

## Annex 8: High Level Group of Independent Stakeholders on Administrative Burdens

### 1/ Composition of the Group

Members	Profile
<b>STOIBER Edmund</b>	Chair of the High-Level Group Former Minister-President of Bavaria
<b>BERGER Roland</b>	Head of Roland Berger Management Consultancy
<b>CARVALHO GOUCHA Gabriel Côrte-Real de</b>	General Counsel of the Mirpuri Investments Group, Vice President for Institutional and International Relations of PME Portugal (an Association of SMEs). Representative of PME Portugal in the Commission for “Desformalização” of the Ministry of Justice
<b>FRITSCH Annika</b>	Senior Tax Specialist Specialist in the areas of taxes and corporate law and coordinator of Better Regulations at Företagarna
<b>GIBBONS Michael</b>	Company Director with specialist energy sector expertise; independent regulatory expert
<b>HONTELEZ John</b>	Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
<b>ILLY Riccardo</b>	Chairman of Gruppo Illy Former President of the Region Friuli-Venezia-Giulia and President of the Assembly of European Regions
<b>LINSCHOTEN Robin</b>	Former Chairman of the Dutch Advisory Board on Administrative Burdens (Actal)
<b>LUDEWIG Johannes</b>	Executive Director Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER). Chairman of the German National Regulatory Control Council
<b>MENDEZ Candido</b>	General Secretary of the UGT-E (Unión General de Trabajadores- Espana) and former President of ETUC
<b>MOLLERUP Paul</b>	Managing Director of the Danish Federation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (DFSME), HÅNDAERKSÅRDET
<b>MURRAY Jim</b>	Former Director of BEUC, the European Consumers Organisation (Brussels). Previously Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trade in Ireland
<b>PESONEN Pekka Juhana</b>	State Secretary - Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Secretary General of COPA and COGECA. Formerly dairy and livestock advisor in Brussels; employee with by Valio Ltd, Finnish dairy company. M.Sc.Agric. at Helsinki University
<b>POTDEVIN Jacques</b>	Certified public accountant and auditor Chairman of Jacques Potdevin & Associés (JPA Paris), CEO of JPA International and JPA Consulting International. Senior lecturer to the French Business School HEC (Hautes Etudes Commerciales)

<b>TELICKA Pavel</b>	Senior Advisor at the European Policy Centre (EPC). Former European Commissioner co-responsible for the portfolio of Health and consumer protection with Commissioner David Byrne (in 2004)
<b>Observers</b>	<b>Profile</b>
<b>LEHNE Klaus-Heiner</b>	Member of the European Parliament
<b>MAIJ-WEGGEN Johanna</b>	Member of the Committee of the Regions

## 2/ Meetings in 2008

1. 17 January: HLG constituted; Rules of Procedure adopted
2. 26 February (Special meeting on FTA): FTA package 2008 presented and discussed in detail
3. 16 April: Opinion on FTA package 2008 finalised and adopted. Presentation of the state of play of the Programme on Administrative Burden Reduction
4. 29 May: Priority Area Company Law / Annual accounts: presentation and debate.
5. 10 July: Opinion on the Priority Area Company Law / Annual Accounts adopted (incl. the possibility given to MS to exempt micro entities from the scope of the accounting directives; estimated ABR potential € 7billion)
6. 18 September: Opinion on the first batch of “offline suggestions” adopted. Launch of the “Best Idea Award” competition
7. 22 October: Opinion on the Priority Area Taxation (promoting e-invoicing and offering a potential of ABR evaluated up to €18 billion) adopted. First debate on the Priority Area Agriculture and Agricultural Subsidies
8. 10 December: Opinion on the Priority Area Public Procurement adopted

For further presentations to the HLG, e.g. on the reform of the control regulation in the fisheries sector, please refer to the HLG website.

## 3/ Meetings planned for 2009

1. 20 January: Priority areas Food Safety and the Opinion Opinion on the second batch of “offline suggestions”. Report on UK approach by State Secretary William Sargent
2. 5 March: Priority Areas Pharmaceuticals, Transport and Agriculture. Discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> progress report

3. 16 and 17 April: Priority Areas Working Environment and Employment Relations and Environment
4. 28 May: Priority Areas Taxation (excl. e-invoicing) and Fisheries
5. 8 and 9 July: Priority Areas Financial Services and Statistics
6. 17 September: Priority Areas Cohesion
7. Further meetings are scheduled on 29 October and 10 December