

ERAC-GPC 1311/16

NOTE

Subject: Summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 29 April 2016

The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Leonidas ANTONIOU and the GPC Vice-Chair, Mr Emmanuel PASCO-VIEL. The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Welcome by the Chair and approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was approved as set out in document 2304/16 with some changes of the order of the agenda items.

2. Evaluation of Joint Programming to Address Grand Societal Challenges - Final Report of the Expert Group –Presentation by the Chair of the Expert Group

Ms Kristin DANIELSEN, representative of the Expert Group on the Evaluation of Joint Programming to Address Grand Societal Challenges, presented the final report of the Expert Group concentrating on the methodology undertaken by the Group, countries' classification, JPI average, important considerations as well as main recommendations resulting from the report.

Afterwards, the following main points were raised in the discussion:

- Delegations underlined that the JPIs play a key role in the JPP and that an increased support and commitment is needed from the states.
- Some delegations were of the opinion that the report could focus more on the progress that the JPIs have made and that non-tangible results achieved by the JPIs could be more represented.
- Some delegations regretted that no quantitative criteria were applied in the report.
- Some JPI representatives wished for the Co-fund instrument to be improved and made more flexible and they also underlined that there should be more collaboration between the JPIs which work in the same field.

Mr Philippe AMOUYEL, Chair of JPND, presented the JPI Statement on the report which was welcomed by the delegations.

3. Adoption of the final report of the IG 2 and the paper on the governance of the national JPI process

The GPC adopted the final report of the IG2 as well as the paper on the governance of the national JPI process.

4. State-of play of the IG 3

Mr Peter SPYNS, the Rapporteur of the IG3, presented the latest developments concerning the work of the IG3 concentrating on the minimum condition for JPIs. It was decided that the IG3 would aim at preparing its report within the following month which would be sent out for written comments to be provided by delegations. The report will be submitted for adoption at the following GPC meeting in September.

5. State of play of the Mutual Learning Exercise

The GPC decided that Mr Martin SCHMID (AT delegation) would be the GPC representative - rapporteur for the Mutual Learning Exercise.

Ms Marta TRUCO-CALBET (Commission) made a presentation on the state of play of the Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) on Alignment and Interoperability.

The GPC agreed to the proposals suggested by the Commission:

- MLEs on Alignment and Interoperability will run in sequences.
- Each sequence will be based on one priority block. Each block focussed on topics according to survey's results.
- Each MLE will include responding countries focussing on their first or second priority.

It was also agreed that the first MLE on "national coordination" and the second one on "resources" will be launched. The methodology, the next steps and the key to success were also discussed.

It was also decided that delegations wishing to participate in the MLE exercise should inform the relevant Commission contact persons and the GPC Secretariat by 15 May 2016.

6. GPC provisional work programme – results of the consultation of the GPC delegations and the way forward

The Vice-Chair made a synthesis presentation of the results of the replies provided by delegations under the consultation process on the actions to be taken by the GPC within the next 3 years. These results will form the basis of the actions included in the draft work programme to be further discussed.

The GPC Chair presented the planning process for the next framework programme and he recalled the related recommendations of the Expert Group on Evaluation of Joint Programming to Address Grand Societal Challenges. The main recommendation concerned an important opportunity for the Member States and the EC to consider their positions on joint programming. In this context, the GPC decided to set up a new GPC Working Group on “The Long Term Strategy of Joint Programming”. Delegations as well as JPI and Commission representatives were invited to participate in this new group. It was also decided that a draft mandate of the group would be prepared and submitted for approval in written procedure. The first meeting of the group should take place in June 2016.

7. Migration / integration challenge - continuation of discussion

Mr Octavio QUINTANA TRIAS (Commission) made a presentation of the results of the Conference on Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research (4-5 February 2016, Brussels).

Mr Edvard BEEM (representative of the More Years Better Lives JPI) made a presentation on the potential work on migration by the MYBL JPI.

Ms Maria UCCELLATORE (Italian delegation) made a presentation on a Concept Note on the Migrants, Migrations, Integrations (MMI): A Major Societal Challenge for Europe and Beyond prepared by the following delegations: AT, EL, FR, IS, IT, NO, SE, SI.

The GPC decided to set up an ad hoc task force under the lead of the Italian delegation with the aim of exploring the possibilities as well as pros and cons of establishing a JPI in the field of MMI and reporting back to the GPC at the next plenary meeting in September.

8. GPC Rules of Procedure

The Chair recalled that:

- the Council on 11 April 2016 adopted the Revised mandate for GPC (doc. 7309/16);
- following the adoption of this Revised mandate, it was necessary to align some provisions of the existing Rules of Procedure (doc. ERAC-GPC 1305/11) with the new Revised mandate;
- a limited number of the updates was proposed to the existing Rules of Procedure.

As the GPC agreed to these updates, the Secretariat was charged with inserting them in the existing Rules of Procedure.

9. National ERA roadmaps

The Vice-Chair provided an introduction to the subject of the national ERA roadmaps presenting the context, the relevant aspects of the ERA Roadmap 2015-2020, the examples of measures concerning the JPP which could be taken in the national ERA roadmaps and the next steps in the process of the preparation of the national ERA roadmaps.

Ms Kristine NATERSTAD (Norwegian delegation) presented the way towards the national ERA roadmap.

10. General information concerning the recent developments within the ERA-related groups

The Chair mentioned the main results of the ERAC plenary meeting of 22 April and the ERAC Steering Board meeting of 3 March, in particular:

- European Innovation Council (EIC): The GPC Vice-Chair presented some key messages to be considered in relation to jointly addressing grand challenges which followed from the consultation letter sent to the delegations. ERAC appointed a rapporteur to gather the input from ERAC on the EIC, the intention being that ERAC adopt an opinion on the issue.
- National ERA action plans and strategies: ERAC is currently gathering national ERA action plans and strategies from delegations in view to the Ministerial lunch meeting on ERA on 27 May 2016.
- ERAC Annual Report: following the adoption of the GPC contribution to the ERAC annual report at the last GPC meeting in February (doc. 1304/16), the document was sent to ERAC. ERAC co-Chairs will draft an executive summary to be attached to the contributions from the ERA-related groups. ERAC will be consulted on the draft Annual report by written procedure before the next plenary meeting in Bratislava.

Mr Luciano CATANI (Italian delegation) presented the main results of the ERA Monitoring Mechanism Workshop held in Brussels on 1 March 2016.

11. Priorities of the incoming Slovak Presidency in the area of R&I

Mr Dušan ŠÁNDOR, representative of the incoming Slovak Presidency presented the main topics, goals, priorities as well as the calendar of the incoming Slovak Presidency in the area of research and innovation.

12. AOB

The Vice-Chair indicated the tentative dates of the next GPC meetings: 26 September and 24 November 2016.

Mr Peter KEET (the Netherlands delegation) informed about the conference "Industrial technologies 2016: creating a smart Europe" to be held in Amsterdam on 22-24 June 2016.