

HIGH LEVEL GROUP REFLECTING ON FUTURE COHESION POLICY

MEETING NO. 3 - 25TH JANUARY 2010

VENUE: EUROPEAN COMMISSION, CHARLEMAGNE (LORD JENKINS ROOM)

170 RUE DE LA LOI, B-1049-BRUSSELS

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30	Registration and coffee
10:30 – 11:15	Welcome and opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formalities and introduction to today's meeting• DG Employment: information on ESF committee Ad Hoc Group on the Future of the ESF (first meeting 18/12/2009)• DG Agriculture: information on work on the future• DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries: information on work on the future <p><i>[Timing of the presentations by DGs EMPL, AGRI and MARE to be confirmed]</i></p>
11:15 – 12:30	EU2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat-General: Update on consultation on 'EU2020' and next steps <p><i>Questions to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What is the place of Cohesion policy in the EU2020 strategy?</i>• <i>How can Cohesion support the achievement of the EU2020 strategy?</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Follow up of issues from previous discussions: Increased coherence in the delivery of EU strategic priorities <p><i>Questions to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How can objectives and targets at EU level best be translated in Cohesion policy programmes?</i>• <i>How can the coherence in the delivery of EU strategic priorities between Cohesion policy and other Community policies be improved?</i>• <i>How can the multi-level governance system of Cohesion policy</i>

	<i>contribute to the delivery of EU priorities?</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Coffee
15:10 – 17:00	<p>Follow up of issues from previous discussions: focus on results</p> <p><i>Questions to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can a greater focus on results be built into programme design and implementation?</i> • <i>Would an annual high level political debate contribute to enhanced performance and visibility for the policy?</i> • <i>How can performance be incentivised, remembering both financial and non-financial mechanisms?</i>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme 2010 – next meetings • Informal Ministerial 19 February 2010 – Commission presentation on future work, including HLG