

## Selection of WG Chairs for Phase IX

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*(as per Annex II. Transition to the new mode of operation regarding the Working Group Activities, section 3. Steps for a transition to the mode of operation of Phase IX - Selection of WG Chairs for Phase IX. In: ECPGR Phase IX – Goals, Rules of Procedures and Terms of Reference for the operational bodies)*

Dear National Coordinator,

At its Thirteenth Meeting (December 2012), the ECPGR Steering Committee agreed on a new operating structure for Phase IX of ECPGR (2014-2018), including a different composition of the Working Groups (WGs). The Network structure has been abolished. Consequently, also the Network Coordinating Groups have ceased to exist and the role of Network Coordinators has become superfluous. The existing Working Groups are maintained. The Documentation and Information Network is converted into a Working Group and its Network Coordinator becomes the Working Group Chair. Please find attached a table with the full list of Working Groups.

Please note that the mandate of the Chairs of all WGs that were in charge at the end of Phase VIII is extended until the end of 2014. During 2014, the Secretariat will initiate a process to identify the WG Chairs for the rest of Phase IX, ensuring that the new Terms of Reference (TORs) for WG Chairs are taken into consideration.

National Coordinators (NCs) are invited to propose the names of candidate Chairs that they recommend for any given Working Group (WG), on the basis of the new TORs for the WG Chairs. It is expected that NCs consult with their respective country's WG members before making their proposals. These proposals may well include experts from another country.

All candidate Chairs who will receive at least one nomination will then be invited by the Secretariat to write an "expression of interest" (template will be provided), to be endorsed by their respective NC. Within the expression of interest it should be made clear that the candidate Chair will be able to dedicate quality time to undertake ECPGR tasks. Expressions of interest should be received by the Secretariat before the end of September 2014. All the expressions of interest will be evaluated by ExCo, with support from the Secretariat. The ExCo is aiming at taking decisions and appointing WG Chairs before the end of 2014.

**National Coordinators are hereby invited to fill the attached table to propose names of candidate Chairs for the WGs. Several names can be indicated in each cell, while not every cell needs to be filled.**

**We would appreciate if you could return us the completed table by 30 June 2014.**

Should you have any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact the ECPGR Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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