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## **DRAFT RESPA LIST OF DECISIONS**

### **4TH SESSION OF THE RESPA STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **4th ReSPA Steering Committee, 26 April 2007** **European Commission, Brussels**

According to art 14 of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretary submits to the Members of the Steering Committee the list of decisions within 7 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. If no objection was made during the following 2 weeks, the list of decisions is considered informally approved.

Art 14 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that formal approval should take place at the beginning of the current session.

#### *Committee action*

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- **Approve** the list of decisions of the 4th Session of the Steering Committee.

All signatories and parties of the ReSPA protocol of cooperation, but the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, were present to the Fourth Session of the Steering Committee.

In its Fourth session, the Steering Committee<sup>1</sup>, Chaired by the EC, took the following decisions:

<b>1. Adoption of the Agenda</b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)A2</b>
The agenda of the meeting was <b>adopted</b> .	

<b>2. Approval of the list of decisions, 3rd session of the Steering Committee, Podgorica, Jan 2007.</b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)M1</b>
The List of decisions of the January 2007 Steering Committee Meeting was <b>adopted</b> and it was <b>decided</b> to post them on the ReSPAweb.	

<b>3. Networking ReSPA with Other Institutions</b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/001</b>
<p>Pursuant Article I and article II 1 a) of the Protocol of Cooperation on the creation of the Regional School of Public Administration, following the decision at the third Session of the Steering Committee, the Secretary organised a meeting between the Steering Committee Members and representatives of the EU national schools and institutes of public administration. The meeting has been organised back-to-back with the fourth session of the Steering Committee, in Brussels on 25 April 2007. Steering Committee members from Croatia, Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia presented their perceived needs for support on training management and in substance, and also presented their endogenous regional cooperation capacities. Representatives from EU member states and in particular France, Romania, Portugal and Greece presented their Civil Service training systems and suggested venues for further cooperation. In the discussion, representatives from other EU countries such as the UK, Slovenia, and Italy also suggested venues for further collaboration with ReSPA. The dialogue with representatives of national Civil Servant's training systems will continue. The ReSPA Secretariat also invited three prominent learning and training Institutions (College of Europe, Brugge/Dr. Marc M.R. Vuijsteke, Director of the Development Office; Academy of European, Trier./Dr Wolfgang Heusel, Director; and the ILO Training Centre,Torino/Mr George Jadoun, Head of the Regional Programmes and Management of Development Group) to present their work and explore possible future bi and multi-lateral cooperation between them and ReSPA member institutions. Finally, the Secretary reported on the networking initiatives taken since January 2007: Steps have been taken to cooperate with EIPA and NISPAcee in the implementation of the 2007 programme of activities. The Secretariat has also taken steps to seek membership to IIAS-EGPA-IASIA and NISPAcee.</p> <p>The Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>acknowledged</b> the cooperation and networking achievements,</li> <li>o <b>took note</b> of the experiences of regional and international cooperation presented,</li> </ul> <p>and finally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>invited the Secretariat to deepen and widen cooperation with other institutions sharing the same objectives based on the discussion which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007.</b></li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> For list of Steering Committee Members, please see Annex 1

4. Progress Report by the Chair and the ReSPA secretariat

4.1. The Secretariat reported on the **implementation of the 2007 Work Programme**, including the organisation of the negotiation techniques modules with EIPA, the first meeting of the Schools of Public Administration in Ljubljana in cooperation with the University of Ljubljana, the Dubrovnik Diplomatic Summer School and the second ReSPA annual conference (see point 6 below). Possibilities to add a module in cooperation with NISPAcee was mentioned (see point 5 below).

4.2. The secretariat reported the fact that it had only received two "option B attestation of legality" (From Montenegro and Albania). The chair invited Steering Committee Members **to comply with the implementation of option B**. The "Option B resources" should be mobilised, inter-alia, to cooperate with the secretariat on regional Training Needs Assessments.

4.3. The Chair invited a discussion on the meeting with the Heads of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration that took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. The Presentations from the region (Croatia, Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have generated a lot of interest from representatives of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration from EU Member States as they gave the EU schools of PA a lot of information on the needs for institutional support, the need for support in the substance of the training modules, and finally the capacity and will to establish regional cooperation. The presentations from the Schools of Public Administration from EU countries, and the associated discussions, have confirmed and indicated the strong political support of EU member countries to the creation of ReSPA. Finally, the session with College of Europe, ILO- ITC, and ERA in the morning has also provided "food for thought" on institution building paths, and also indications of the will and interest to work together as of 2008. The discussion confirmed the urgent need to do a training needs analysis in order to better identify the regional/horizontal needs for training. This needs assessment will be the basis for the Secretariat to develop the 2008 programme of work and the basis upon which the secretariat will seek support from the Schools and Institutes of Public Administration in the EU Member Countries. **The Chair invited the Steering Committee Members to provide the Secretariat with existing domestic needs assessments by June 15 and asked the Secretariat to compile those into a draft needs assessment by July 6. The aim is to have the final needs assessment report coupled with training module proposals, prepared in cooperation with the beneficiary countries/entities and training providers, ready for September 21, 2007.**

