

**Actions arising from the meeting of the Task Force on
instruments
16 May 2002**

Chair: P. Kind (RTD-B)(partim)-M.Richards (RTD-G4) (partim)

Present: L. Karapiperis (RTD-B2), M. Moller (INFSO), M. Richards (RTD-G4), C. Proflis (RTD-B2), C.Renier (RTD-B2), E. Rille (RTD-L4), K. Rouhana (INFSO), W. Schwarzenbrunner (INFSO)R. Zimmermann (INFSO)

Weekly events:

Framework Programme

- 15 May: Parliamentary vote of the package of amendments as agreed in the Trilogue and in the COREPER; FP adoption can be reasonably expected for 27 May forthcoming (Agriculture Council);

Rules for participation

- discussion in ITRE on 21 May, vote foreseen for 28 May
- Council: discussion on 22 May, 27 May and, if needed 3 June;
- Informal Trilogue fixed for 5 June
- COREPER foreseen for 6-7 June
- Agreement on package can be expected during the plenary EP session from 10 to 13 June.
- Council Decision can be expected for 18 June provided all remaining issues (mainly: financial regime for networks of excellence and cost methodologies for integrated projects and other instruments)are resolved

Follow up regarding financial regime

- Next ITRE meeting: discussion of basic principles (simplicity, financial security for both Commission and participants and neutrality)
- Finalisation of the grant to the budget modalities by 24 May (meeting of TF in the morning) as a proposal to be submitted to the Steering Group (to be held on 24 May p.m.)

Discussion of the working document on networks of excellence

The document has been partially examined so as to identify the remaining issues that would have to be discussed in future meetings. So far need for clarification has been stressed on the following issues: involvement of organisations rather than persons, measurement of integration, content of the joint programme of activities (concept of "additional activities").

The main issue obviously consists of the financial regime, depending also on the EP and Council position.

B2 to check Framework Programme, Specific Programme and Rules for participation texts as to identify the possible changes that would be necessary if the financial regime is changed.

Simulation on NoEs

The group has been informed on the main issues raised during the simulation exercise, that has been held on 14 May (further to LK document already circulated)

Next meeting

Friday, 24 May, at 9:00 (SDME 1F): Discussion of the results of the working group on cost methodologies for IPs and other instruments using a grant to the budget.