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Fourth Meeting of the EI PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

17 – 18 September 2015
(Igalo – Palmon Bay, Montenegro)

Provisional Agenda



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Background

ReSPA has established the European Union Integration Programme Committee whose underlying goal is to assist the Governing Board and ReSPA Secretariat in designing future programmes pertinent to the EU integrations (EI) of ReSPA Members. This will ensure that these programmes serve pressing needs of ReSPA Members and complement its overall efforts in the area of public administration reforms and EI, as well as other international efforts in this area. In addition, the Programme Committee is envisaged to assist ReSPA in strengthening its activities in the European Integration thematic area and facilitating peer to peer information and opinion exchange among members thereof with respect to issues bearing on the EI processes.

The Rules of Procedure of the Programme Committee call for it to convene every six months. The general aim of this meeting of the Programme Committee is to consider the implementation of the Programme of Work 2015 (hereinafter PoW 2015) and to provide the ReSPA Secretariat with suggestions on the way to conduct planned activities.

Objectives of the meeting

ReSPA is going to complete implementation of the on-going EU Grant by the end of November 2015. Initial discussion and exchange with EU (DG NEAR, A3 - Thematic Support) has been introduced earlier this year in order to ensure preparation of the new Grant timely. At the last Governing board meeting at the level of senior official representatives (July, 2015), EC partners has informed the Board on the progress in development of the Action document and consultations conducted with EU Members and National IPA Coordinators.

In order to ensure ownership and strategic guidance in ReSPA development and as a part of the decision making process at ReSPA there is a need to ensure wider stakeholders' consultation on key strategic and programming framework for the ReSPA development, more specifically on the ReSPA Strategy framework and its programming documents: EU Grant and Programme of Work, before its deliberation at the Ministerial Governing Board meeting (11.11.2015).

Considering that EI Programme Committee and ReSPA PAR Network are gathering high Members' officials a joint session of these officials might be a good opportunity to review and discuss how regional cooperation through ReSPA might contribute to respond better to EU enlargement policy – 'fundamentals first: PAR, economic reforms and the rule of law'.

Therefore, the idea is to organise the fourth meeting of the EI PC back to back with the meeting of the ReSPA PAR Network in order to enable synergies and align priorities between the two ReSPA bodies and to upgrade discussion on strategic and programming documents of ReSPA.

The agenda of the meeting is geared at achieving several objectives. The first day meeting has objective:

1. To inform members of the EI PC and PAR Network on the ReSPA draft Strategy framework for 2016 – 2018. In order to provide the medium term to long term planning of

ReSPA activities, it seemed reasonable to prepare a strategic document covering the period of the next three years.

2. To review EU perspective on ReSPAs' focus over the next two years reflected in the EU Grant Action document and to discuss how ReSPA might respond to these expectations and support its Members in EI and PAR advancement over the next two years Grant period.
3. To inform members of the EI PC and PAR Network on the Draft Programme of Work for EC Grant implementation and to get stakeholders' feedback in particular with reference to the priorities and Members' need.
4. To inform and consult stakeholders on progress towards functional RePAN (Regional Public Administration Network), in particular with ministerial recommendations to introduce 'presidency' concept in its operations aimed to provide Chairing Minister to have more substantial role during the chairing.

Prior to the adoption of the relevant documents by the ReSPA Governing Board there is a need to enable the two bodies to provide their comments, suggestions and inputs to upgrade their quality.

The second day, the two bodies will be focused on their specific activities and will meet separately. The objectives of the second day meeting are:

1. To inform the EI PC on the activities implemented in the period April – September in the thematic area of the European Integration, as well as to get some inputs for the remaining activities envisaged in the Programme of Work 2015.
2. To continue discussion and to obtain additional inputs for the Draft PoW 2016/2017 with the focus on the European integration thematic area. Therefore, it is suggested to enlarge the number of participants by one additional per ReSPA Member.
3. To present preliminary findings and recommendations of the Project related to IPA II – Monitoring, Reporting and Programming Framework, to facilitate exchange and discussion of the Project team and NIPACs and to explore potential ReSPA role in training delivery for IPA II Monitoring and Reporting once the methodologies have been endorsed.

