Actions arising from the meeting of the Task Force on instruments
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Weekly events:

Integrated projects cost methodologies
- The FP6 Steering Group of 24 May decided to be proactive in persuading MS and stakeholders to accept the SFC method. The method was presented to the Council Research Group on 30 May (already circulated to the TF and available on the web). The reactions of several MS were rather hostile. An offer has been made of visits to the capitals (Mitsos/PK/WS/JDM to Paris on 3 June, Zangl/RJS to Bonn on 3-4 June)

Rules for participation
- Spanish Presidency will ask on 31 May p.m. a negotiating mandate from COREPER for the trialogue foreseen for 5 June.

Framework Programme
- Should be adopted as an A point by the Social Affairs Council on 3 June.

Specific Programmes
- Amendments voted in ITRE on 28 May.

Evaluation process and evaluation criteria
- Evaluation process - main changes compared to FP 5: modalities left up to the decision of each competent Director (EoI, number of steps, open call, fixed deadline, possibility to interview proposers,...), possibility of remote assessment (probably not used next year due the extra time it would imply); some issues are not entirely solved yet within the working group: ranking by consensus meetings, role of the Commission within the selection process
- Evaluation criteria: this issue will be discussed during the next meeting, on basis of two documents, one for IP and the other for NoE.
Possible interaction between new instruments and Marie Curie Fellowships

The interface and relationship between the NoE and the MCF system needs careful analysis. In such context, CR to work out a document with JG and SG in order to prevent double financing, to rationalise any overlaps and to clarify the distinction between the two instruments from the training point of view.

Next meetings

Friday, 7 June, at 15.00 (room LX 46 2A 139): (1) continue discussion of the NoE working document, in particular (following the triologue) the definition of a “researcher” and the financial regime; (2) discussion of evaluation criteria for NoE and IP.
Friday, 14 June, at 9.00 (room SDME 8E): (1) discussion on SME stimulation measures for IPs and NoE, (2) first discussion on co-ordination actions and specific support actions; (3) first discussion on STREPs.