

## Task Force: Trio Presidency Spain-Belgium-Hungary 2010/11

### Brussels Meeting – April 2008

**Three Stages for the Lillafüred Task Force : the preparation of the working program regarding the future Presidential Trio comprises three distinct aspects with different respective agendas.**

- 1. OPINION OF THE TRIO SP/BE/HU FOR THE STRATEGIC PART** (*i.e.* in the long term) of **the program elaborated by the precedent Trio** (F, TC, SW), this by application of article 2 by 4 of the Internal Rules of the Council.

The objective is not to reach an agreement on the strategic program of SP/BE/HU, but rather to adopt a **common position** concerning the commentaries that will be presented on the general project of the precedent Trio. Consequently, it is necessary to propose a pre-project F TC SW in order to be able to react with full knowledge with regard to the facts.

The consultation of the official institutions has already been foreseen and programmed for **May 2008**. It is therefore essential that the three *Think Tanks* are capable of delivering an opinion on this subject well before the due date. The **tripartite meeting in Brussels** that is taking place at the end of April, should focus on this opinion. It has been agreed that HU would elaborate draft **document (4 to 5 pages)** providing a general outline of the subject.

For useful purposes, the question concerning the **setting of the new presidential concept** could also be mentioned during this meeting. If the **Treaty on the Union's Reform will effectively be ratified for the intended deadlines**, the permanent **President of the Council** and the **High Representative** for foreign relations will enter into function on January 1, 2009. It is thus of importance to not only analyze the direct consequences regarding the behaviour of the Presidency but equally its role in the preparation of the presidency including the programming.

- 2. PROSPECTIVE EXERCISE:** A common reflection on the general state of the world and that of the European Union in particular for the years 2010/11 is necessary in order to identify the **challenges** to which the Union will be confronted as well as the **priorities** of the internal and external policy that it must assign comply with the current expectations.

This **second phase** would consist of a discussion regarding **different central topics of the future SP B H program**. The latter could result in the organisation of a series of

events in SP and H, such as, **conferences** or **seminars**. **These would** address and elaborate on commonly agreed subjects that are considered to be of top priority. Ideally, these events should be held in the second semester of 2008.

3. **COMMON EVALUATION OF THE UNION'S ACTION UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIO:** **This implies the** development of a more substantial summary representing the common contribution of the task force to the official program of the Trio SP/BE/HUN (accompanied if necessary with some considerations suitable for each country). This summary should be presented under the format of a report and submitted to the respective governments.

The foreseeable timing for the concretization and the finalization of the official program regards the last semester of 2009. Congruently, it is essential that the contribution of the *Think Tanks* is available at the latest **before** the end of the first half of 2009.

This third and final stage could again be held in Brussels (in small committee) during the spring of 2010.