

Annex 8: High Level Group of Independent Stakeholders on Administrative Burdens

1/ Composition of the Group

Members	Profile
STOIBER Edmund	Chair of the High-Level Group Former Minister-President of Bavaria
BERGER Roland	Head of Roland Berger Management Consultancy
CARVALHO GOUCHA Gabriel Côrte-Real de	General Counsel of the Mirpuri Investments Group, Vice President for Institutional and International Relations of PME Portugal (an Association of SMEs). Representative of PME Portugal in the Commission for “Desformalização” of the Ministry of Justice
FRITSCH Annika	Senior Tax Specialist Specialist in the areas of taxes and corporate law and coordinator of Better Regulations at Företagarna
GIBBONS Michael	Company Director with specialist energy sector expertise; independent regulatory expert
HONTELEZ John	Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
ILLY Riccardo	Chairman of Gruppo Illy Former President of the Region Friuli-Venezia-Giulia and President of the Assembly of European Regions
LINSCHOTEN Robin	Former Chairman of the Dutch Advisory Board on Administrative Burdens (Actal)
LUDEWIG Johannes	Executive Director Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER). Chairman of the German National Regulatory Control Council
MENDEZ Candido	General Secretary of the UGT-E (Unión General de Trabajadores- Espana) and former President of ETUC
MOLLERUP Paul	Managing Director of the Danish Federation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (DFSME), HÅNDAERKSRÅDET
MURRAY Jim	Former Director of BEUC, the European Consumers Organisation (Brussels). Previously Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trade in Ireland
PESONEN Pekka Juhana	State Secretary - Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Secretary General of COPA and COGECA. Formerly dairy and livestock advisor in Brussels; employee with by Valio Ltd, Finnish dairy company. M.Sc.Agric. at Helsinki University
POTDEVIN Jacques	Certified public accountant and auditor Chairman of Jacques Potdevin & Associés (JPA Paris), CEO of JPA International and JPA Consulting International. Senior lecturer to the French Business School HEC (Hautes Etudes Commerciales)

TELICKA Pavel	Senior Advisor at the European Policy Centre (EPC). Former European Commissioner co-responsible for the portfolio of Health and consumer protection with Commissioner David Byrne (in 2004)
Observers	Profile
LEHNE Klaus-Heiner	Member of the European Parliament
MAIJ-WEGGEN Johanna	Member of the Committee of the Regions

2/ Meetings in 2008

1. 17 January: HLG constituted; Rules of Procedure adopted
2. 26 February (Special meeting on FTA): FTA package 2008 presented and discussed in detail
3. 16 April: Opinion on FTA package 2008 finalised and adopted. Presentation of the state of play of the Programme on Administrative Burden Reduction
4. 29 May: Priority Area Company Law / Annual accounts: presentation and debate.
5. 10 July: Opinion on the Priority Area Company Law / Annual Accounts adopted (incl. the possibility given to MS to exempt micro entities from the scope of the accounting directives; estimated ABR potential € 7billion)
6. 18 September: Opinion on the first batch of “offline suggestions” adopted. Launch of the “Best Idea Award” competition
7. 22 October: Opinion on the Priority Area Taxation (promoting e-invoicing and offering a potential of ABR evaluated up to €18 billion) adopted. First debate on the Priority Area Agriculture and Agricultural Subsidies
8. 10 December: Opinion on the Priority Area Public Procurement adopted

For further presentations to the HLG, e.g. on the reform of the control regulation in the fisheries sector, please refer to the HLG website.

3/ Meetings planned for 2009

1. 20 January: Priority areas Food Safety and the Opinion on the second batch of “offline suggestions”. Report on UK approach by State Secretary William Sargent
2. 5 March: Priority Areas Pharmaceuticals, Transport and Agriculture. Discussion on the 3rd progress report

3. 16 and 17 April: Priority Areas Working Environment and Employment Relations and Environment
4. 28 May: Priority Areas Taxation (excl. e-invoicing) and Fisheries
5. 8 and 9 July: Priority Areas Financial Services and Statistics
6. 17 September: Priority Areas Cohesion
7. Further meetings are scheduled on 29 October and 10 December