

Actions arising from the meeting of the Task Force on instruments
9 November 2001

Chair P. Kind (RTD-B)

Present H.-U. Beelitz (RTD-A), P. Ceuninck (RTD-L4), E. Colinet (RTD-B2), D. Dambois (RTD-B3), M. Frohn (RTD-A3), J. Fuchs (FISH), F. Gautier (RTD-A3), 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**

- Follow up to **seminar on IPs** held on 31 October: Directorates were invited to designate **correspondents** to form a network. EC to organise **first meeting of the network** towards the **end of November**
- **Brainstorming on participation of SME in IPs**: with R.-J. Smits; everybody interested welcome to attend (EC office SDME 1/106, on 16 November, at 9:00)
- **All relevant documents to be circulated to all members**. As an example, **F. Gautier** to circulate letter sent to Permanent Representations of Member States and Candidate Associated States to designate experts for the Expert Group on contracts

- **Interaction with other Institutions**

- **Discussion at Research Group of the Council**: Annex III to FP VI to be discussed at the next meeting of the Task Force as well as the “speaking note” requested for clarification on both IPs and NoEs; **J.-D. Malo** to prepare a draft for the latter in the form of questions/answers
- **Meeting with Court of auditors**: held on 6 November. EC to arrange for next meeting in December/January

- **Integrated projects**

As an outcome of the meeting, the **Chairman** to prepare a note for discussion with the hierarchy within each DG, outlining suggested position and raising outstanding issues, on the following:

- Methodologies for the calculation of costs
- Costs chargeable to the contract
- Rates of Community support
- Payment of the Community contribution
- Joint and several liability

It was agreed to try and come to a **common position** at the **next meeting** of the Task Force.

- **Networks of excellence**

A **proposal for financial regime** to be worked jointly by **RTD-B2 and A3** for a first discussion at the **next meeting** of the Task Force

Next meeting, Friday 16 November, 14:30