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**SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS OF THE
SECOND MEETING OF HORIZON 2020 TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP
6 FEBRUARY 2014**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- The chair of the meeting, Mrs Manuela Soares, Director of DG RTD Directorate Transport, welcomed the members of the Advisory Group for Horizon 2020 societal challenge “Smart, Green and Integrated Transport”
- At its first meeting, the TAG had a first discussion on strategic priority setting for transport during Horizon 2020. The second meeting, a discussion and reflexion on the main general and cross-cutting issues was launched
- The first meeting was exceptionally chaired by the Commission. The second meeting was chaired by the Commission until the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. Once elected, the Chair took over from the Commission
- Stephen Perkins from OECD was confirmed as a guest in order to fulfil a wish from both sides to keep closer relations and boost complementarity

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- The members of the TAG received an official invitation for the second meeting on 14 January 2014 via e-mail, with the Agenda attached. The Agenda was approved.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ‘SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS’ OF THE FIRST MEETING

- Attached to the official invitation for the second meeting, sent via e-mail on 14 January 2014, there were also the summary conclusions of the first meeting. The summary conclusions were adopted

4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND RAPPORTEUR

- The Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur are to be elected by the Group

- They will make-up an ‘executive committee’. With the support of the Commission, the ‘executive committee’ will prepare the meetings, lead the group and ensure its good governance. This small committee could typically interact remotely and meet one hour before each meeting to review the prepared agendas and deliberations
- Three members expressed their availability for playing a leading role: Andrea RICCI, Maryvonne PLESSIS-FRAISSARD and Alan MCKINNON. Before organising the vote, they presented themselves and their intentions to the other members of the group
- A 15 minutes break allowed the three to agree among themselves about the respective roles. After the break a consensus solution emerged, which was accepted by all members: Alan MCKINNON will act as Chair, Maryvonne PLAISSIS-FRAISSARD as Vice-Chair and Andrea RICCI as Rapporteur. The three will act as a team and work closely with the Commission
- After the approval, the Commission handed over the Chair of the TAG to the elected Chair
- The Chair, who wasn’t present at the first meeting, took over and started with a ‘tour de table’ to get-to-know the other members

5. PLENARY SESSION: OBJECTIVE AND WORKING MODALITIES FOR THE MEETING

The Chair referred to a paper circulated to the members, in which the Commission suggested to structure today’s discussion as follows:

- The meeting should take place in a mixed configuration of plenary sessions and working group sessions
- First a plenary group session will discuss the approach for the meeting
- It was proposed to divide the plenary group into four working groups along the following lines:
 - Setting priorities towards WP 2016-2017 (strategic programming). This reflection could incorporate the following cross-cutting aspects evoked on 3 October: Intermodality/door-to-door, Transport avoidance/decoupling, Accessibility, International cooperation issues
 - Forward looking medium-long term activities
 - Socio-economic activities (new mobility, changing society, user needs, etc.)
 - Innovation and implementation/valorisation issues
- Alessandro Damiani (European Commission) was invited to present the practical modalities of the meeting and to briefly explain the expectations of the Commission (see ‘6. Working groups’ session: strategic priority setting and forward looking activities’ and ‘7. Plenary session: Presentation of the outcome of the working groups session and discussion’)
- The Commission proposal was lively commented. Some of the issues discussed included the overlap between the 4 proposed groups (not necessary a problem), the artificial differentiation between priority setting and the rest, the distinction between technology driven and socio-economic research, the role of scenario

building, the necessity to consider the effects of transport on other challenges or the need to focus both on transport as a whole and on the different modes

- After a short break, a new proposal of the TAG members focussing on 1) socio-economic and behavioural research, 2) technology and 3) infrastructure was heavily discussed
- In order to respect the Commission timeline, with a short-term strategic input towards Work Programme 2016-2017 (summer 2014) and a medium to long-term input on forward looking activities, it was finally agreed that the 4 groups would look at both strategy and priority setting and forward looking activities. Each group would define 3 priorities for the Work Programme 2016-2017 (strategy) and 1 long term trend (forward looking)

