Actions arising from the meeting of the FP6 Task Force on
Instruments
12 July 2002

Chair: P. Kind (RTD-B)
Present: L. Karapiperis (RTD-B2), J.D.Malo, (RTD-A3), M.Moller
(INFSO), N. Pantalos (ENTR), C. Profillis (RTD-B2), C.Renier (RTD-B2),
E.Rillé (RTD-L4), I.Sabater (TREN) N.Sabatier (RTD-A3),
R.Zimmermann (INFSO).

Financial regime for Networks of excellence

The TF examined the Chairman's note on this subject and the
amended version by DG INFSO. The TF concluded that the respective
views of DG RTD and DG INFSO were so divergent that the matter
should be referred to the FP6 Steering Group.

The Chairman agreed to elaborate a document for the Steering Group
clarifying the respective positions of the DGs.

Financial regime for Integrated Projects

The TF took note of a reply by Mr. Colasanti to Mr. Mitsos' note of 9
July.

Audit certificates

Frequency: The TF agreed the following general rule:

For the traditional instruments: contracts having a duration of
24 months or less would only require one audit certificate per
participant at the end of the action, while actions having a
duration superior to 24 months would require one certificate at
the end of the first year, and one certificate at the end of the
action.

For integrated projects and networks of excellence, contracts
would normally require an annual audit certificate by
participant.

Thresholds: Special arrangements are needed for participants whose
costs are of a similar order of magnitude to the typical costs of an
audit certificate. ER, with inputs from A3 and DG INFSO, agreed to
elaborate a proposal regarding the threshold under which no audit
certificate would be required.

Model certificate and cost statement: ER will constitute a small
working group, with A.3 (JDM, NRS) and INFSO, in order to elaborate

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a model audit certificate. It may consist of a certification attached to
the cost statement provided by the participant.

Next meetings

Friday 19 July, (15.00, SDME 1 F)
• 15.00 to 15.45: Planning our further work on the financial regime
  for networks of excellence (on basis of the result of the 18 July
  Steering Group)
• 15.45 to 16.15: Further discussion on audit certificates (on basis
  of the document to be elaborated by ER)
• 16.15 to 16.45: Discussion of the updated IP and STREP working
  documents with a view to their publication on the web before end
  July (on the basis of draft texts to be circulated by 17 July)
• 16.45 to 17.15: SME measures to stimulate the participation of
  SMEs in the new instruments (on basis of a revised note by XG).

Friday 26 July (09.00, SDME 1F)
• First discussion of working documents for co-ordination actions
  and specific support actions (on basis of drafts by MM).
• Content of proposals (on basis of a draft of the infopack from the
  infopack group (+ Juergen Rosenbaum).
• Discussion of the role of the project officer, particularly in
  negotiation and contract follow-up.

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