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**Operational conclusions of the
Meeting of the Assistants to Heads of PES
20-21 March 2014
Brussels**

Item 1: Opening of the meeting - Adoption of draft agenda and outcome of last meeting

An information point on the results on the latest meeting on the EURES reform was added to the agenda upon request of NL. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted.

Item 2: Update on legislative process of COM proposal for decision of EP and Council on enhanced cooperation between PES – next steps

The Adoption process of the COM Proposal is not concluded yet. Adoption of the proposal by the Parliament is foreseen for 16th April. It should be followed by adoption by the Council. If the decision is not in force in time for the HoPES meeting in Athens, the PES Network will probably be launched in an extraordinary HoPES meeting – preliminary date 23rd September. COM took note of the proposal of SE to have a brief background paper/to do list to prepare the launch of the network at national level.

Action point: Heads of PES are invited to block the 23.09.2014 for the possible extraordinary HoPES meeting/PES network Board meeting for the launching of the PES network. COM will prepare the background paper/to do list.

Item 3: Progress report by PES Working Group Benchmarking/Mutual Learning – presentation by the DE chair

DE reported on the work of the PES Working Group Benchmarking/Mutual Learning on the definition of the benchlearning concept and outlined the next steps. Details can be found in the PPT available on CIRCA. Technical questions were raised but there was general agreement that the work of the group advanced well. The group agreed that technical questions on the indicators will be sent in writing to the benchmarking/mutual learning working group by mid-April.

Action point: PES are invited to send comments on the benchlearning concept including the indicators to EMPL-C3-UNIT@ec.europa.eu by 15 April 2014.

Item 4: Monitoring of Youth Guarantee – cooperation with EMCO - Feedback from work of EMCO indicators group

COM informed about current state of monitoring of Youth Guarantee and the work of the EMCO indicators group.

Item 5: "Transition old to new network" – Draft rules of procedures

COM presented the revised draft rules of procedures. It was agreed:

- A maximum of two members/ Member State or Commission will be present on the Board meetings.
- No special voting arrangements for the chair and no special language regime are foreseen.
- The annual work programme will be accompanied by a pluri-annual planning of actions.
- In Art 6, the term PES Assistant will be replaced by "Advisor for European PES Affairs" (AFEPA) and the formulation will be changed to remove explicit reference to one Advisor per Member State. The Group agreed informally that BE can continue to have three Advisors for European PES Affairs meetings present in the PES Advisors' meetings.

Action point: COM to send revised rules of procedures in track and clean version. PES are invited to subsequently send their comments in order have a final draft ready for the Heads of PES meeting.

Item 6: Results from Mobility Laboratory Study: Public works: how can PES contribute to increasing their value as an activation tool?

COM presented the findings from a study on public work programmes. Details can be found in the PPT available on CIRCA.

Action point: COM to send the final study when completed.

Item 7: European competence profile for PES and EURES counsellors – preliminary findings of PES-to-PES dialogue analytical paper

COM presented the competences profiles for PES and EURES counsellors. Details can be found in the PPT available on CIRCA.

Action point: COM to send the adjusted competence profile by end of March to the PES assistants, deadline for comments will be 11th of April.

Open Space

COM presented preliminary results of the survey on the data availability of the quantitative indicators. COM will look into ways of making collection of information from PES more efficient taking into account information requests from various projects.

Action point: COM to send final results of survey.

Item 8: PES network governance: Heads of PES meeting Athens, Greece – Agenda and distributions of tasks

EL presented the logistical preparation of the next HoPES meeting, which will take place in Athens on 12th and 13th June. The agenda proposed by COM was agreed.

The group agreed on the topics of the two workshops to be hold at the meeting:

1. 'Building partnerships in view of orienting skills training capacity towards needs on the demand site'. Organisers: ES, VDAB
2. 'Strategic reforms of PES', Organisers: PL, EL

Item 9: PES network governance: PES network work programme 2014

COM reported on the state of play of the Youth Seminars, Youth Guarantee monitoring studies, PARES Strategic Dialogue, Study on PES Business Models and Study on PES Response to the Crisis, Conclusions from PES to PES Dialogue Conference: Targeted and customised services for employers.

FI, FR, IT, BE (Actiris) volunteered to pilot the questionnaire for the study on assessment of PES capacity to implement the youth guarantee

BE-VDAB presented the offer from the University of Leuven to conduct workshops on "Understanding and disseminating the common PES 2020 strategy".

Action point: PES are invited to send replies to the questionnaire for Business Model study and PES Responses to the crisis by April 4th to eepe@ghkint.com.

Proposals of practices to be presented at Youth Seminars can be sent to EMPL-C3-UNIT@ec.europa.eu.

Item 10: Results from study Mapping and Analysing Bottleneck Vacancies in EU Labour Markets

COM presented the main findings of the study on bottleneck vacancies. The group expressed strong interest in the continuation of the work.

Action point: COM to disseminate the study when finalised.

Item 11: Update on ESCO – European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (B-point)

COM presented ESCO plans for mapping to/from PES classification.

Action point: PES are invited to express their interest in participating to the pilot phase by sending an email to: EMPL-ESCO-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu by April 4th.

AOB

IT informed that the HoPES meeting under the Italian Presidency will take place on 1st and 2nd December 2014.