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## REPORT BY THE ReSPA SECRETARY ON NETWORKING ReSPA WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

**3<sup>rd</sup> ReSPA Steering Committee, 31 January 2007**

**Headquarters of Human Management Resource Authority, Podgorica,  
Montenegro**

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 December 2006 to associate ReSPA with existing networks and coordinate with institutions sharing similar objectives.

*Committee action*

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- **Decide** on the practical modalities of cooperation
- **Invite** the Secretary to continue the development of institutional cooperation.



In its 2nd session, (20 November 2006), the Steering Committee postponed discussion on networking ReSPA with other institutions, but invited the ReSPA Secretary to pursue this objective which is cardinal to the establishment and sustainability of ReSPA beyond Phase 1.

In the Course of December 2006, the Secretary developed the following contacts:

1. Developed contacts with the **European Institute of Public Administration**. The ReSPA Secretary and EIPA worked on the parameters of a Training of Trainers module focussing on negotiation techniques in an EU context. Those contacts have been fruitful and led to the agreement, in principle, to deliver, in 2007, no less than four modules of Training of Trainers on negotiation techniques in a European context. [See also document: RESPA/SC(2007)1/002]
2. **UNDP**. At the same time as ReSPA had its 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, the UNDP and UNTC had a regional meeting in Alexandropolis (Gr). The ReSPA Secretary, Sigma and the UNDP stayed in close contact. Mr. Dan Dionise, UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava, visited Sigma and the ReSPA Secretary on 12 December 2006. Mr Dionise briefed the ReSPA Secretary on the recent development at UNTC/UNDP and on the follow-up to the Sarajevo Meeting (Sept 2006) where the first Communities of Practice (on Civil Service Management) was launched. Mr Dionise expressed the interest of UNDP to support the process of the creation of ReSPA. The ReSPA Secretary will organise a coordination meeting in January 2007, with the European Commission, Sigma and UNDP/UNTC.
3. The ReSPA Secretary will take steps in January 2007 to seek Membership of both **IIAS-EGPA** and **NISPAcee**. Availability to represent ReSPA in both annual meetings in 2007 remains uncertain and its modalities are subject to the decision of the Steering Committee.

The ReSPA Secretary is also taking steps with the European Commission to organise, in April 2007, a meeting between the ReSPA Steering Committee Members and representatives of National Schools of Public Administration from EU member States. [See also doc: RESPA/SC(2007)1/002]