

Technical meeting, May 18th 2005

In the premises of the Tuscany Region Brussels Offices

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Project

MAIN RESULTS

- Objective**
- A) To set up the organisation and participation of working groups
  - B) To discuss upon the network's funding proposal
  - C) To approve the deadline for the work to be carried out in the second semester 2005

**Participants:**

REGION	REPRESENTATIVES
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LAZIO	Renata SANGIORGI
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**Text:**

**Issue A) on the agenda: *To set up the organisation and participation of working groups***

To present the document concerning the organisation and funding of the network

After short illustration, all participants express their assessment upon the organisation of these works and communicate the participation to the corresponding working groups.

On the base of what has emerged, the document is modified and a copy is given to the participants during the meeting for further verification (final text attached).

In particular, the groups' co-ordinators' role is illustrated in further details: the co-ordinators take the responsibility of animating and managing the group's works and in the framework of their activity they co-ordinate one another with the President and the Vice-president. In their operational role, they take the financial charge of their working group's activity.

**Issue B) on the agenda: *To discuss upon the network's funding proposal***

The proposal concerning the network's funding is illustrated.

After hearing all participants' opinion, the following remarks are underlined:

- 1) Some regions have expressed the necessity to give the network a specific statue in order to identify the management system of the financial resources within the rationale to have a transparent and effective administration. The presidency is going to proposed a suitable solution that can take into account all different positions that have been expressed during the meeting and try, at the same time, to defend all parties' interests into account;
- 2) Upon the necessity to have financial resources and corresponding amount, an agreement about the principles has been found. Some regions have expressed different opinions upon the distribution of the available budget. The presidency welcomes the remarks that some regions have made upon the necessary limitation of the resources for the working expenses.

**Issue C) on the agenda: *To approve the deadline for the work to be carried out in the second semester 2005***

The proposal made around the third issue on the agenda (working programmes and deadline for 2005) is approved (see document attached to the minutes).

**Miscellaneous**

The Presidency's proposal is approved while waiting to fix the structure and funding (see issues A and B): The Presidency's proposal aims at using the same expenditures methodology as the one that has been used for the meeting in April the 7<sup>th</sup> 2005, with Fischer Boel (Member of the Commission), that means to distribute and subdivide the real expenditures among all the network's participants. The Greek Departments Association has presented a proposal of juridical assistance to be given to a legal expert. The discussion upon this point, the assessment and following decision, will be carried out during the next meeting.

The working session end at 1.00 p.m.

Attached documents: *document concerning organisation and funding of the network*  
*Deadlines of planned initiatives for 2005*