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1. Steering Committee Activities

- The Serbian Substitute Member of the ReSPA Steering Committee submitted the Serbian contribution for the report on the activities in regional cooperation and public administration reform ahead of the 6th Meeting of the SC held in Paris, 30-31 January 2008.
- Participation in the 6th Meeting of the 6th meeting of the SC.
- Numerous meetings and other activities to prepare elaborated responses to the elements of the Serbian proposal for the seat of ReSPA that the Expert Committee emphasised as insufficiently elaborated in the Report on the ReSPA seat selection procedure.
- Preparation of the detailed elaboration on the Serbian proposal to host ReSPA in Belgrade and of a comprehensive PP presentation of the proposal ahead of the 6th Meeting of the SC.
- The Serbian Substitute Member of the SC reported to all relevant stakeholders in the Serbian PA on the results of the Meeting of the SC held in Paris, 30-31 January 2008.
- Communication between the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government and the Serbian European Integration Office, as well as communication with the Ministry of Justice regarding the joint ReSPA and NISPAcee seminar "How to be a Better Policy Advisor" held in Zagreb, Croatia, 26-29 February 2008.
- The Serbian Substitute Member of the SC gave recommendations to begin evaluating ReSPA seminars and accepted the coordination of the development of the evaluation procedure.

2. ReSPA Publications

- Production of the text for the mid-March ReSPA electronic newsletter **initiated**.
- One update for the ReSPA website **produced** (regarding the production of the National Programme for the Integration of Serbia into the European Union).
- Work **continued** on the ReSPA publication on Civil Service Training Systems in the region (some of the figures required by the coordinator are yet to be received from the relevant domestic institutions – **inquiries sent**).

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- Work on the second ReSPA publication on the salary and incentives systems in the public administrations in the region **initiated** (brainstorming, initial definition of questions for the questionnaire to be sent to other Option B resources).

3. ReSPA Events

- 3 Serbian participants successfully recruited for the joint ReSPA and NISPAcee seminar “How to be a Better Policy Advisor” held in Zagreb, Croatia, 26-29 February 2008 (collection of participants’ reports in progress).
- The Serbian participant recruited for the seminar “European Senior Civil Servant”, Caserta, Italy, 3-7 March 2008, cancelled participation for professional reasons.

4. Other Issues

- The Serbian Option B resource participated in the Meeting of Option B Resources held in Paris, 14-16 February 2008 (actively participated in discussions).
- Link to the ReSPA website included in the “Links” section of the website of the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government with other government and non-government institutions (www.drzavnauprava.sr.gov.yu).
- Link to the ReSPA website included in the “Links” section of the website of the Serbian European Integration Office (www.seio.sr.gov.yu).