 with the aim to maintain the database of joint and open programs. It will cover all EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland.

The Chair acknowledged that the GPC is hugely interested in the study and that the input of the study will be monitored. He also underlined the importance of the study for the policy setting.

#### **4. The report of the Expert Group on the Joint Programming process**

##### **- Discussion**

The delegations acknowledged that the report constitutes a good basis for detailed considerations and further recommendations as to the work to be undertaken in the context of the joint programming process. They mentioned the need to reflect upon many outstanding tasks, such as for example, the concrete ways to speed up the process, to find financial resources, to allocate financial resources, to create networks. Some delegations stressed the need for concrete commitments from the Member States as well as the linkage of activities at a national level. The consideration of the position of researchers in the joint programming process was also called for.

The Chair underlined an important opportunity to discuss the conclusions of the report would be at the Joint Programming Conference which will be organised in Dublin on 28 February - 1 March 2013. The Irish delegation intervened to inform the GPC that registration for the Conference is now opened and the GPC members are invited to attend and register as soon as possible.

#### **5. The 2012 Biennial Report**

##### **- Presentation of the first draft and discussion**

The GPC Vice Chair presented a draft 2012 Biennial Report and submitted it for discussion. As a result, the presented draft was adopted by the GPC. It was also decided that some new elements (such as foreword, executive summary and general overview of the state of progress of the JPIs) will be added to the Report after the meeting and they will be sent to the Group for adoption via written procedure. The work programme of the GPC will reflect issues raised in the biennial report. This will be an item on the agenda of the next GPC meeting.

## 6. AOB

The Chair recalled the Members about the date of the next GPC meetings: 21 March and 25 June 2013.

The Dutch delegation elaborated on the first Workshop of the 7FP Project JPIs To Co Work "Framework Conditions of the early phase of Joint Programming Initiatives – Foresight and Ex-Ante Impact Assessment" which was held in Vienna on the 20 and 21 September. The workshop was devoted to the analysis of Foresight and Ex-Ante Impact Assessment.

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