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## INSTITUTIONALISATION OF ReSPA

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<p>At the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the SC, the SCM were presented with the outcome of the discussions with EIPA, associating ReSPA's further institutionalisation in the Western Balkans with EIPA. In November 2007, the ReSPA signatories were invited by the EC to present candidacies for hosting ReSPA. On 16-17<sup>th</sup> January 2008, an expert meeting – met to shortlist three candidacies.</p> <p>The secretary informed individually each steering committee member of the conclusions of the experts committee. The report has been sent by the ReSPA team at the OECD to the Chair and to the Steering Committee members on 22 January 2008.</p> <p>The chair will briefly present the conclusions of the experts committee. The short-listed candidacies will then be presented by the respective SC Members.</p> <p>The SC will be invited to decide on the future location of ReSPA.</p>	
<p><i>Committee action</i></p> <p>The Steering Committee is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Decide</b> on the future location of ReSPA.</li></ul>	

In view of the provisions of Article V.1 of the Protocol of Cooperation, which obligated the parties to consider further institutionalisation of their cooperation, including participation by all parties in the funding arrangements, within two years from the entry into force of the protocol, i.e. May 2008, at the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee in Pristina, the Chair informed the SC of the latest developments with respect to the institutionalisation of ReSPA. In particular, the Chair informed officially of the steps taken by the EC and the ReSPA team at the OECD to institutionally link ReSPA with the European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA), at least during the first years of its activities; as well as the steps to identify the location of ReSPA in the region and proceed with further steps leading to physical development of the institution by late 2008/early 2009.

In its 5<sup>th</sup> session held in Pristina, the SC unanimously agreed that ReSPA should be located in the Western Balkan region, in one of the beneficiary countries/entities. In November 2007, the European Commission invited the Signatories to submit candidacies to host ReSPA by 7 January 2008.

**The ReSPA team at the OECD received 5 candidacies: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.**

On 16 and 17 January 2008, the expert meeting composed of representatives of ILO-ITC, EIPA, NISPAcee, and the College of Europe took place at the OECD, and was invited to short-list three candidacies to be proposed to the vote of the Steering Committee in its 6<sup>th</sup> session.

The Steering Committee Members received the report on 22 January 2008.