Project team: Mr. Dragan Crnjanski, Team Leader and Mr. Sarantis Pantelias, Senior Expert will be invited to continue exchange and dialogue with NIPACs (following presentation in Pristina, June 2015) on the development of Monitoring, Reporting and Programming of IPA II. Preliminary contacts and discussion between ReSPA and the Project team have identified potential ReSPA role in the delivery of the training programmes related to methodologies on programming, monitoring and reporting on IPA II. Further discussion and feedback from NIPACs in this respect is required.

Participants

As the EI Programme Committee and Regional PAR Network are gathering high officials from ReSPA Members responsible for EI and PAR (NIPACs and PAR State Secretaries or their equivalents), the basic idea is to facilitate exchange and discussion between these stakeholders on the key strategic and programming framework of ReSPA and to enable

synergy between the two ReSPA bodies. Joint session of these officials might be a good opportunity to review and discuss how regional cooperation through ReSPA might contribute to respond better to EU enlargement policy – ‘*fundamentals first: PAR, economic reforms and the rule of law*’.

It is envisaged that the first day – joint session - will be attended by the Programme Committee members and State secretaries for Public Administration/equivalents from the PAR Network.

The second day session may be attended by one additional representative alongside the PC member in order to have wider audience for discussion on the next Programme of Work.

Event venue: Palmon Bay, Igalo
Day 1 - Thursday, 17 September 2015
(Joint meeting with the ReSPA PAR Network)

16.00 – 16.15 **Registration**

16.15 – 17.00 **Key address**

- Ratio and objectives of the meeting, *Mr. Suad Music*, ReSPA Director
- Regional cooperation through ReSPA from EU integration perspective (opportunities and challenges) *Amb. Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic*, Secretary of State - Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro and Chair of the EI PC
- Regional cooperation in PAR through ReSPA (opportunities and challenges), *Ms. Jadranka Vojinovic*, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior Montenegro and Chair of the PAR Special Group on behalf of Montenegro,

17.00 – 17.10 **Adoption of the Agenda**

17.10 – 18.00 **Draft ReSPA Strategy Framework for 2016 – 2018**

- *Strategy Framework for ReSPA development 2016-2018 (draft will be circulated to the PC and PAR Network by 10 September 2015) presented by the ReSPA Secretariat*
- *Discussion and inputs by the EI PC and PAR Network*

18.00 – 18.15 **Coffee break**

18.15 – 19.15 **EU perspective on the ReSPA activities 2016/2017 (Action and description documents for the EU Grant to ReSPA 2016/2017 including the Draft Programme of Work)**

- *Grounds for the new EU Grant to ReSPA 2016/2017 - EU perspective on ReSPA activities 2016/2017 - Document will be circulated to the PC and PAR Network by 10 September 2015*

- *Presentation by the ReSPA Secretariat*
- *Discussion and inputs by the EI PC and PAR Network*

- 19.15 – 19.45 **Draft ReSPA Presidency Concept and RePAN**
- *Presentation by Tony Bass, QPS Team Leader*
 - *Discussion and inputs by the EI PC and PAR Network*

- 20.00 – 21.30 *Social event – Joint diner*

Day 2 - Friday, 18 September 2015 (EI PC members)

- 9.30 – 10.00 **Information on the implemented activities from the Programme of Work 2015 and discussion on remaining activities**
- *Presentation by the ReSPA Secretariat*
 - *Discussion and inputs by the EI PC Members*
- 10.00 – 12.00 **EU perspective on the ReSPA activities 2016/2017 (Action and description documents for the EU Grant to ReSPA 2016/2017 including the Draft Programme of Work)**
- *continued discussion with the focus on the European integration thematic area*
- 12.00 - 12.15 *Coffee break*
- 12.15 – 13.00 **IPA II Monitoring, Evaluation and Programming**
- *Key findings and recommendations on IPA II Monitoring, reporting and programming, Presentation by the Team Leader, Mr. Dragan Crnjanski*
 - *Potential of ReSPA role in future training delivery on IPA II Monitoring and Reporting*
 - *Discussion and inputs by the EI PC Members*
- 13.00 - 13.30 **AOB and Conclusions**
- *Information on the Chairmanship for 2016*
- 13.30 - 15.00 *Lunch and Departure of participants*