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**THIRD MEETING OF THE
EXPERT GROUP ON THE SOCIETAL CHALLENGE 'CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT,
RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND RAW MATERIALS', UNDER HORIZON 2020**

11 November 2013, 10:00 – 17:00
Rue du Champ de Mars 21 – B – 1050 Brussels

FOLLOW-UP ACTION POINTS

The third meeting of the H2020 Societal Challenge 5 (SC5) expert group on 11 November, chaired by Director Kurt Vandenberghe, was mainly aimed at reaching an informal opinion on the SC5 Work Programme 2014-2015. The Commission services explained the changes introduced to the last text since the last meeting and notably the ones suggested by Member States, before opening the floor for comments and discussion (see Annex 1). After a number of clarifications, notably the caveat with respect to the topics/budgets for WP2015, a positive unanimous opinion was given on the draft text dated 8 November, subject to a few adjustments.

Under the agenda point 'Any Other Business' the Commission services presented and further discussed with delegates the 'Links and synergies among Structural Funds and Horizon 2020' (see Annex 2) and the 'Strategic Programming and Priority setting for Horizon 2020', as well as the 'Climate Change and Sustainable Development expenditure tracking process' (see Annex 1). Finally, the Chair briefly described the state of play regarding the delegation of the management of SC5 projects to the Executive Agency EASME.

Main action points:

- 1) The Commission will integrate in the text of the WP 2014-2015 the agreed adjustments. The provisional character of 2015 topics and budgets will be further highlighted.
- 2) The Commission will upload an overview of the draft SC5 WP2014-2015, in the form of an orientation document, on the website of the 'Infoday 12 November'.
- 3) The Commission services will distribute to the delegates the other parts of the H2020 WP containing topics financed with the budget of SC5 (Focus areas on 'Energy Efficiency', 'Blue Growth' and 'Disaster resilience').

- 4) The Commission services will provide the delegates with the composition of the SC5 Advisory Group.
- 5) The dates for the two meetings of the SC5 Programme Committee to be held during the first semester 2014 will be circulated a.s.a.p., tentatively third week of March and end of June. Issues for discussion at these meetings will include the approach to ERA-Nets, Fast Track to Innovation, geosciences and cultural heritage.
- 6) The Commission services will further inform and discuss with delegates the preparation of the Strategic Programming for 2016-2017.
- 7) In the context of links between Structural Funds and Horizon 2020 the Chair suggested that delegates identify priorities in Member States' strategic programmes and formulate proposals and recommendations to National Boards, in view of increasing mutual awareness and synergies in future programming.

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| Annex 1 | General presentation for the 3 rd meeting of the H2020 Societal Challenge 5 (SC5) expert group |
| Annex 2 | Presentation on the 'Links and synergies among Structural Funds and Horizon 2020' |