

**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. Profilis (RTD-B2), C.Renier (RTD-B2), E.Rille (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

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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