

RECORD OF THE MEETING, Brussels, November, The 7, 2007
PROCES VERBAL DE LA REUNION DE Bruxelles, 7 novembre 2007

1. Next meetings :

- Spring 2008 : 8 - 9 May, Budapest
General report : Prometeia, Bologna
- Autumn 2008 : October, Brussels.
General report : Confederation of Swedish Enterprise
- Spring 2009 : 7 - 8 May, Wien
General Report : ISAE, Roma
- Autumn 2009 : October, Brussels
General report : CPB, The Hague, NL
- Spring 2010 : May, (to confirmed)
General report (to confirmed)
- Autumn 2010 : October, Brussels
General Report : IBRKK, Warszawa

2. Steering Committee :

- a. Election of member of the Steering Committee
Replacement of Mr I. Hansson (SW) by Mr Paavo Suni(FI)
- b. Next Meeting Election of a new Steering Committee (for two years) (Art. 6)
Proposition of the Steering Committee :
Chairman : J. Scheide (DE)
S. Balfoussias (GR)
A. Henriot (FR)
K. Marczewski (POL)
W. Suiker (NL)
P. Suni (FI)
S. Tomasini (IT)

3. The General Report (GR):

Several suggestions have been made also in order to reduce the workload for the institute which produces the Report:

1. The GR does not have to be very extensive. A short summary is also fine. The presentation during the meeting is important and should serve as the basis for the discussion.

2. The same applies to the Questionnaire : The number of questions does not have to be huge.
3. The GR may include inputs from other institutes as well on specific topics which are relevant for the analysis and the forecast. It can be general (e.g. the relevance of survey indicators or the impact of oil price shocks) or country specific (e.g. what have been the effects of the VAT increase in Germany). These inputs should be like boxes, not extensive working papers. And they can be presented by the respective author(s) at the meeting. All this requires that the member institutes are active and that the institute which is preparing the GR should contact all members and ask for contributions.
4. The country reports should be part of the GR and should - as before - include a text and the table. The written text should be standardized along the following lines:
 - a. The current situation.
 - b. Economic policy and special factors relevant for the outlook.
 - c. The outlook.

We can try to move in that direction with the next GR prepared by Prometeia.

4. **The account 2006** and the budget 2007 and 2008 are accepted by the two auditing commissioners.
5. Attention to **the annual payment of the contribution** of the AIECE.
6. **IMPORTANT : All reports (general report, raw materials and world trade) MUST arrive very last 5 days before the meeting to be read by everyone.**

Paul Olbrechts
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