

**EUROPEAN RESEARCH
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High Level Group for
Joint Programming**

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NOTE

Subject : **Summary conclusions of the 13th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 4 November 2010**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pieter DE PAUW, representative of the Belgian Presidency of the EU.

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

1. Adoption of provisional agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 5204/10.

2. Outcome of the JP conference in La Hulpe, 18-19 October 2010

The general rapporteur, Ms. Helena Acheson, presented the outcome of the conference on JP, co-organised by the Presidency and the Commission, which served as a basis for the finalisation of the FC voluntary guidelines and of the biennial report of the GPC to the Council (see points 3 and 4).

3. Biennial report to the Council on the JP process

The Presidency presented draft biennial report, prepared by the "Drafting Team" on the basis of the Terms of Reference¹. During the discussion on the draft text, several proposals for modifications were proposed, therefore the Presidency requested for written contributions from delegations with a view to the adoption of the report via the written procedure on 11 November. The adoption of the report was considered important in view of the Competitiveness Council's agreement on the conclusions concerning the progress in the JP process at its session on 26 November.

4. Guidelines 2010 for the JP Framework Conditions

On the basis of the work done at the "FC Team", the GPC adopted voluntary guidelines for the JP Framework Conditions, version 2010, set out in document GPC 1309/10.

5. GPC beyond 2010

In line with the Presidency proposal, the GPC held a discussion on the future of the JP process and the role of the GPC in the context of the discussion on the draft biennial report of the GPC to the Council, in particular on Chapters 6 and 7. The outcome of this discussion, together with the written contributions of delegations, as requested by the Presidency, were to serve as the basis for the final draft of the GPC biennial report, with a view to its adoption via the written procedure.

6. Presentation of priorities of the Hungarian Presidency

The incoming Hungarian Presidency presented their priorities in the field of research. In relation to the future work of the GPC, the incoming Presidency concluded that the GPC work programme would depend on the outcome of the Competitiveness Council of 26 November. However, it was confirmed, that the GPC's mandate, as set out in Council conclusions of 2 December 2008, ²would continue until further decision on the role of the GPC is made by the Council.

¹ GPC 1307/10.

² 16775/08.