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**Operational conclusions of the
Meeting of the Assistants to Heads of PES
14-15 March 2013
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

Item 2: HoPES: Way forward with the workshops - Proposals by PES network

UK, FI, NL, EE commonly prepared proposals on how to better organise the preparation and distribution of tasks for the workshops at the Heads of PES meeting. There was agreement that there should be two Workshops at each event and that preparation and running of the workshops is no longer voluntary; all PES will deliver in future take over the responsibility for a workshop. Each Workshop will be presented by two countries, one of which will be host Presidency country, and where possible one of which has past experience to assist PES who have not delivered before. Workshop subjects should fall under "PES 2020" umbrella; if there is a clear PES link to a Presidency issue one of the Workshops should focus on this. A future list of possible workshop subjects will be prepared to inform about options and planning should be for the two years ahead. Each PES meeting will include feedback on learning from previous workshop.

Action point: UK will draft a paper outlining the agreed points, paper will be endorsed at next PES Assistants meeting.

Item 3: PES network governance - Heads of PES meeting Dublin - Agenda and distributions of tasks

The agenda will include:

- Update on Europe 2020 in particular the country-specific recommendations and recent policy initiatives including Council recommendation on Youth Guarantees
- Legislative proposal: Formalisation of the PES network and new initiatives
- PES Working Group Europe 2020: PES action plan, implementation testimonies, PES self-assessment tool
- PES Working Group Efficiency: interim report
- EU Labour Market Situation and presentation of the results of the anti-crisis questionnaire Introduction to IE PES and the IE labour market

- Results of PES Benchmarking project
- Two workshops on PES service delivery issues in parallel, both chaired by Heads of PES: 1. Internships chaired by IE and LV 2. Youth Guarantees chaired by AT and BE VDAB

Item 4: EURES Decision & forthcoming EURES Charter

COM informed about the state of play, PPT available on CIRCA.

No action point

Item 5: Introduction and update on key activities by Director Mr. Detlef Eckert

The new EMPL C Director and new chair of the Heads of PES network presented his ideas for future priorities of the PES network.

No action point

Item 6: Modernising the PES Network: forthcoming initiatives

COM explained the background of the forthcoming legislative proposal on enhanced co-operation between Public Employment Services

No action point

Item 7: PES Efficiency Working Group

The UK (Chair of the Working Group) gave an update on the work of the group. Details can be found in the PPT available on CIRCA.

Action point:

It was agreed that workshop should be dedicated to the results of the: PES Efficiency Working Group at the Heads of PES meeting in Lithuania.

Item 8: European Vacancy & Recruitment Report

COM presented the main findings of the study; PPT is available on CIRCA:

The study can be found at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=955>

No action point

Item 9 PARES update

COM gave an update on the Call for Proposals and the number of projects received (52). The evaluation committee hopes to finalise its work by the summer and contracts will be signed in Q3/Q4 of 2014. It is expected that some 3-5 projects will be selected.

On the initiative PARES goes national, only one formal request has been received to host such an event. Spain has contacted the Commission to this end and the details are being worked out for an event to take place after the summer.

Financial means and support are still available for one more such request, should another Member State wish to avail of this, applications must be submitted by Sept 15th at the latest.

Item 10 Grand Coalition for Digital Jobs – getting the PES on board

COM presented the main feature of the recently launched initiative and the possibilities for PES to be involved. PPT is available on CIRCA:

More info at: <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/grand-coalition-digital-jobs-0>

Item 11: PES Benchmarking project Presentation to EMCO Indicators Group on March 7th

UK debriefed on the presentation given by AT/UK of the PES Benchmarking results at the EMCO indicators group.

Subsequently a discussion on the future of the PES Benchmarking project evolved. As the forthcoming legislative proposal on enhanced co-operation between Public Employment Services might include a systematic benchmarking between PES that should serve as basis for mutual learning activities it was suggested to establish a PES Working group that formulates the suggestions of the PES network.

Action point: It was agreed to suggest to the Heads of PES at their next meeting in Dublin to establish a PES working group with DE/UK as chairs. The group should prepare the PES network proposal for regular evidence-based benchmarking activities among all PES, the systematic linkage of the outcomes from benchmarking activities to assist PES learning and the definition of the learning instruments to be included in a new PES mutual learning programme.
