

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
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High Level Group for
Joint Programming**

Secretariat

CREST-GPC 1304/09

NOTE

Subject : **Summary conclusions of the 2nd meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 15 April 2009**

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Josef SYKA, representative of the Czech Presidency of the EU.

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

1. Approval of the draft summary conclusions of the 1st GPC meeting

GPC approved the summary conclusions of the 1st GPC meeting as set out in doc. CREST-GPC 1301/1/09 REV1.

The Chair also informed the group that in accordance with the new Rules of procedure (see point 3) the summary conclusions of future GPC meetings would be approved electronically via the written procedure.

2. Approval of GPC Rules of procedure

GPC approved its Rules of procedure as set out in doc. CREST-GPC 1303/09.

3. Submission template for thematic proposals for Joint Programming Initiatives to GPC

After an exchange of views on the draft submission template which had been prepared by the dedicated group of several delegations (DE, ES, FI, FR, IT, NL, SE, UK and CION) GPC decided to refer it back to the dedicated group for its finalisation with a view to its approval by GPC in due course using the written procedure.

4. Framework conditions concerning the development and implementation of JP as set out in paragraph 8 of Council Conclusions concerning the Joint Programming

A large number of delegations welcomed the general approach to developing framework conditions during the development and implementation of JP, presented by the Commission, and found the pre-set questions as relevant. Following the debate on the way forward, GPC agreed that a dedicated group of delegations (AT, CH, CION, DE, DK, HU, FI, FR, ES, IT, NL, RO, SE and UK) would prepare a document proposing an approach to be followed for each of the framework conditions. This document will then be submitted to GPC for further discussion at its next meeting on 23 June 2009.

5. The pilot Joint Programming Initiative on combating neurodegenerative diseases, in particular Alzheimer's

Prof. Philippe Amouyel (FR) presented the state of play of the pilot JPI on neurodegenerative diseases, notably Alzheimer's. The GPC was informed that Member States and associated countries are still welcome to join the pilot JPI until 6 May 2009 when the kick-off meeting of the management structure of the JPI in question is scheduled. After this date the question of conditions for accession could be reviewed.

The French delegation suggested to establish a GPC sub-group to tackle the development and the implementation of the pilot JPI. Following the debate on this possibility the Chair concluded that after having received a written suggestion from the French delegation it should be considered in the light of the GPC mandate given by the Council conclusions of 2 December 2008 concerning joint programming of research in Europe in response to major societal challenges (doc. 16775/08) and GPC would address this question at its next meeting on 23 June 2009.

6. Consultation of relevant stakeholders

Given the early stage of the consultation process of relevant stakeholders at national level, GPC decided to postpone this agenda item to its next meeting on 23 June 2008, for which the SE and UK delegations expressed the intention to share their experience of consultations. Until that time the Member States and the associated countries were encouraged to continue with their consultation processes. The discussion on 23 June will provide an opportunity for exchange of best practices and mutual learning to inform the consultation process.

7. Envisaged agenda of the next GPC meeting on 23 June 2009

- a) Consultation of the relevant stakeholders
 - b) JP framework conditions
 - c) State of play of the Alzheimer pilot JPI
 - d) Time-table of future GPC's work
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