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NOTE

Subject : **Summary conclusions of the 6th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 10 November 2009**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rolf Annerberg, representative of the Swedish Presidency of the EU.

The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

2. Identification and substantiation of JPI theme(s)

The following templates with proposals for JPI themes, submitted by 4 November, were presented:

1. Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change
2. Health, food and prevention of diet related diseases
3. Cultural heritage, Climate Change and Security
4. Water challenges for a Changing World

Each presentation was followed by the discussion on different aspects of the proposal, concentrating in particular on the improvements made following the first presentation and exchange of views at the GPC meeting on 15 October, as well as preliminary comments for each proposal structured according to the criteria for the identification of JPI themes. The Commission was invited to indicate in broad terms how much effort was currently going into equivalent areas under the Framework Programmes 6 and 7.

Presentations were followed by an exchange of views by delegations in particular from the point of view of their national priorities as well as availability of resources, including financial, in view of eventual participation in the proposed JPIs. On the basis of the identification of the top two priorities by a large majority of delegations, as requested by the Chair at the last GPC meeting on 15 October, the GPC identified and substantiated the following three themes to form part of the first wave of JPIs:

1. Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change
2. Health, food and prevention of diet related diseases
3. Cultural heritage, Climate Change and Security.

The Chair informed the delegations that the Competitiveness Council of 3 December was expected to endorse the above themes via respective Council conclusions, including also the first pilot JPI on neurodegenerative diseases, in particular Alzheimer's. The Chair also asked the coordinating countries to submit revised, more comprehensive, titles for the above themes; as well as abstracts for the themes, with a view to presenting the themes at the Council meeting.

Delegations stressed in particular the need to ensure open access to the selected themes, in line with the Council conclusions on JP.

The Chair also reiterated that the identification and substantiation of JPI themes by the GPC is a continuous process and that further themes can be identified by the GPC. He also noted that such preliminary themes suggestions have already been put forward for future deliberation. The first presentations of such further themes will be carried out at the next GPC meeting on 4 December, with a view to the decision(s) on the next wave(s) of JPI themes during the incoming EU Presidencies. The incoming Spanish Presidency also indicated that particular attention of the GPC work in the next semester will be dedicated to the framework conditions as well to the relationship between JPIs and other European initiatives.

2. CREST Working Group on Knowledge Transfer (KT)

The Chair of the CREST Working Group on Knowledge Transfer, M. Klaus Uckel, gave a presentation on the work of the Group, focusing in particular on the priorities set for the first two years of work, following the adoption of its mandate by CREST in June 2009. Presentation was followed by the discussion on how the KT Group could contribute to the GPC work on the framework conditions, in particular as regards the effective measures to ensure optimum dissemination and use of research findings, inter alia via common practices for the protection, management and sharing of intellectual property rights.

It was agreed that the Chair of the KT Groups gives further feed back on this matter in one of the future GPC meetings.

3. Agenda of the 7th GPC meeting on 4 December 2009

Preliminary items for the agenda of the next GPC meeting include:

- a. Outcome of the Competitiveness Council meeting on 3 December
- b. State of play of the JPI concerning the combat on neurodegenerative diseases, in particular Alzheimer's
- c. The SET plan in relation to the JPI themes handled by the GPC
- d. Framework conditions
- e. Presentation of preliminary suggestions for JPI themes
- f. Work programme of the incoming Spanish Presidency