

**Actions arising from the meeting of the FP6 Task Force on
Instruments
28 June 2002**

Chair: P. Kind (RTD-B)

Present: P. Baader (INFSO), L. Karapiperis (RTD-B2), N. Pantalos (ENTR), C. Profilis (RTD-B2), C. Renier (RTD-B2), M. Richards (RTD-G4), E. Rille (RTD-L4), K. Rouhana (INFSO), N. Sabatier (RTD-A3), W. Schwarzenbrunner (INFSO) (part-time), R. Zimmermann (INFSO)

Financial regime for Integrated Projects

The Chairman's note, summarising his understanding of the consensus reached in the meeting on the financial regime for integrated projects is attached. The note will be the basis for a further (hopefully final) discussion of this issue at the meeting on 5 July, together with a note by **JDM** regarding alternative FF cost models.

Audit certificates

The following was agreed:

- The auditor would not be asked to certify "necessity" nor "economy" (beyond what is required by the usual accounting principles of the contractor).
- In the case of qualifications, the certificate should be accompanied by a report of the contradictory discussion between the auditor and the contractor, signed by the two parties. The Commission may decide to accept qualified costs. It will however reserve the right to refuse any such costs without further process.

ER will develop for the next meeting on 5 July a model audit certificate and set of instructions to the auditor (concerning e.g. registration status of the auditor, the meaning of "competent" public officer, levels of assurance etc).

Financial regime for the networks of excellence

CR will circulate a document by 3 July as a basis for the discussion on 5 July.

Next meetings

Friday 5 July (9.00, SDME 2F)

- From 09.00 to 10.00: **Evaluation criteria**, particularly for NoEs (which may have to be re-structured according to the modified financial regime) and STREPs. **Two-stage submission**, on the basis of a document from the evaluation group (**LvdB**).

- From 10.00 to 12.00: **Financial regimes** for integrated projects (on the basis of the attached Chairman's note and **JDM** comments on alternative FF cost models) and networks of excellence (on the basis of a paper to be circulated by **CR**).
- From 12.00 to 12.30: **Audit certificates** (on the basis of a note from **ER**)

Friday 12 July, (9.00, SDME 1F)

- Discussion of the updated IP/NoE/STRP working documents with a view to publication on the web by 16 July
- **SME measures** to stimulate the participation of SMEs in the new instruments.
- Procedures (+ **Robert Krengel**).
- **Content of proposals** (on basis of a draft of the infopack from the infopack group (+ **Juergen Rosenbaum**)).
- Results and implications of the **EoI** exercise (+ **David Miles**).

Friday 19 July (09.00)

- First discussion of working documents for co-ordination actions and specific support actions (on basis of drafts by **MM**).
- Discussion of the role of the project officer, particularly in negotiation and contract follow-up.

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