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TASK FORCE ON PROJECT TECHNICAL COHERENCE AND SYNERGIES SECOND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES (17 MAY - 16 NOVEMBER 2018)

This is the second report on activities conducted by the Task force on Project Technical coherence and Synergies TF-PTCS. It covers activities conducted between 17 May and 16 November 2018. On the occasion of this Report, the Task Force Convener and Secretariat wanted to express their thanks to all members for their interest and dedication

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1. BACKGROUND

The Task Force on Project Technical coherence and synergies was established in April 2018. It contributes to Result R1 of the project intervention logic¹, with the following indicator attached: “A Task Force to ensure coherence and synergies in project intervention is established, which contributes to enhancing the level of policy dialogue on social protection reform between the EU and China”.

Based in Beijing, the Task Force includes members from each of the three project components as well as from the Project office. The Resident expert for Component 1 acts as Convener for the Task Force. The assistant for Component 1 acts as Secretary to the Task Force.

The Task Force reports to the Project leader.

2. MEETING

The Task Force met once during the period under review, on 11 October 2018, when all members were present and discussed the following agenda:

- Progress towards completing 2018 TF programme
- Bibliography - practical issues
- Memorabilia - technical issues
- Miscellaneous.

¹ Result R1 reads: “Mechanisms for EU-China high level policy dialogue on social protection reform are established and partnerships between Specialized Public Bodies of EU Member States and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Ministry of Civil Affairs (MoCA) on social protection are developed”

3. 2018 PROGRAMME

While a number of items on its programme of works for 2018 have been completed, the Task Force took note of the fact that the project would most likely be extended beyond its originally foreseen termination date – and that most of its work items would therefore be extended into 2018.

3.1 Internal coherence

The Task Force continued to explore the issue of compatibility between recommendations on coincidental topics emanating from different components. New comparisons have been drawn concerning C2 and C3 recommendations as well as C1 and C2 recommendations that did not evidence any contradiction.

Work accomplished is evidenced in the Memorabilia, temporarily accessible through <http://www.sprp-cn.eu/Memorabilia/>, point 2.10.7

3.2 Cross Fertilization

While representatives from the various components continued to take part in each other events, the Task Force noted with great satisfaction that the C2 – led Special event on Ageing represented an important moment of full cooperation and interaction among all of its members – and that it was equally followed by a C3 initiative associating all of its members to an invitation received from the Beijing Federation of Women.

3.3 Technical Notes

Progress remains to be made on this work item – notably concerning the homogenisation of presentation of C1 and C3 Technical notes.

3.4 Project Memorabilia

A sample structure fully completed as far as common elements and Component One are concerned was shared among all task force members. It was clarified how to complete sections incumbent upon the other components. It was agreed that the Memorabilia are an end-of-project output, and therefore not possible to be completed very much in advance.

The draft Memorabilia is accessible from <http://www.sprp-cn.eu/Memorabilia/>

3.5 Joint bibliography

On the basis of a sample developed by C1 Component assistant, representatives of the 3 components exchanged and agreed on the format to be used for what could better be denominated a List of references instead of a fully-fledged bibliography.

The three components produced their respective lists of references covering the period 2015-2018 inclusive that could be aggregated into one single file providing 1801 unique references – 566 from C1, 489 from C2 and 746 from C3.

The files are accessible from the draft Memorabilia, item 2.10.4