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**SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS OF THE  
FIRST MEETING OF HORIZON 2020 TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP  
3 OCTOBER 2013**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, TOUR DE TABLE**

- Welcome to the first meeting of the Advisory Group for Horizon 2020 societal challenge “Smart, Green and Integrated Transport”
- The group presents a balanced participation with respect to expertise, geographical origin, sector of origin and gender
- The societal challenge Transport is implemented jointly by DG RTD (Directorate H) and DG MOVE (Directorate C). IT-related topics are implemented in coordination with DG CNECT
- This meeting is exceptionally chaired by the Commission. Next meeting the Chair, vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the group will be elected
- The TAG members presented themselves in a tour the table (see attached Excel table ‘List of members – Transport Advisory Group 2014-2016’)

**2. HORIZON 2020 STATE OF PLAY, PRESENTATION OF OVERALL APPROACH, TIMETABLE**

- In the context of the draft Horizon 2020 regulation (Framework Programme) and the corresponding Specific Programme (both circulated via e-mail on 23 September), the state of play of Horizon 2020 was presented by the Commission (see attached slides ‘Horizon 2020: The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020’)
- The comments raised include:
  - The share of the budget between the PPP’s and collaborative research (answer: 50-50)
  - The share of the budget between research activities and close-to-market activities (Answer: 70-30, but with differences between areas)
  - The absence of environment as a societal challenge (Answer: environment is both one of the main cross-cutting themes, and is embedded in the societal challenge climate change)

### **3. TASKS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP: OBJECTIVES, EXPECTATIONS AND WORKING MODALITIES**

- The objectives, expectations and working modalities of the TAG were presented by the Commission (see attached slides ‘Tasks of the Transport Advisory Group: objectives, expectations and working modalities’)
- There is a primary focus on providing early advice into the preparation of the work programme (upstream strategic programming)
- The Commission will develop a proactive approach, mainly as regards information, support and suggestions for work prioritisation, and specific requests on issues to be addressed
- The effectiveness of the TAG depends primarily on their own commitment and initiative, both on content and working modalities
- The main comments raised addressed confidentiality and conflict of interest issues:
  - A discrepancy between the participation of the TAG members in proposal submission (allowed) and proposal evaluation (not allowed) (Answer: it makes sense to allow members of an advisory body influencing the preparation of Work Programmes to write proposals, but not to evaluate them)
  - The attitude to take towards requests for advice in their capacity as TAG members (Answer: just to maintain an independent attitude)

### **4. HORIZON 2020/TRANSPORT: PRESENTATION OF OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES, NOVELTIES AND COVERAGE**

- There won't be any involvement of an Advisory Group in the first work programme, because of the tight timing for Horizon 2020 adoption and the willingness to proceed in parallel with its implementation
- The draft version of the work programme 2014-2015 will be submitted after the meeting (see WP 2014-2015 attached)
- The main task of the TAG for 2014-2015 will be to provide input towards the preparation of WP 2016-2017
- The Commission explained the relevance of transport as a societal challenge in Horizon 2020 (see attached slides ‘Transport in Horizon 2020’)
- The main points discussed after the presentation include:
  - The strategic framework of the work programmes, imbedded in the policy objectives of Horizon 2020 (Framework programme and specific programme) and the ‘White Paper’ for transport
  - The need to address these policy objectives and their targets in the strategy for the WP 2016-2017. Limited flexibility remains on the content of the WP 2014-2015, inasmuch as a revision may occur in 2014 for the activities of 2015
  - The importance of a continuous process of monitoring and evaluating. This allows to understand what has been done in the past,

what needs to be done and how to do it in order to reach the strategic objectives

- The tendency towards larger projects under Horizon 2020, coupled with flexibility on the number of participants
- The relevance of decoupling transport and economy

