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## **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consortium**

*Thursday December 13th, 2018*

16:30 to 18:30

University of Silesia – Katowice - Poland

### **Proposal for the constitution of a Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative**

#### **Functions of the Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative**

The Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative shall support the Consortium through the provision of advice and guidance regarding the ongoing work under the “4 per 1000” Initiative, the organization of its sessions, especially in between Consortium meetings.

The Bureau is not intended to be a forum for political negotiations.

The Bureau shall be elected from representatives of Members nominated by each of the colleges with a balanced regional distribution.

The Bureau shall be mainly responsible for questions of process management. It shall assist the President in the performance of his or her duties by providing advice and by helping with various tasks, if needed.

The Executive Secretariat may seek advice and guidance from the Bureau on relevant matters.

The Bureau shall be responsible for examining the applications of partners and members, reviewing the list of candidates to join the Initiative and, finally, approving or rejecting those applications. In case of difficulties to decide (absence of consensus), it shall request the final decision of the Consortium.

The Bureau shall include the President and the Vice-President, the Chair of Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) and the Executive Secretary.

#### **Presidency and membership of the Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative**

The Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative shall consist of 12 members comprising the President, the Vice-President, the Chair of the STC and the Executive Secretary.

According the Declaration of Intent for a formation of a “4 per 1000” Consortium, the five colleges are, taking in consideration the fact that the last college is not included in the Consortium:

- National governments, local government bodies, international and regional organizations and development banks;
- Research and educational bodies;
- Organizations of agricultural producers;
- Civil society organizations and non-profit organizations;
- Commercial or profit-making organizations.

Each of the colleges (but the college of the Commercial or profit-making organizations) shall be represented with 2 Bureau members, and the possibility to have a substitute.

Members of the Bureau shall be elected for a term of two years and may serve for no more than two consecutive terms. They shall remain in position until their successors are elected.

**Meetings of the Bureau of the “4 per 1000” Initiative**

Meetings of the Bureau are convened and are chaired by the President (or the Vice-President) and are usually held:

- By electronic means using visio conferences;
- Between sessional periods as needed (every quarter as a start) in order to validate new partners and members or seek final decision by the Consortium in case of difficulties (absence of consensus);
- On a regular basis, before the meeting of the Consortium in order to validate the agenda and main items to be discussed.

The agendas for Bureau meetings are prepared by the Executive Secretary under the guidance of the President.

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At this session of the Consortium, it is proposed to the Consortium to validate the proposition to establish a Bureau.

The Consortium would also like to approve the main elements concerning the functions, the membership, and the meetings of the Bureau.

If the decision is made and following the meeting in Katowice, the Executive Secretariat will organize, by college, the collection of candidatures and the election of the 2 bureau members and the substitute.

All members of the Consortium will then be informed of the composition of the Bureau. The first meeting of the Bureau will then be organized by the Executive Secretariat under the guidance of the Presidency.