

## **Horizon 2020 Protection and Security Advisory Group (PASAG)**

Minutes of the second meeting, 19 April 2016

### *1. Participants*

Present:

Alberto de Benedictis (Chair), Joseph Cannataci, Inge Ceuppens, Anne Lambert, Helena Lindberg, Merle Missoweit, Luigi Rebuffi, Dominique Nollet, Elena Santiago, Brigitte Serrault, Gillian Youngs

Joining via video-/teleconference:

Albrecht Broemme, Claudia Gaertner, Petra Hoepner Paul Kearney, Cristina Leone, Fabio Martinelli, Helena Raud, Raul Riesco Granadino, Agnieszka Spronska

Guest: Bert Feskens

EC: Michel Bosco, Pierre Chastanet, Gerburg Larsen, Afonso Ferreira,

Apologies:

Leticia Biescas, Sadie Creese, Caroline Davey, Ida Haisma, Klaus Keus, Patrick Padding, Pierangela Samarati, Jean-Marc Suchier, Eleanor Travers, Michael Tsinisizelis

### *2. Report from meeting of Horizon 2020 Advisory Group Chairs and Horizon 2020 horizontal issues.*

The Chair reported on this meeting (see e-mail of 21.3.16 with the meeting note) which had considered the key external issues (e.g. the weak economy, feeling of insecurity which means that security now a high priority), cross cutting issues and also how innovation works in the EU and why there is less momentum compared to the US.

The Chair highlighted 3 points: first, WGs should keep these broader issues in mind when setting priorities. Second, with c€30bn of funding, the impact of the WP 2018-2020 funding will be key. Emphasis will be placed on programmes and projects with a clear business case and identifiable outcomes. WGs should therefore seek to recommend options that can lead to roadmaps to achieve beneficial outputs. Third, there need for more cross-sectoral programmes and therefore collaboration between Advisory Groups is a priority (a list of AGs can be found here <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/experts>). Before the next meeting on 9 June, each AG is asked to propose 1 or 2 research themes involving one or more other AGs. A possible link for PASAG could be with transport or energy both of which have obvious security aspects. Cybersecurity and ICT are another opportunity area for collaboration. Michel Bosco (EC) explained that one focus area would lead but there could be coordination between the programmes so they reinforce each other.

**Action:** suggestions for programme initiatives that would link with other AGs to be sent to the Chair and Michel Bosco by Friday 13 May.

### *3. Report from Horizon 202 Advisory Group for Gender*

Gillian Youngs gave a presentation (slides circulated on 18.4.2016). She stressed the objective of keeping gender as a priority when building programme opportunities in order to support excellence.

### *4. Draft Vision statements*

Each lead (Elena Santiago for a Competitive European Security industry; Paul Kearney for Secure and Resilient Societies; Raul Riesco for Cybersecurity and Privacy Technologies; and Cristina Leone for Borders and External Security) presented the current drafts (previously circulated and on CIRCABC). Due to other commitments Patrick Padding has been unable to lead the Vision statement on Fighting Crime and Terrorism and Jean-Dominique Nollet kindly volunteered to step in and assist. In discussion, a number of comments were made.

The Chair urged all members to send their comments, preferably in the form of drafting changes, to the leads as soon as possible and in any case by **Friday 29 April**. Members should focus on practicalities of what needs to be done, and less on general statements.

**Action:** all PASAG members.

## *5. Working Groups*

The Guidance Note (attached to these minutes) with the overall timetable and listing Commission correspondents for each WG, was endorsed. Working Groups 1, 2 and 3 are priorities with the others on a slower timescale. The Chair noted that progress to date was a bit patchy – some WGs were active, others less so. He urged all to contribute as soon as possible to the Groups. The Chairs of WGs 1, 2 and 3 were asked to take the lead in setting the work plan and schedule for each Group, noting that he and the EC can provide guidance if required. While it is up to each Group to decide the content of their report, the focus should be on practicable, actionable recommendations. The parameters for each WG are set out in the note given at the first PASAG meeting (also attached).

**Action:** Chairs and members of Working Groups 1-3.

In a brief discussion (not on video link) of progress on WG3 (international co-operation) the EC said it would find it helpful for the WG to recommend areas/countries for co-operation as well as recommendations of areas/countries which are not a priority. The EC also noted that international co-operation in research is declining which is undesirable – and agreed to circulate background information to this WG.

**Action:** EC

## *6. Any other Business*

The Chair suggested it might be useful to put in diaries a further meeting in July, given the workload and deliverables expected ahead of the next PASAG meeting in September. The date of **20 July** has been provisionally set and members are invited to provide an indication of their availability.

Jean-Dominique Nollet suggested using forums instead of e-mail which would be more secure, and was available to provide access to his organisation's secure options. It was agreed Chairs would look at this model to check it was user-friendly.

**Action:** Jean-Dominique and Chairs.

AL (Rapporteur)  
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