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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: **Summary conclusions of the 25th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 4 September 2013**

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 3989/13.

2. GPC working methods - updated document (as prepared by the Austrian and Dutch delegations)

- **Approval**

The Chair recalled that Mr Martin Schmid, Austrian delegation, and Mr Peter Keet, Dutch delegation, had been charged with the task of preparing a report on improving the GPC working methods and that a draft document had already been discussed at the previous GPC meeting in June. Based on those discussions and on the written contributions by delegations after the meeting a final report had been prepared.

Following Mr Schmid's presentation outlining the modifications in the updated version, the document on the GPC working methods was approved with some changes.

3. Synthesis recommendations from the Biennial Report, Expert Group report, Dublin Conference and Commission ERA Communication as prepared by the Irish and French delegations

- **Assign rapporteurs and working group members responsible to make these recommendations operational**
- **The working groups are encouraged to assemble after the GPC meeting. Meeting rooms will be available from 2.30 p.m. and a template agenda will be distributed**

On the basis of the synthesis recommendations prepared by the Irish and French delegations and discussed at the GPC meeting in June 2013, the GPC opted for the working groups/rapporteurs to bring forward the identified most important actions. Afterwards, delegations volunteered to participate in the above-mentioned working groups. On the basis of the volunteers proposed, the GPC set up the following working groups:

1. Alignment with SRAs, Rapporteur Mr Mogens Hørder
2. Securing commitment and engagement in joint programming

3. GPC and JPIs, Rapporteur Mr Joe Borg Camilleri
4. Framework conditions for Joint Programming, Rapporteur Mr Martin Schmid
5. Measuring JPIs progress and impact

The Chair invited delegations to propose the rapporteurs for the two working groups for which rapporteurs had not yet been identified. It was agreed that the newly established working groups would work on the definition of their mandates to be presented to the GPC plenary in due time. It was recalled that the groups would remain open for any possible new volunteers wishing to join in the future. Four of the above working groups (besides "Securing commitment and engagement in joint programming" group) were invited to have a kick-off meeting in the afternoon.

4. GPC relations to other relevant groups – establishment of a list of relevant groups and a first set of correspondents

– Discussion on the ways of the interaction

The Chair recalled that Mr Peter Keet, Dutch delegation, accepted the task of coordinating the GPC relations with the relevant groups. Mr Keet presented the preliminary list of the relevant groups and correspondents with these groups. Delegations were asked to send their written comments and suggestions to Mr Keet and to the Secretariat within 2 weeks. Ms Anneli Pauli, Commission representative, indicated that in view of the many tasks of the group and of its members, it might be preferable – to begin with - to focus on the 4 other ERA-related groups (SGHRM, ESFRI, SFIC and Knowledge Transfer). It was concluded that the first reporting exercise will take place at the following GPC meeting.

5. Updated GPC work programme

– Approval

The GPC approved its updated work programme.

6. GPC input to the ERA progress report

– Discussion

The GPC approved its input to the ERA progress report. It was agreed that the input would be sent to the relevant parties in the course of the day.

7. European Innovation Investment Package: the public-public partnering dimension

– Presentation by the Commission

Mr Sean O'Reagain, Commission representative, provided a presentation on the above mentioned subject.

8. Preparation of the election of the next GPC Chair and Vice Chair

– Presentation of the procedure

The Secretariat recalled the procedure for the election of the GPC Chair and Vice-Chair.

9. AOB

Ms Anneli Pauli informed that she would cease being Commission representative to the GPC as of 1 October 2013.

Mr Fulvio Esposito, Italian delegation, drew the attention of the delegates to the possible communication difficulties that some JPIs may encounter in view of the new structure of challenges in the Horizon 2020 package proposals. It was agreed that the GPC would inform the JPIs' coordinators about the new situation under Horizon 2020.

The Chair recalled the date of the next GPC meeting: 5 December 2013.
