

CONCLUSIONS PARIS MEETING 2007

We have three main areas for feedback

1) Where and when to hold the next ICE meeting?

We discussed this issue in some detail and agreed to postpone our visit to the Kauffman Foundation. We therefore discussed two alternative options – either we hold the meeting in Copenhagen in connection to the OECD-Danish workshop on entrepreneurship in late Marts 2008 or we hold it in early June.

The advantage of the first option is that we can all attend the Copenhagen workshop and we will have a good chance to interact with the OECD. The meeting will also allow us to discuss an early draft of the capital report but nothing substantial.

The advantage of the second option is that we will have the risk capital report ready and that we can work with Marcos to determine the future work programme for entrepreneurship within the OECD Innovation strategy. We might be able to locate this meeting in connection to a meeting on the OECD project on entrepreneurship indicators, so we can get a workshop on micro-data in connection to our workshop.

It would be great if you could provide us with feedback on these two possibilities.

2) Next year's budget

Countries commit to ICE for a year at a time, so I would like to get some ideas as to who is participating next year. I assume that all active members wish to continue but it would be nice to get some feedback. I will talk to the UK, so we can have them back as full members for next year.

I think that next year can prove to be one of our most successful as a close cooperation with Marcos Bonturi may ensure a central role for entrepreneurship policy in the OECD innovation strategy.

3) New projects

We spent some time discussing possible new projects. The amount of new projects we can initiate depends on the membership fees but we discussed a few ideas, which I would like to get some feedback on. The idea being that FORA will prepare more elaborate project proposals for the areas you find interesting, I will allow a small charge for developing these projects proposals.

- Support Marcos Bonturi's work on OECD's innovation strategy (by providing human capital to the project)
- Develop a guide to fact-based policy making by integrating the Dutch road map approach to the FORA benchmarking approach
- Expand the paper on policy targets with more discussions about the links between the levels in the model and more examples of targets and their usefulness in respect to welfare enhancing policies.
- Develop a project on private firms use of entrepreneurial behaviour in order to stimulate innovation and how that can be linked to the public advise system

I might have forgotten one project if that is the case - please remind me. Could you please send some initial priorities regarding these ideas, so I know which project proposals FORA should develop for the next meeting. We also talked about getting a translation of the Dutch road report. I will discuss that with Stephan.