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## Summary Conclusions

**Subject: ManagEnergy Reflection Group meeting on 27 November 2002, Brussels.**

*Present: see attached list of presence (on web)*

The meeting focused on issues as follows:

1. use of virtual facilities, including media-conferences and news-groups;
2. work Programme for Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme.
3. Reflection Group mid-term action plan;

The agenda point 'Criteria and methodology to identify good practice : selection of good practice cases' will be dealt with through electronic means prior to the next meeting.

### Conclusions:

1. A number of energy agencies and associations are not yet aware of the communication facilities and information services available on the managEnergy web site. The associations and Networks as well as the managEnergy team will need to continue upgrading the knowledge of energy agencies, particularly that of the small ones.

Video-recordings from managEnergy workshops and from the Annual Conference will allow local actors to organise media-conferences without the risk of technical problems. The Commission welcomes the idea of participating in some of the media-conferences organised at local level on the basis of the video-recordings during the coming months.

The continuity of the new electronic communication tools, which have been provided in the managEnergy web site for testing since September 2002, will be re-considered during the early part of 2003 on the basis of the use of these tools.

The managEnergy team will continue preparing further guidance (or a handbook) on Chats, Discussion Board, Internet transmissions and other Internet based tools available on the web.

It was agreed that the use of modern information technology be continued and reinforced under the new Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme in communication between the Commission and local actors as well as to facilitate the communication and exchange of experience between local actors. However, this needs to be followed with specific action by the managEnergy team, associations and networks to remove the barriers for the use of new information technology; to upgrade the knowledge, attitudes and technological equipment of local agencies.

The Commission will look forward to concrete action by associations and networks to promote the above activities. This is particularly relevant for the secretariats of the associations, which will be created within the SEANCE project next year in Ireland, Italy, UK, Finland, Sweden, Germany and Greece. Moreover, EnR is invited to put forward concrete proposals on how the national energy agencies can contribute to the above activities.

2. The draft Work Programme on Intelligent Energy for Europe was presented and discussed. The Reflection Group members were invited to send their further detailed comments after the meeting.

3. The Reflection Group discussed its strategy for the coming 2-3 years. The aim was to further clarify the objectives of the group and to identify priority action. For the next meeting, it was agreed that :

- As proposed by Mr Geissler, and supported by other Reflection Group members, the Group would develop a mid-term action plan (2-3 years) and make a proposal to develop the group towards a powerful European entity (network/lobby/association) capable of acting on issues related to energy and transport at European, national, regional and local levels. For this purpose, the group needs to agree the clear priority issues on which it will focus during the coming years. The action plan should include an organisational plan with the identification of a co-ordinator and its tasks. Mr Geissler and other RG members are invited to make such a proposal in the next RG meeting;
- The Reflection Group members further clarify the role of European Networks in the group. Mr Geissler, Mr McKim, Mr Mangin and Mr Övferholm are invited to prepare a proposal on this topic for the next RG meeting;
- A few Associations will present their networking experiences (Austria and Finland volunteered). A presentation from the SEANCE project and from a Candidate Country, e.g. Poland, were mentioned as well. It is proposed that Mr Ahonen, Mr Papoutsek, Mr Wardell and Mr Wisniewski agree with the rest of the group on which two of the above presentations would be made in the next meeting. The two other presentations could be made in the second meeting of the year. The two presentations should aim to highlight ideas on how local and regional energy agencies can network and co-operate at national level and with the other associations. Suggestions for European level co-operation would be welcomed as well;

- The Commission will conduct a pilot discussion on the future directive on Energy Efficient Public Purchasing in order to collect contributions from local actors to prepare the Directive. This consultation should also help to clarify the role of the group and the nature of contributions the Commission can hope to get from the group. It is proposed that Mr Randall Bowie make a presentation on the draft Directive in the next RG meeting;
- The Commission will present the IEE work programme, if it is adopted by that time. The discussion should also identify the role of the group in selecting the priorities for annual calls (particularly those of the third and fourth calls). It is proposed that Mr Molina will give the presentation.

The next meeting should take place on 1 April 2003 in Brussels.