



**Meeting of the Learning Network (LN) on ESF TNC 2014-2020  
8 and 9 April 2013, Prague  
Draft Agenda**

Chair – Czech Republic

This agenda covers the issues that the Lead Partner<sup>1</sup> of the LN on ESF Transnational Cooperation 2014-2020 proposes to address in the its first 2 meetings; they correspond to the open topics deemed most important in the paper on TNC post 2013 considered by the Ad-hoc Group on 11 December 2012 (Proposals of the Working Group on Transnational Cooperation post 2013 - see Annex 1). Remaining issues would then be discussed by the LN during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2013 (parameters for coordinated calls, partner search modalities, central website and database, monitoring, dissemination/mainstreaming, evaluation) if there is no spare time during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

The LN's April meeting will commence at 13:00 on 8 April 2013 and finish at 16:00 on the following day. Timings for agenda items are not given, since the LN will simply work through as many as points as possible, leaving the remainder for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Lunch will be taken at a suitable moment, as agreed amongst participants.

**1 INTRODUCTION (13:00, 8/4/13)**

- Comments/agreement on draft agenda

**2 LN MODALITIES AND ACTIVITIES**

- Brief explanation of the state of play with regard to the LN, including any administrative issues (CZ)
- Discussion of LN activities and, in particular, its implementation schedule (see Annex 2 for the LN's Description of Action and Annex 3 for the implementation schedule presented separately)
- Participant confirmation of the contents of the paper on TNC post 2013 and agreement that it should serve as the reference document from which the LN works
- Discussion and agreement on modalities and timing related to the development of 1) rules of procedure for the Common Framework, 2) terms of reference for Thematic Networks, and 3) terms of reference for the TNC Advisory Committee

**3 GENERAL ISSUES RELATED TO TNC 2014-2020**

- Update on any relevant developments with regard to the new ESF Regulation (EC)
- Feedback from Ad-hoc Group of 11 December 2012 in response to the paper on TNC post 2013 (EC/CZ), in particular with regard to the 4 questions included in section 1
- Progress on the 3 issues identified in the paper on TNC post 2013 as most crucial – 1) common themes, 2) EC TA, 3) Thematic Networks (EC)
- What steps should be taken, and by whom, to ensure responses required from the Ad-hoc Group for the LN to move ahead

**4 PROGRAMMING TNC 2014-2020**

- Tour de table of participants' involvement in programming TNC in ESF OPs for 2014-2020 and problems encountered (e.g. unwillingness to consider TNC as a separate priority since it is not identified as an investment priority or because it is too specialised/small (thus combined with social innovation))
- Summary of common problems faced and way forward agreed (e.g. participants not involved in programming to find out the state of play in their own countries if not aware; LN to also consider social innovation if often combined with TNC in a dedicated priority; liaison with DG EMPL coordination unit concerning advice issued on how geodesks should handle TNC in the programming process)

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## **5 COMMON THEMES**

- Discussion and decision on whether to move ahead with common themes assuming Ad-hoc Group approval of 1) the option recommended for their selection, and 2) the 6 investment priorities and 1 thematic objective put forward as starting points (see section 3.2 of the paper on TNC post 2013)
- Discussion and agreement on precise wording for common themes corresponding to each of the 7 “starting points” which is clearly different from the investment priorities/thematic objective
- Discussion and agreement on examples of areas of intervention bearing in mind the delineation of investment priority contents indicated in the Community Support Framework (see Annex 4, green highlight, p26 ff)
- Discussion and agreement of any issues which it might be desirable for common themes to cater for which are not covered by the 7 “starting points” (e.g. cross-cutting issues such as results based management, gender mainstreaming, ethnicity, age)

## **6 SELECTION OF PROJECTS**

- Recap of 3 options for project selection included in the paper on TNC post 2013 (see its section 3.4 and Annex 3)
- Consensus or majority view of participants on which option is preferred, also in light of any feedback received from the Ad-hoc Group on the issue

## **7 THEMATIC NETWORKS – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- Discussion and agreement on issues indicated as open in paper on TNC post 2013 (see its Annex 4)
- Discussion and agreement on what issues should be defined in the terms of reference and which should be left up to Thematic Networks themselves

## **8 TNC ADVISORY GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- Discussion and agreement on issues indicated as open in paper on TNC post 2013 (see its Annex 4)

## **9 INDICATIVE TIMETABLE FOR COORDINATED CALLS**

- Discussion and agreement on issues indicated as open in paper on TNC post 2013 (see its Annex 4) – for diagrammatic representation of the timetable itself (as attached to the paper on TNC post 2013), see Annex 5

## **10 A.O.B. (16:00, 9/4/13)**

- Next meeting

### **Annexes**

1. Paper on TNC post 2013 – “Proposals of the Working Group on Transnational Cooperation post 2013”
2. Description of Action for the Learning Network on ESF Transnational Cooperation 2014-2020
3. LN ESF TNC 2014-2020 implementation schedule
4. Common Strategic Framework 2014 to 2020, part II
5. Indicative timetable coordinated calls 2014 2020