6. WORKING GROUPS SESSION: STRATEGIC PRIORITY SETTING AND FORWARD LOOKING ACTIVITIES

- The members of the TAG were allocated to 4 different working groups. The following groups were formed:
 - Group 1: Ruben Alblas, Axel Friedrich, Robert Haligowski, Francesca La Torre, Alassane Balle Ndiaye, Pietro Perlo (rapporteur) and Maria Luisa Soria
 - Group 2: Jacob Bansaard, George Giannopoulos, Merja Hoppe, Astrid Linder (rapporteur), Margaret O'Mahony, Jana Pieriegud
 - Group 3: Laetitia Dablanc, Valerie Guenon (rapporteur), Mirko Hornung, Libor Lochman, Vytautas Paulauskas, Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard
 - Group 4: Delia-Gabriela Dimitriu, Theresia Hacksteiner, Niels Buus Kristensen, Rosario Macario (rapporteur), Stephen Perkins, Andrea Ricci
- The members of each working group were invited to design a session leader and/or a rapporteur

7. PLENARY SESSION: PRESENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUPS SESSION AND DISCUSSION

- After the discussion, the four working groups met again in a plenary configuration. There the rapporteurs presented the outcome of their specific working group debate to be discussed with the entire group (the summaries of the discussions in each group are presented in Annex 2, page 5)
- In a first reaction, the Commission expressed the following three considerations:
 - The members of the TAG were invited to provide the Commission with a more radical input
 - In order to avoid overlaps with the Work Programme 2014-2015, a good reading of the programme is essential

- The dominant focus on socio-economic and political issues, rather than on technology offers food for thought about what is/should be most relevant for the Commission
- The members of the TAG confirmed that a radical change towards socio-economic and policy oriented research, away from technology, is essential. Therefore a paradigm shift may be needed (e.g. post-carbon transport)
- Additional arguments illustrated the need for a paradigm shift:
 - Since the R&D investment by the European Commission (Horizon 2020) represents only a small percentage of the total share, the Commission should dare to focus on long term investment and radical ‘breakthrough’ technologies
 - The transport sector is losing ground, e.g. Google maps or Google car. A new orientation on users’ needs has to be developed, with a direct link between an invention and its application/commercialisation (deployment)
 - Many research solutions are waiting for their application. What is lacking is the political will (vision) to pave the way
- The conclusions of the four groups will be further elaborated in the next meeting(s). In the meantime the group rapporteurs will draft a document and circulate it through the full group for comments. The Commission suggested to draft an intermediate report by Friday 6 June, an interim-report by Friday 28 June

8. AOB, INCLUDING POINTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- The Commission expressed its interest in consulting remotely a few members of the TAG on the ‘Terms of Reference’ for the call for tender 2015 on ‘Europe wide open source transport models, data and scenarios’ (WP 2014-2015, Other Actions 2) and on ‘forward looking’ activities. 2-3 volunteers will be identified in the near future
- The next meetings in 2014 will take place on:
 - Thursday 12 June (the Commission proposes a one and a half day meeting on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 June)
 - Thursday 20 November
 - An additional meeting before 11-12 June may be needed

9. ANNEX 1: AGENDA



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10. ANNEX 2: SUMMARIES WORKING GROUPS SESSION

- Summary 'Working group session 1'



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- Summary 'Working group session 2'



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- Summary 'Working group session 3'



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- Summary 'Working group session 4'



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11. ANNEX 3: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

11.1. Members

- Ruben Alblas
- Jacob Bangsgaard
- Laetitia Dablanc
- Delia-Gabriela Dumitriu
- Axel Friedrich
- George Giannopoulos
- Valérie Guenon
- Theresia Hacksteiner
- Robert Haligowski
- Merja Hoppe
- Mirko Hornung

- Niels Buus Kristensen
- Francesca La Torre
- Astrid Linder
- Libor Lochman
- Rosário Macário
- Alan McKinnon
- Alassane Bale Ndiaye
- Margaret O'Mahony
- Vytautas Paulauskas
- Pietro Perlo
- Jana Pierigud
- Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard
- Andrea Ricci
- Maria Luisa Soria

11.2. Apologies for members

- Muriel Brunet
- Liana Giorgi
- Christopher Irwin
- Dušan Teodorović

11.3. Invited guest

- Stephen Perkins (OECD)

11.4. European Commission

- Manuela Soares (Director DG RTD/H)
- Liam Breslin (Head of Unit DG RTD/H.2)
- Alessandro Damiani (Head of Unit DG RTD/H.1)
- Keir Fitch (Head of Unit DG MOVE/C.2)
- Daniel Bengtsson (JRC/A.1)
- Salvador Cervera (DG RTD/H.1)
- Remy Denos (DG RTD/H.3)
- Mercè Griera I Fisa (DG CNECT/H.5)
- Natascia Lai (DG RTD/H.2)
- Cristina Marolda (DG MOVE/C.2)
- Frank Smit (DG RTD/H.1)
- Stanley Tang (DG RTD/H.3)