

High Level Group on the Competitiveness of the Chemicals Industry in the European Union
Draft Work Programme
(For discussion at the HLG-Meeting of 27 October 2008)

Year 2007

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| 1 10 Sept. 2007 (p.m.) | Opening, The State of the European Chemicals Industry (Main document: thought starter) | None Informal Sherpa Meeting (organisation, procedures) | 10 Sept. 2007 |
| 2 18 Dec. 2007 (p.m.) | Research, Innovation and Human Resources | <u>Ad hoc Group Innovation and Human Resources</u> <u>Sherpa Meeting:</u> – Preparation of HLG Meeting Innovation and Human Resources – Discussion of Ad hoc Group Mandates: - <i>Energy, Feedstock, Infrastructure and Logistics</i> | 01 Oct. 2007 29 Oct. 2007 30 Oct. 2007 30 Nov. 2007 |

Year 2008

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| <p style="text-align: center;">3 18 April 2008 (14:00)</p> | <p>Energy, Feedstock, Infrastructure and Logistics</p> | <p><u>Ad hoc Group Energy, Feedstock, Infrastructure and Logistics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Impact of rising prices and shortage of traditional feedstocks and energy – Potential for improvements of energy intensity and energy savings – Raw material change and the role of renewables – Impact of measures to address climate change – Specific infrastructure and logistical needs of industrial locations outside of the main clusters – Specific problems of New Member States <p><u>Sherpa Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preparation of meeting on Feedstock and Energy – Discussion of Ad hoc Group mandates: <i>Trade and Competitiveness with Other Regions</i> – Discussion of further topics to be dealt with by the HLG | <p style="text-align: center;">15 Jan. 2008 07 Feb. 2008 08 Feb. 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 Feb. 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">02 April 2008</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">4 27 Oct. 2008 (15:00)</p> | <p>Competitiveness with other Regions, Trade</p> | <p><u>Ad hoc Group Trade and Competitiveness with Other Regions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trends in trade and comparative competitiveness analysis - Sectoral trade policy objectives - WTO issues - Trade Defence Instruments - Access to Raw Materials - Customs issues - Bilateral and regional trade agreements/ Rules of Origin - Regulatory Cooperation - Trade and environment <p><u>Sherpa Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of HLG Meeting on international competitiveness and trade, - Discussion on Regulation - Discussion on Intellectual Property Rights - Considerations on organisation of final phase of the HLG/ procedure to prepare the final report - Considerations on a follow-up conference under the Czech Presidency | <p style="text-align: center;">02 June 2008 25 June 2008 26 June 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 Sept. 2008 19 Sept. 2008</p> |

Year 2009

| HLG Meetings | Main Topic of the Meeting | Preparatory Ad hoc Groups, Sherpas | Schedule of preparatory activities |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">5 19 Feb. 2009 15.00 Final meeting</p> | <p>Endorsement of Final Report Outlook : Follow-up of the Recommendations Discussion: Perspectives for the European Chemicals Industry in the Light of Mega Trends and Societal Needs (working title)</p> | <p><u>Sherpa Meeting:</u> – Preparation of final report, recommendations</p> <p>The final report has to merge the results of the discussions on the various topics (innovation, trade, etc.) into a consistent perspective for the European chemicals industry with recommendations on the measures necessary to retain and foster its competitiveness.</p> | <p>27 Oct. 2008 - morning (subgroup Final Report) Further meetings as necessary</p> <p>12(/13) Jan. 2009 (Sherpa Group meeting)</p> |

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16/17 April 2009 Follow-up Conference to the High Level Group in Usti nad Labem / Czech Republic