Actions arising from the meeting of the FP6 Task Force on Instruments 19 July 2002

Chair: P. Kind (RTD-B)

Present: X. Goenaga (part time) (RTD-A 4)L. Karapiperis (RTD-B2), 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.J. Smits (RTD-B2), R.Zimmermann (INFSO).

Certificates provided by auditors

The TF examined the documents provided by the ad-hoc working group on cost certification by auditors. A global agreement was reached on its content, with a small number of changes. In particular, the ad-hoc group was asked to re-examine the frequency of audit certificates for the traditional instruments (for example, only one audit at the end of the first year and one at the end of the contract). After the introduction of the changes and completion of the annexes (action **ER, JDM**), the dossier will be handed to the model contracts working group.

NoE financial regime

The TF examined the NoE section of the chairman's redrafted speaking notes ("instruments available for implementing the thematic priority areas"). In the light of the discussion, **PK** will revise the document and circulate it on Monday 22 July for comments by Wednesday pm 24 July. The next version will be posted on the Europa at the end of that week.

Simultaneously, **CR** will update the working document on NoE for circulation early next week, again with a view to publication on Europa by the end of the week.

Working documents on IPs and STRPs

Members of the TF were invited to send their comments on the revised documents by Wednesday pm 24 July. The final versions will also be posted on Europa at the end of next week..

Specific measures aiming at stimulating SMEs participation in FP6 new instruments

The TF examined the revised document from XG. It was agreed that **XG** would finalise his paper after the workshop on loan guarantees planned for 12 September. Once modified, the document will be broadly circulated within RTD.

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There will be no meeting on Friday 26 July as initially foreseen. The next meeting will be in September (precise date and room to be confirmed). MM will prepare concept papers on co-ordination actions and specific support actions for discussion then.

A very nice holiday for all the members, see you in September.

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