

**Actions arising from the meeting of the Task Force on instruments
7 December 2001**

Chair P. Kind (RTD-B)

Present E. Colinet (RTD-B2), D. Dambois (RTD-B3), J. Fuchs (FISH), L. Karapiperis (RTD-B2), J.-D. Malo (RTD-A3), M. Moller (INFSO), M. Poinot (RTD-A3), C. Renier (RTD-B2), M. Richards (RTD-G4), E. Rille (RTD-L4), T. Romanova (TREN), K. Rouhana (INFSO), I. Sabater (TREN), N. Sabatier (RTD-A3), G. Van den Brande (RTD-A2)

- ***Communication/information***

Internal seminar with the network of correspondents. EC to organise meeting on 20 December 2001 to discuss the role of the correspondents, in particular for the organisation of stakeholder seminars, and to discuss the IP fiche, on the basis of the version to be finalised immediately following the next Task Force meeting.

- ***Interaction with other Institutions***

Discussion at Research Council. On 10 December, it is hoped that Research Ministers will come to a political agreement on a common position regarding FP VI. Modified proposals for the Specific Programmes need to be prepared based on the common position text and incorporating any EP amendments that the Commission accepted but which were deemed to be too detailed at the level of FP texts. EC to work on the Annexes of the Specific Programmes relating to instruments with a view to circulating modified drafts to the Task Force next week for comments.

- ***Integrated projects***

Section 6 on financial aspects was reviewed. The discussion focused in particular on methodologies for calculating costs. The line to be followed would be: keep the full costs (FC) methodology, alongside the full costs flat rate (FF) and the additional costs (AC) regimes. Three questions remain open however regarding the latter: should AC be mandatory for non-commercial, public organisations; should FF be restricted to being an option only for SMEs, can indirect costs also be charged as actual costs when using the AC methodology?

- ***Networks of excellence***

The chairman informed on the current thinking inside DG Research. Colleagues from DG FISH and DG INFSO offered to share their own thoughts and will provide further ideas for the next meeting.

Next meeting, Friday 14 December, 9.00–11.00