

COINVEST Official minutes of Meeting and Action Plan

<p>Meeting: Steering Group Meeting Grant Agreement SSH-CT-2008-217512</p>	
<p>Date: 27th and 28th November 2008</p>	<p>Location: Mannheim, Germany</p>
<p>Duration: 2 days</p>	<p>Reporter: Catherine Edlin</p>
<p>List of attendees: Dirk Crass-ZEW Catherine Edlin-QMUL Harald Edquist- IFN Vincent Delbecque-ENSAE Pedro Faria, IST Todor Gradev-Club Economika 2000 Jonathan Haskel-QMUL Henrik Jordahl-IFN Georg Licht-ZEW Kirsten Jäger -The Conference Board Sylvie Le Laidier-ENSAE Francisca Lima-IST Laurence Nayman-ENSAE Ian Perry-Project Office, European Commission Annarosa Pesole-QMUL Bettina Peters-ZEW Wolfgang Sofka, ZEW Bart Van Ark, Conference Board by (SKYPE) Friday morning</p>	
<p>Not present were: Jacques Mairesse, Carol Corrado, Janet Hao, Vlad Manole, Pedro Martins</p>	

Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline
Follow up to how we measure financial services	Jonathan Haskel (JH) to liaise with The Conference Board (TCB) on release of occupational headings. Then whole group to consider if implementable in their country.	JH to discuss with Carol Corrado, Thursday 4 th
R&D, social sciences and humanities (some further investigation needed)	All partners to investigate what this line item corresponds to in National Accounts	31 st Dec 2008
EUKlems and National accounts, should we focus on comparability or use reliable data	Partners to liaise with person who provided EUKLEMS data. Issue of compatibility versus country specificity to be resolved when clarity achieved on difference between EUKLEMS and national data.	31 st Dec 2008
State data as a proportion of market sector rather than GDP	All	Ongoing
Contact Innodrive and Japanese	JH	ASAP
CVTS- Document exactly what is and is not included in this e.g. preliminary training. How does the share of labour costs spend on training according to CVTS compare with UK data?	JH	31 st Dec 2008
Methodology of inferring costs etc. from different surveys	JH to send note to Todor Gradev (TG)	31 st Dec 2008
Circulate the paper on financial services by Sichel	Vincent Delbecque (VD)	5 th Dec 2008

Comparison of copyright issues in each country- Design equations, how are they equated?	Countries to investigate how copyright and licence categories are measured. Circulate the OECD draft handbook on copyright treatment (JH)	31 st Dec 2008
Design	UK and Sweden now use common framework based on design occupation wage bill data. UK and Sweden to share relevant multipliers for other countries. Action: Annarosa Pesole (AP) and Harald Edquist (HA)	31 st Dec 2008
Co-Ordinated effort into definitions of occupations in each country, and to circulate the definition of managers used	AP to post on internet definitions of occupations used in design and management. All partners	31 st Dec 2008
Breakdown and comparison of managers- time and income. Find existing data on how managers spend their time- use this information, possibility that we may have to pilot our own survey	All countries to investigate if there exists a time-use survey of managers in their country on their time spend on "strategic" i.e. long lasting activities and otherwise. All countries to consider how we might set up and implement a managerial time-use survey.	31 st Jan 2009
Issue of software professional- how many are software professionals or persons working in the software industry	AP and VD to circulate these data for UK and France. Other countries if available.	31 st Jan 2009
How do we work out depreciation of assets?	Use EUKLAMES for tangible assets. For intangible, countries to research if any data exists on life lengths on intangibles and whether a questionnaire might be implemented to measure them.	31 st Jan 2009

What are the accounting standards for software? What are the rules that apply to software? Proposal to interview some accountants.	Countries to review if they have any data or contacts with accountants on such conventions.	31 st Jan 2009
Branding	Countries to think about depreciation and rates of return; can they be estimated econometrically?	Ongoing
Different types of depreciation, 1: R&D expenditure (documenting on microdata), 2: experiments where you omit the R&D bias	German team work revealed quite good response rates to innovation spending questions. German team to investigate whether rates of return might be backed out such data or depreciation etc. Hall might be a useful reference. Action: Georg Licht (GL) , Bettina Peters (BP) , Dirk Crass (DC) Wolfgang Sofka (WS) Reference: http://elsa.berkeley.edu/~bhhall/papers/bhh07_zganna_les_w13473.pdf	By next meeting
Explore using CIS, innovation services financial services area, innovation expenditure & understanding of R&D	For those countries with good CIS data, explore CIS applied to financial services.	ASAP
IT employees (France) definitions	What employees are counted in the IT sector in France? VD	31 st Jan 2009
Investigate whether innovation in the banking sector affected the current financial crisis	Countries to consider innovation in financial services in the light of current crisis. Should we be defensive? Preliminary answer, no, financial services have systematic risk in their innovations as opposed to innovations in pencils. Might there have been too little innovation in regulation?	Ongoing
Run an R&D survey on companies, devise an alternative occupational heading	All partners	By next meeting
Comments from the group on R&D statistics and how they might be developed	All partners	ASAP

<p>Training, question as to whether investment in training is actually an investment (French apprenticeships)</p>	<p>Countries to consider if a tax payment to a common fund for training is an additional expenditure over and above what companies spend on the training. French group to clarify the institutional arrangements, do workers or firms draw from the tax pool and if workers do, does this lead to a possible understatement of training costs?</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Administration-dissemination practices, deliverables in pdf format with front page, streamlined terminology, update the DOW, and budget breakdown. Update contacts. Records of timesheets and boarding passes. Deliverables due 4 months from original date</p>	<p>Partners to be aware of these guidelines. Catherine Edlin (CE) to re-circulate a revised set of deadlines. All countries to note the information on citations, logos etc. on the website and to acknowledge FP7 using the text that can be cut and pasted.</p>	<p>5th Dec 2008/ Ongoing</p>
<p>Related Deliverables/milestones</p>		
	<p>Steering group meeting, Milestone 2 (M2). Next meeting, Steering Group Meeting, Paris, April 2009. Priority to organise details asap. Agenda to include organisational capital. Presentation target by then: spending data, cross section comparisons, comparable growth accounting.</p>	
	<p>Possibility to re-arrange locations of scheduled meetings.</p>	
	<p>Agreed by partners that Imperial College join COINVEST Consortium.</p>	