

**Actions arising from the meeting of the Task Force on instruments
25 January 2002**

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Present: U.Beelitz (RTD-A), E.Colinet (RTD-B2), F.Gautier (RTD-A3), M.Moller (INFSO), N. Pantalos (ENTR), C.Renier (RTD-B2), M.Richards (RTD-G4), E.Rille (RTD-L4), K.Rouhana (INFSO), N.Sabatier (RTD-A3), G. Stroud (partim) (RTD-A2) G.Van denBrande (RTD-A2)

- **Communication/information**

Thematic seminars: EC to hold the next meeting of correspondents on Monday 28th January; major part of the dates already fixed (11th to 22nd March).

- **Interaction with other institutions**

- **European Parliament:** ITRE has started its discussion of the rules of participation. Main concerns are liability, lack of details, particularly on IPR provisions, and a supposed transfer of administrative burden from the Commission to the contractors.
- **Council Research Group:** Group has started detailed discussion on rules for participation, the delegates being accompanied by experts. Meetings to continue each Monday.
- **Economic and Social Committee:** The Committee appears to be moving towards a broadly favourable opinion on the rules
- **London Conference on 22 January:** The event went off relatively successfully. **PK** to write up his speaking notes for discussion next week and then for publication on the website.

- **Evaluation criteria**

It was agreed to set up a joint "subgroup" with the Evaluation Working Group to elaborate the selection criteria to be applied to the new instruments. **MM** and **CR** will represent the Task Force. **GvdB** and another person to be designated by GS will represent the evaluation group. **GvdB** will look after the organisation of meetings etc.

As basic principles, it was agreed that criteria should be "global" and not too detailed, that they should be organised if possible around the key features of each instrument, and that there should be a basic set that could be used throughout FP6.

- **Ineligible costs**

A3 will look into how costs legitimately incurred in a project, but by a research performer who is not a participant, may be charged to the project.

- **Insurance cover for the liability provision**

A3 will look into the possibility of charging certain insurance cover to the contract in respect of the liability provision.

- **Networks of excellence**

It was agreed to continue working on the "N x e" formula for calculating the fixed grant, where "N" is the total number of researchers involved in the JPA and "e" is an amount per researcher, which could diminish as N increases. **CR** will prepare a revised note on the funding of NoEs for next Friday.

Next meeting, Friday 1st February, SDME 1F, 15:00