

Brussels, 17 June 2014
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**Outcome of the
34th Meeting of the Heads of PES
12-13 June 2014, Athens, Greece**

ITEM 1. Opening statement and procedures

The operational conclusions of the HoPES meeting on 16-17 December 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania were adopted.

VDAB presented the book "Building bridges. Shaping the future of Public employment services towards 2020", which was distributed to all participants.

ITEM 2. Europe 2020, European Semester and country-specific recommendations (CSR)

COM presented the PES-related country-specific recommendations (CSR). The PES network discussant elaborated on the connections between the CSR and the PES benchmarking and the PES network support to PES receiving CSR as stipulated in the PES network decision.

PES acknowledged that the PES Network can contribute to the Semester process by bringing in evidence based knowledge. The network can also offer a platform for PES to share best practices on the implementation of the CSRs.

ITEM 3. Adoption of decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhanced cooperation between PES - state of play

COM presented the main points of the decision and the next steps. Details can be found in the PPT available on CIRCA. The decision was adopted by the Council and the Parliament and will enter into force on 18th June 2014. The new Network will be launched at an extraordinary meeting of the Heads of PES on 23rd September in Brussels.

COM will make a proposal for the 2014-2015 work programme and send it to the PES for comments in summer. The work programme shall be adopted at the Extraordinary HoPES meeting/First Network Board meeting on 23rd September. The duration of the work programme is preferably June 2014-2015.

ITEM 4. Discussion on draft rules for procedures for new PES network

COM presented the main changes occurred to the rules for procedures since the last HoPES meetings in Vilnius.

The PES Assistants will be called Advisors for EU PES Affairs (AFEPA). All PES will have to appoint a responsible person for the benchmarking and will have to participate to the benchmarking exercise.

The discussion of the participation of representatives from all Belgian PES finished without conclusion; a compromise proposal will be elaborated and circulated;

All other provisions of the draft rules of procedures were agreeable to the HoPES..

The rules of procedures will need to be formally adopted at the extraordinary meeting on 23rd September.

ITEM 5. Adoption of progress report by PES Working Group Benchmarking/Mutual Learning

The chair of the benchmarking Working Group - Bundesagentur für Arbeit - presented the progress of the work of the group. AMS Austria presented the results of the pilot assessment of PES Estonia in May 2014. Details can be found in the PPTs available on CIRCA.

The HoPES welcomed the work carried out by the working group, in particular the methodology developed. The progress report was endorsed; the working group mandate was extended until the end of December 2014. The Group will continue working on the indicators. Comments by PES to the indicators are welcome. The group shall work further on defining the links between quantitative and qualitative assessment and between benchmarking and mutual learning.

COM is going to launch a tender to support the activities of the PES Network.

ITEM 6: PES network preparation for extraordinary meeting of Heads of PES in Torino, Italy on 11 July 2014

IT presented the focus of the July meeting in Turin as the role of PES in fighting youth unemployment and in the implementation of the Youth Guarantee.

The document 'PES network contribution to the Torino conference' was welcomed, minor drafting changes were suggested; the revised version will be sent in written procedure for agreement by the HoPES

The focus of the best practices presented at the Heads of PES meeting will be on 'PES services for employers to promote youth employment'. These practices might be reported to the Heads of States/Governments and Ministers.

IT will represent the Network at the EU Employment Ministers meeting and BE-VDAB will represent the network at the Heads of State/Government meeting.

PES are invited to send to COM proposals for the good practices to be presented at the meeting no later than 25 June 2014 to: EMPL-C3-UNIT@ec.europa.eu

ITEM 7. EU Labour Market Situation and presentation of the results of the anti-crisis questionnaire and study on PES Business Models

Due to time constraints this agenda point was dropped. The foreseen presentation will be uploaded to CIRCA. The Results of the two studies will be presented at the next AFEPA meeting in October. COM will circulate the final versions of the two studies and of the country sheets when completed.

Comments with regard to the two studies and country sheets should be sent to the Commission no later than Friday 20th June

ITEM 8. General introduction to the labour market in Greece and the Reengineering of OAED's Business Model

GR presented current labour market situation in Greece and the project for reengineering of OAED's business model (the presentation will be uploaded to CIRCA).

ITEM 9: Workshops

The reports of the workshops 'Building partnerships in view of orienting skills training capacity towards needs on the demand site' and 'Strategic reforms of PES' will be prepared by the respective chairs/co-chairs and circulated to the network

The workshop presentations will be uploaded to CIRCA.

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The forthcoming IT EU Presidency informed that the next PES Network meeting will take place on 1-2 December 2014 in Rome, Italy.
