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**Outcome of the  
Meeting of the Assistants to Heads of PES  
25-26 October 2012  
Brussels**

**Item 1: Adoption of draft agenda of the meeting and adoption of outcome of previous meeting**

The draft agenda and the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. COM informed that from now on minutes of PES Assistants and HOPES meeting will be published on the DG EMPL website in order to comply with new transparency rules of expert groups.

**Item 2: PES network programme 2013**

COM reported on the results of the PES network presentation at the informal EMCO meeting in Cyprus. EMCO is interested in stronger cooperation and a systematic dialogue with the PES network, especially in the field of the thematic surveillance/reviews of PES-related items within the European Semester. The EMCO chair has been mandated to discuss the details with COM; the PES network programme 2013 will be revised following these discussions and sent for written approval of the network.

COM informed as well on a legislative proposal in the Commissions' work programme 2013 on setting up of a formal European network of Public Employment Services, to help develop and implement a European Action Plan for modernisation and strengthening of PES. Details can be found on: [http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/key-documents/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/key-documents/index_en.htm)

In the following discussion PES network members welcomed the draft PES network programme.

**Action point: COM will send revised PES network programme 2013 for written approval to the network before the Heads of PES meeting in Cyprus.**

**Item 3: Agenda Heads of PES meeting Cyprus**

The agenda of the Heads of PES meeting will include the following items: Youth Employment Package, Annual Growth Survey including Joint Employment Report, PES Working Group Europe 2020 (revision of mandate, implementation testimonies), EU Labour Market Situation, continuation of the PES Benchmarking project; country presentation UK: Universal Credit (UC) system.

The workshops topics are: 1: Apprenticeship systems prepared by CY/GR 2: On-line services and e-channelling prepared by UK/NL

In the EURES HLSG an update on the new EURES decision and the EURES reform will be given.

**Action point: 1. The two workshops will be respectively prepared by CY/GR and UK/NL. 2. Due to the cumbersome process of finding volunteer PES to prepare the workshops Finland will in co-operation with other PES draft some suggestions on how to handle the issue in future**

#### **Item 4: Continuation of the 'PES Benchmarking' project**

On request of AT, UK, EE the PES network discussed the possibilities to continue the PES Benchmarking project. The current funding period ends in March 2013; UK and EE have signalled their willingness to take over the project leadership from AT. At the meeting of the PES Benchmarking group in November 2012 in Vienna further details will be discussed. It is foreseen to present a more elaborated proposal to the Heads of PES in Cyprus.

#### **Item 5: Feedback from PARES conference / presentation of WEESP (Webtool of Evaluated Employment Services Practices,**

COM informed about the results of the PARES conference on 2-3 October 2012. Two PARES Strategic Dialogue meetings will be held in 2013, a strong PES participation is desirable. The topics of the two workshops are: 1. Evaluation of partnerships in service delivery – Success criteria identified in available evaluations 2. Draft model for Memorandum of understanding/ partnership agreement on national level.

PARES will go national in 2013, two national meetings with clearly defined outputs will be organised in 2013; a detailed description is available on CIRCA.

COM presented the new WEESP database which is an EU wide online repository of tested, monitored and evaluated employment services practices; WEESP can be accessed at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1030>

**Action point: PES are invited to nominate PES contact persons for WEESP. PES with valuated employment services practices available for integration in WEESP should inform COM or the project implementer.**

The PPT for WEESP is available in CIRCA.

#### **Item 6: Intranet for PES network**

COM presented a proposal for a PES Intranet integrated in the EURES Portal under My EURES. It could include a shared space and several PES private forums for Heads of PES only, for PES Assistants, for PES Working Groups and a calendar function. COM insisted that due to the lack of funding possibilities it was not possible to go for an external service offer.

Some PES Assistants doubted that their Heads of PES would use such a forum It was decided to present the proposal to the Heads of PES in Cyprus.

**Item 7: Dissemination and Transfer of PES-to-PES Dialogue results**

Based on the pre-formulated questions the PES network discussed how the dissemination and transfer of the mutual learning programme PES-to-PES Dialogue results could be improved. Several PES Assistants explained that the Heads of PES would not read the PES-to-PES Dialogue information note and that other ways to communicating the results need to be found. The discussion was not conclusive.

No minutes were taken from the following 'open space' discussions.

**Item 8: Update on EURES reform**

COM provided an overview on the state of play of the EURES reform. The consultation of the EURES High Level Strategy Group and the Advisory Committee on free movement of workers on the draft EURES decision is open until 25/10/2012.

The PPT on the EURES decision is available at CIRCA.

**Item 9: EURES Job vacancies web services: Quality Audit Plan 2012**

COM presented an overview of improvements made by PES on detected quality issues of connections, remaining issues and action plans.

The PPT is available at CIRCA.

**Miscellaneous**

The next Heads of PES will take place on 11-12 December 2012 St. Raphael Resort-Limassol, Cyprus

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