4.4. The Secretary informed the Steering Committee Members of the **invitations received in the institutionalisation/networking framework**. The Secretariat also suggested the following representation at those events:

Bucharest, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, 25 -26 May 2007	<b>The Impact of Europeanisation on the Public Administration.</b>	Kosovo + Montenegro
Tallinn, State Chancellery, 7 – 8 June 2007	<b>XIX international Conference on training and development of Senior Civil Servants</b>	Serbia + Croatia
<b>IAISA</b> , Abu Dhabi, Institute of Administrative Development, 9 – 14 July 2007	Global Competitiveness and public administration: implication for education and training	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

<b>EGPA</b> , Madrid, INAP, 19 – 22 September 2007	Public Administration and the Management of Diversity	BiH + Albania
<p>The Chair stressed that <u>delegates</u> will have to deliver to the ReSPA Secretariat a written report shortly after the conference/meeting for circulation to all SC Members, and that <u>SC Members</u> will have to make a short presentation of the main points of the conference at the 5th session of the SC. It was decided that Steering Committee Members will swiftly inform the Secretariat of the name/coordinates of the delegates (either Steering Committee Members, or their substitutes, or a suitable representative from the domestic civil service training system). It was also stressed that delegates will represent ReSPA on those events and not their domestic civil service training system.</p> <p>4.5. The European Commission made a short <b>presentation of the latest developments at the COWEB</b>.</p> <p>The <b>Chair invited Steering Committee Members to be more expedient in their implementation of Steering Committee decisions</b>. In particular, the implementation of Option B of ReSPA institutionalisation in Phase I has become urgent. Consequently all missing 'legality statements' from the countries/entities should be delivered ASAP. <b>All members of the Steering Committee, besides Serbia, committed to deliver the requested attestation of legality within the next couple of weeks.</b></p> <p><b>The Chair invited the Steering Committee Members to forward existing Training Needs Analysis Reports to the Secretariat by 15 June 2007, with a view to compile the final assessment of training needs coupled with training proposals by September 2007.</b></p> <p>The Chair proposed to <b>accept invitations to the listed conferences</b>, and invited the Steering Committee Members to <b>expedite the nomination of delegates</b> to those conferences. The Chair stressed the <b>obligation of the delegates to report in writing</b> on the conference they will attend and for the Steering Committee Members to make a short presentation on those conferences at the 5th session of the Steering Committee.</p>		

<b>5. Adoption of the amendment to the 2007 work Programme.</b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/002</b>
<p>At the January 2007 Session, the Steering Committee decided not to implement the Public Sector Ethics resource within the ReSPA work plan 2007. 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 4th Session of the Steering Committee. It was also decided that <i>"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"</i>.</p> <p>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 Advisers 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 23rd March 2007, the representative of Bosnia-Herzegovina to the Steering Committee confirmed the invitation of Bosnia-Herzegovina to host this activity.</p> <p>The Steering Committee <b>agreed</b> to amend the 2007 work Programme and to include the Policy Advisers Module delivered by NISPAcee.</p>	

<b>6. Decision on the Second ReSPA Annual Conference 2007.</b>	<b>RESPA/SC(2007)2/003</b>
<p>The Work programme foresees the organisation of the ReSPA Annual Conference. The <b>Government of Albania</b> offered to host the annual Conference in Tirana in <b>October 2007</b>. The thematic <b>proposal</b> of the Government of Albania (<b>Making Strategies Work</b>) has been <b>accepted</b>. The next steps will include the development of a draft agenda and identification of the conference dates.</p>	

<b>7. Any other Business.</b>	
<p>The Secretariat recalled for the Steering Committee Members the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ to send links/information/announcements SCM want to see posted on the ReSPAweb;</li> <li>○ the importance to meet deadlines for registering participants to conferences and training events;</li> </ul> <p>The Secretariat finally informed the Steering Committee Members that should ReSPA have some funds left to organise one (or more) additional training event in 2007, on the basis of presentations from the EU Member States Schools of Public Administrations or other sources, the Secretariat will circulate a proposal with subject/partners/dates/modalities. Decision will be taken through a silence procedure: Steering Committee Members who object to the proposals will be expected to express their disagreement in writing.</p> <p>It was also agreed that for a better clarity/visibility of the ReSPA activities, a “calendar of all events” will be placed on the ReSPA website.</p> <p>No other point has been put on the agenda by Steering Committee Members. The Chair thanked everybody, confirmed the date of the next session of the Steering Committee (7 November 2007 in Pristina) and <b>closed the meeting</b>.</p>	

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