## **5. DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PRIORITY SETTING FOR TRANSPORT DURING HORIZON 2020**

- The primary role of the TAG is of a strategic and forward looking nature
- In order to stimulate a first reflection on how research & innovation activities in the societal challenge Transport can contribute to achieving key EU transport policy objectives, the Commission presented the ‘Policy drivers’, a work in progress on strategic priority setting for transport during Horizon 2020 (see attached slides ‘Policy drivers for future Transport R&I priority setting’)
- All members had the opportunity to express their views. The main points raised that deserve further discussion are as follows:
  - Starting from the point of view of mobility as a ‘right’, avoiding transport is not an option, rather limiting transport by steering demand
  - Similarly the access to the transport system should not be avoided, rather enhanced (systemic approach)
  - Both arguments are also based on a distinction between ‘mobility’ (capacity to be mobile, to move) and ‘transport’ (movement of people and goods, an outcome/result of mobility)
  - The political dimension is missing, especially decision making and financing
  - Also the socio-economic dimension is still missing, despite the importance attributed to understanding users’ needs
  - There might be a need to question the actual ‘mind-set’ (towards curbing mobility). ‘Does a pen have to travel 1,5 times around the world before becoming a pen’?
  - A transport impact assessment is needed: what is the impact of decisions taken in other sectors and affecting transport, e.g. just-in-time
  - More important than the internalisation of external costs is to increase the efficiency of the transport system. Therefore a turn similar to the one in energy is needed in transport: the increase of transport consumption has to be absorbed by a more efficient use of transport
  - The necessity of long-term forecasting (data) in completion of the short term roadmaps developed by European Technology Platforms in order to understand the changing societal and economical context in which we live, e.g. does the changing attitude towards mobility by the 18-30 year old represent a paradigm shift?

- The discussion is only a start. More discussion and reflexion on general strategic and cross-cutting issues is needed and will be further developed in the next meeting(s) of the TAG
- New working modalities are needed to make discussions more efficient:
  - The Commission will create an open web source for the TAG. There will be space for posting TAG related documents (administrative documents, presentations, agendas and summaries of meetings, background documents, reports, etc.), both by the Commission and the TAG members
  - Commission will also present options for working modalities to be discussed/approved by the TAG members, such as a combination of plenary session and working groups, with mixed groups (not mode- or technology specific), on temporary base (time by time) allowing to maximise requested output

## **6. INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSION SERVICES ON THE NEXT STEPS IN PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

- The Commission summed up briefly the next steps in the programme implementation following on previous presentations related to Horizon 2020 and its Transport component
- The main task of the TAG in the next two years was illustrated by a timeline between the actual meeting and the implementation of the work programme 2016-2017 (see attached slide ‘Towards WP 2016-17’)

## **7. AOB, INCLUDING DATES AND AGENDA POINTS FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

- Three meetings will take place in 2014:
  - Meeting 1: Thursday 6 February
  - Meeting 2: Thursday 12 June
  - Meeting 3: Thursday 20 November
- Potential general strategic and cross-cutting issues to be discussed as of the next meeting are:
  - Forward looking medium-long term activities
  - Socio-economic activities (new mobility, changing society, user needs, etc.)
  - Innovation and implementation/valorisation issues
  - Intermodality/door-to-door
  - Transport avoidance/decoupling
  - Accessibility
  - International cooperation issues
- At the next meeting on Thursday 6 February 2014, the election of the Chair, vice-Chair and Rapporteur will take place

## **8. ANNEX 1: AGENDA**

## **9. ANNEX 2: LIST OF MEMBERS – TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP 2014-2016**

## **10. ANNEX 3: LIST OF PRESENTATIONS**

- ‘Horizon 2020: The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020’
- ‘Tasks of the Transport Advisory Group: objectives, expectations and working modalities’
- ‘Transport in Horizon 2020’
- ‘Policy drivers for future Transport R&I priority setting’
- ‘Towards WP 2016-17’

## **11. ANNEX 4: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **11.1. Members**

- Ruben Alblas
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- Muriel Brunet
- Delia-Gabriela Dumitriu
- Axel Friedrich
- George Giannopoulos
- Liana Giorgi
- Valérie Guenon
- Theresia Hacksteiner
- Robert Haligowski
- Merja Hoppe
- Christopher Irwin
- Niels Buus Kristensen
- Francesca La Torre
- Astrid Linder
- Libor Lochman
- Rosário Macário
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- Margaret O’Mahony
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- Pietro Perlo
- Jana Pierigud
- Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard
- Andrea Ricci
- Maria Luisa Soria
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#### **11.2. Apologies for members**

- Laetitia Dablanc
- Mirko Hornung
- Alan McKinnon

#### **11.3. European Commission**

- Liam Breslin (Head of Unit DG RTD/H.2)
- Salvador Cervera (DG RTD/H.1)
- Alessandro Damiani (Head of Unit DG RTD/H.1)
- Bernadette Frederick (Acting Head of Unit DG MOVE/C.2)
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