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Joint Programming

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**NOTE**

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Subject: **Summary conclusions of the 19th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 8 March 2012**

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Mr Hans Müller PEDERSEN, representative of the Danish Presidency of the EU chaired the first part of the meeting, then the newly elected Chair, Mr Rolf ANNERBERG took over the chairmanship.

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. 1763/12.

## **2. Election of the GPC Chair and Vice-Chair**

Following the adoption of the GPC Rules of Procedure during the GPC meeting on 11 November 2011 (doc. 1305/11), the election of a new GPC Chair and Vice-Chair was scheduled for this meeting. The Chair proposed to use simple majority voting for the election and this procedure was agreed unanimously. Mr Rolf ANNERBERG was elected GPC Chair and Mr Armel DE LA BOURDONNAYE GPC Vice-Chair, both for a period of two years.

The newly elected Chair took over chairmanship of the meeting.

## **3. Ways to involve industry**

- Presentation by the Spanish delegation
- Discussion in view of adoption of the document

The Chair recalled the background of the paper concerning the ways to involve the industry and invited the Spanish delegate to present the latest version, a compromise text proposal prepared in close cooperation with the Presidency.

The Spanish delegate introduced the changes brought to the paper since it was originally presented to GPC by the Spanish delegation in May 2011, emphasising its voluntary nature and the need to take on board the relevant stakeholders in order to advance Joint Programming.

Some delegations proposed additional changes to the text. After a redrafting session an updated text was agreed upon by all delegations.

Considering that the GPC Recommendation on the Ways to Involve Industry in Joint Programming (doc. 1301/12) is a living document and its recommendations are of a voluntary nature, a review is foreseen in one year of its adoption.

#### **4. Cross-border financing - the Danish case**

- Presentation by the Danish delegation
- Exchange of views

The Danish representative provided a presentation on the cross-border financing in Denmark in view of an exchange of best practices concerning national legislation enabling international cooperation as well as international peer reviewing. A discussion on issues like how the GPC could cooperate in order to develop “virtual common pots”, the handling of the “trust issue” and “lead agency agreements” or the way towards a “real common pot” followed.

#### **5. Monitoring JPIs – JPI reporting to GPC**

- Presentation by the Commission and the representative of the Joint programming initiative on Neurodegenerative Disease (JPND)
- Exchange of views

The Commission presented updates of the efforts undertaken with Member States to propose a methodology for mapping funding modes in the national public research areas and transnational collaboration in research.

A representative of the contractor which prepared the Monitoring Framework for the Joint programming initiative on Neurodegenerative Disease (JPND) provided a presentation on how they have developed a tool for the JPI to start monitoring their likely impact on the societal challenge they address. The tool could be a good basis to disseminate this practice across all JPIs. As soon as results and experience with this monitoring tool will be available, the GPC could table this again for discussion.

#### **6. Framework Conditions – Introduction to JPIs to Co-Work CSA**

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views

The Commission presented the JPIs to Co-Work Support Action and announced the organisation of four thematic workshops under this action:

- a workshop on foresight and ex-ante evaluation in June 2012,
- a workshop on JPIs evaluation and governance in September 2012,
- a workshop on peer review, funding and call management issues in December 2012, and
- a workshop on dissemination of research results, intellectual property and innovation in March 2013.

These workshops will be followed by a final conference.

It is envisaged that a report in the form of a handbook will be issued on the basis of the way JPIs are implementing the framework conditions, to provide guidance for the future. Seven JPIs have already formally endorsed the project, the three other are about to confirm their commitment.

## **7. Joint Programming Expert Group**

- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views

The Commission introduced to the plenary the mandate and timetable of the Expert Group on the Joint Programming process, an external review panel which will start its activity in March 2012 and will report to the Commission by September 2012.

The report will allow the Commission to better plan support of the process through Horizon 2020 and the ERA Framework. It could also be used as an input for the GPC to contribute to the 2012 Biennial report.

## **8. AOB**

The Chair recalled the delegations about the date of the next meeting: 24 May 2012.