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Establishing ReSPA within existing professional networks is part of the objectives of Phase 1.

This document enumerates the steps taken by the Secretary in the course of 2007 to associate ReSPA with existing networks and coordinate with institutions sharing similar objectives.

Committee action

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- **Invite** the Secretary to continue the development of institutional cooperation.

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, following-up on the Meeting with EU Schools of PA and the decision of the 4th session of the Steering Committee, held in Brussels on 25 and 26 April 2007, after the meeting with the ReSPA heads of Schools and Institutes held in Ljubljana on 14th June 2007, and after due consultation with the Steering Committee Members and the Chair, the ReSPA secretary developed additional training modules in 2007 (see document RESPA/SC(2007)3/001):

- **Cooperation with the French ENA:** a module on the impact of the organic budget law on the organisation of the work of Government, October 2007;
- **Cooperation with the Greek EKKDA:** a module on training management, September 2007;
- **Cooperation with NISPAcee:** a module on Policy advisory capacities, September 2007
- **Cooperation with the ILO-ITC and Sigma:** a module on public procurement training, November 2007;
- **Cooperation with the Italian SSPA:** a module on the European Senior Civil Servants, February and March 2008.

Pursuant those international networking objectives, the secretary has organised for the Steering Committee Members to participate to a selection of European and international professional networking events. At the 4th session of the Steering Committee held in Brussels, 26 April 2007, the Chair stressed that *“delegates will have to deliver to the ReSPA Secretariat a written report shortly after the conference/meeting for circulation to all SC Members, and that SC Members will have to make a short presentation of the main points of the conference at the 5th session of the SC”*.

- **Romanian National School of Political Studies and Public Administration,** Bucharest in May 2007, conference on the Impact of

Europeanisation on the Public Administration, **report by the representatives of Kosovo and Montenegro** ; (see document RESPA/SC(2007)3/002):

- **19th Conference on Training Senior Civil Servants**, Tallinn in June 2007, **report by the representative of Croatia** ; (see document RESPA/SC(2007)3/003):
- **Annual conference of AIEIA**, Abu-Dhabi, July 2007, **report by the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic Of Macedonia** ; (see document RESPA/SC(2007)3/004):
- **Annual conference of EGPA**, Madrid, September 2007, **report by the representatives of Albania and of Bosnia and Herzegovina**. (see document RESPA/SC(2007)3/005):

The Secretary participated at the **NISP Acee annual conference** held in Kiev, May 2007. The secretary had the opportunity to deepen the NISP Acee-ReSPA relations. In particular, the director of NISP Acee suggested that the 2009 NISP Acee Annual conference could be jointly organised with ReSPA in the Western Balkans.

The Secretary met twice in Paris with **UNDP representatives**, and worked on the implementation of the communities of practice. The Secretary was also invited at the Civil Service Community of Practice Meeting held in Budva, Montenegro, 11 – 12 October 2007.

The Secretary met with Mr Rolet Loretan, **Director General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences** and explored the possibilities and conditions of ReSPA's future membership to the IIAS organs (EGPA, IASIA).

Finally, Mr. Elvin Klobas, **Executive Director of the Centre for European Perspective**, Ljubljana, expressed interest to develop cooperation with ReSPA.