



Meeting "Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups", 25 April 2016

The main conclusions of the meeting of the “Chairs of Commodity Expert Groups”, held on 25 April 2016 in Brussels, are listed below.

- The meeting was attended by 12 people.
- There was a short discussion on the **name/attendance of this group** as it is a bit wider than strictly only the chairs of the CEGs. Also ‘alternates’ or ‘vice-chairs’ of the CEGs are welcome to attend these meetings.
- It was highlighted that the advert for a **Technical Expert** has been published on the website of the Coordination Facility. Deadline for application is 30th May 2016.
- Indicatively it was agreed to organise per year one set of **meetings** back-to-back while then for the second round of meetings the timing and form (physical meeting or teleconference) of the meeting is left to the individual CEGs. In all cases meetings will be organised with assistance of Coordination Facility, and by making use of the registration system and the minor uses Extranet for the exchange of documents.
- It was acknowledged that on one hand **participation** of more Member States should be stimulated, but that on the other the CEGs should maintain a ‘workable size’.
- The **Terms of Reference (ToR) for Commodity Expert Groups** has been approved by the Steering Group. The following points from the ToR were highlighted:
 - The work of a Commodity Expert Group is project-based with a project leader for each individual project who will co-ordinate the work on this project.
 - The Commodity Expert Group will act for all EU Member States.
 - Participants in the Commodity Expert Groups work for minor uses solutions at the European level.
 - The chair will make the draft-agenda timely available prior to the meeting for commenting.
- The **next meeting** of the chairs of the Commodity Expert Groups is preliminary scheduled for 27 September 2016 in Freising, Germany.