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**FOURTH MEETING OF THE RESPA STEERING COMMITTEE  
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**AGENDA**

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF DECISIONS OF THE JANUARY 2007 SC MEETING**
- 3. NETWORKING RESPA WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS**
- 4. PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIR AND THE SECRETARY**
- 5. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 WORK PROGRAMME (POLICY ADVISOR'S MODULE)**
- 6. DECISION ON THE SECOND RESPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**
- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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## ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

<b>1. <u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)A2</b>
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*Committee action*

- o **Agree** the meeting agenda

<b>2. <u>Adoption of the List of decisions of the January 2007 SC Meeting</u></b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)M1</b>
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According to article 14 of the draft Rules of Procedures, the Secretariat submitted to the Members of the Steering Committee the list of decisions. No objection was made during the following two weeks, and therefore the minutes are considered to be informally approved.

Article 14 stipulates that formal approval should take place at the beginning of the current SC Meeting.

*Committee action*

- o **Agree** the list of decisions of the January 2007 SC Meeting

<b>3. <u>Networking ReSPA with other Institutions</u></b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/001</b>
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Article I of the Protocol of cooperation on the creation of the Regional School of Public Administration sets out the general cooperation objectives, and article II 1 a) specifies further the obligation to develop activities "*stimulating cooperation between public administration institutions from the region and similar institutions in the European Union, as well as participation in international networks*".

Pursuant those objectives, the secretariat has initiated cooperation with the **European Institute of Public Administration** (Four training of trainers modules on negotiation skills in a European environment developed jointly with EIPA), and with **NISPAcee** (One policy adviser's module in the process of development, see point 4).

Membership to EGPA as well as to NISPAcee has been asked, but the current status of ReSPA does not yet allow full membership. It is expected that full membership to those networks will be granted by the end of Phase 1. However, the secretariat of ReSPA will participate at the annual conferences of NISPAcee (Kiev, May 2007) and EGPA (Madrid, September 2007).

Pursuant those objectives, the ReSPA secretariat has also organised a Meeting with **EU Schools of PA**, held in Brussels on 25 April 2007.

The ReSPA Secretariat has also invited three prominent learning and training Institutions to present their work and explore possible future bi and multi-lateral cooperation between them and ReSPA member institutions.

- o **College of Europe**, Brugge. Dr. Marc M.R. Vuijlsteke, Director of the development office.
- o **Academy of European Law**, Trier. Dr. Wolfgang Heusel, Director
- o **ILO Training Centre**, Torino. Mr George Jadoun, Head of the Regional Programmes and Management of Development Group.

*Committee action*

- o **Take note** of the experiences of regional and international cooperation presented, and
- o **Invite** the Secretariat to deepen and widen cooperation with other institutions sharing the same objectives.

<b>4. <u>Progress Report by the Chair and the Secretary</u></b>	
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The Chair and the Secretary will provide a short update on institutional issues and developments since January 2007.

<b>5. <u>Adoption of the amendment to the 2007 work programme (Policy Advisor's module)</u></b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/002</b>
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At the January 2007 Session, the Steering Committee decided not to implement the Public Sector Ethics resource within the ReSPA work plan 2007. Assistance for the implementation of PSER could be provided by other EU programmes e.g. SIGMA. The representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia agreed to report on its implementation (under Sigma) at the Fifth Session of the Steering Committee and Second Annual Conference. It was decided that the ReSPA budget corresponding to this activity will be used for other training activities which will be decided no later than the Fourth Session of the Steering Committee. It was also decided that "*Should additional training modules be developed in the course of the year, BiH would be considered in priority for hosting the first of those events*".

In his correspondence to all Steering Committee Members on 26 February 2007, the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia suggested that ReSPA could co-operate with NISPAcee and propose a Policy Adviser's Module in the second half of 2007. After consultation, the Secretary entered into discussion with NISPAcee and with the representative of Bosnia-Herzegovina for the implementation of the module in Sarajevo, in September 2007. In his correspondence to the Secretariat on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007, the representative of Bosnia-Herzegovina to the Steering Committee confirmed the invitation of Bosnia-Herzegovina to host this activity.

*Committee action*

- o **Agree** the amendment to the work Programme and invite the Secretary to implement the Policy-adviser's module with NISPAcee.

<b>6. <u>Decision on the Second ReSPA Annual conference 2007</u></b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/003</b>
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In its third session, held in Podgorica, in January 2007, the Steering Committee approved the work programme 2007.

The Work programme foresees the organisation of the **ReSPA Annual Conference**. The **Government of Albania** offered to host the annual Conference in **November 2007**. The Chair invited the Steering Committee Members to propose, in writing, the themes of the Annual Conference. The Chair asked the Secretary to wait until the 4th session of the Steering Committee for an exact date and theme to be decided upon. It is the intention to start developing communities of Practice in this context.

*Committee action*

- o **Agree** the proposal of the Government of Albania to host the annual conference.
- o **Agree** the theme of the annual conference suggested by the delegate of Albania (proposal 1).
- o **Invite** the Secretariat and the Albanian School of Public Administration to organise the annual conference.

<b>7. <u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
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