



**Meeting of the Learning Network (LN) on ESF TNC 2014-2020
6 and 7 June 2013, BXL
Draft Agenda**

Chair – Czech Republic

This agenda covers the issues the LN agreed to address and close at its first 2 meetings (agenda points 4 to 7);¹ 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). Remaining issues are to be discussed by the LN during the 2nd half of 2013 (parameters for coordinated calls, partner search modalities, central website and database, monitoring, dissemination/mainstreaming, evaluation).

Indicative timings are given per agenda heading; lunch will be taken at a suitable moment, as agreed amongst participants. The agenda is to be read in conjunction with the annexes; references are included.

1 INTRODUCTION (10:00, 6/6/13)

- Comments/agreement on draft agenda
- Comments/agreement on minutes of LN meeting of 8 and 9 April 2013

2 LN MODALITIES AND ACTIVITIES (10:10)

- Brief explanation of the state of play with regard to the LN, including 1) signature, 2) Inception Report, 3) template for quarterly Monitoring Reports, 4) conclusion of Memoranda of Understanding (CZ)
- Discussion and agreement on what documents are to be prepared/actions taken for the Ad-hoc Group meeting in late June

3 GENERAL ISSUES RELATED TO TNC 2014-2020 (10:30)

- Update on any relevant developments with regard to the new ESF Regulation (EC)
- Aligning TNC dedicated priorities with the OP format required by the EC (e.g. the need to assign amount per investment priority; what could be included for results) (EC, CZ, PL)
- Progress on EC TA for the Common Framework (EC)
- Responses from Ad-hoc Group members to the 5 questions circulated with a deadline of 4 June² (EC, CZ)

¹ The 1st meeting was held on 8 and 9 April 2013; the present one is the 2nd; 2 further meetings will be held later in the year.

² 1) Do MSs consider the investment priorities (and 1 thematic objective) identified as starting points for developing common themes for Common Framework and listed below appropriate given their plans for future OPs? 2) Which of the 3 methods outlined below for selecting projects is preferred by MSs? 3) In principle, would MSs be interested in participating in the Common Framework as proposed in the paper on TNC post 2013 from December 2012 (see section 3 for a summary)? 4) At which level would the MS participate in the Common Framework – national or regional? Would all the regions participate in the Common Framework? 5) What are the key intervention areas already decided upon or anticipated under the 2014-2020 OPs fully/partially funded by ESF in MSs? Which of these would be relevant for transnational cooperation?





4 COMMON THEMES (12:00)

- Discussion and agreement on common themes to be put forward to the Ad-hoc Group, including 1) their wording and 2) whether to limit those proposed to 7/8 or leave it up to the Ad-hoc Group to exclude 2 or 3 (see Annex 1)
- Discussion and agreement on remaining intervention areas proposed by LN members to see if they can be folded into the common themes agreed (see Annex 1)
- Population of each common theme agreed with example issue areas they would cover (see Annex 1)

5 SELECTION OF PROJECTS (9:15, 7/6/13)

- Discussion and agreement on proposed non-prescriptive approach – i.e. indicate that option 2 (formal 2-step procedure) is preferred, but that options 1 and 3 (1-step, combined approach) are also possible, provided that conditions are met (see Annex 2)

6 THEMATIC NETWORKS – TERMS OF REFERENCE (11:00)

- Discussion and agreement on modalities proposed as firm in December 2012 (see Annex 2)
- Discussion and agreement on issues indicated as open in December 2012 – including which issues should be defined in TNs' terms of reference and which should be left up to TNs themselves (see Annex 2)

7 TNC ADVISORY GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE (13:00)

- Discussion and agreement on modalities proposed as firm in December 2012 (see Annex 2)
- Discussion and agreement on issues indicated as open in December 2012 – including which issues should be defined in the TNC AG's terms of reference and which should be left up to the TNC AG itself (see Annex 2)

8 INDICATIVE TIMETABLE FOR COORDINATED CALLS AND THE COMMON FRAMEWORK (14:45)

- Discussion on whether the indicative timetable for coordinated calls needs to be revised and/or contingency plans foreseen (see Annex 3)

9 A.O.B. (15:30, 7/6/13)

- Next meeting

Annexes

1. Proposal for common themes for ESF TNC post 2013
2. Paper on TNC post 2013 for Ad-hoc Group on XX June 2013
3. Indicative timetable coordinated calls 2014-2020
4. Overview of answers to the Common Framework – TNC members responses