NOTE

From: Commission
To: Delegations
Subject: Green Paper on a Common Strategic framework for future EU Research and Innovation Funding
- Information from the Commission on the state of play of preparation

Delegations will find, in annex, a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned topic.
Consultation on the Common Strategic Framework for EU research and innovation funding

Information note from the Commission

The Green Paper 'From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU research and innovation funding' (COM(2011)48) was adopted on 9 February. It started a broad stakeholder consultation and debate on future EU support for research and innovation.

The Green Paper identified the key questions for the design and priorities of the Common Strategic Framework. Questions were grouped into four blocks:

- working together to deliver on Europe 2020;
- tackling societal challenges;
- strengthening competitiveness;
- strengthening Europe's science base and the European Research Area.

Stakeholders submitted their views and positions through a number of channels:

- an online questionnaire, could be accessed through the consultation website (http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri);
- submission of a written response, also through the consultation website;
- discussion and debate through an interactive blog;
- participation in events.

The deadline for contributions was 20 May 2011. The Commission proposals for the Common Strategic Framework are due to be adopted by the end of the year, following the Commission proposals for the next multi-annual financial framework, to be adopted at the end of June.
Following the end of the consultation, over 2000 responses were received: over 1 300 online questionnaires were completed and more than 700 position papers were received. Analysis is ongoing with a view to presenting a consolidated overview of the consultation outcome at a major event with stakeholders in Brussels on 10 June 2011.