

Steering Committee Meeting
Istanbul, May 11

The meeting was held at the end of the project meeting under the chairmanship of M. Patit. It was attended by MM. J. Briz, H. Kasnakoglu and W. Tyner, Committee members and by MMmes F. Jacquet, project director, and F. El Hadad, project manager.

First members expressed a positive general assessment of the state of progress in the project as well as a high level of appreciation for the good spirit of collaboration among all project teams. Renewed attention should however be given to collaboration among WPs, particularly WP5 and WP6. One suggestion was made to facilitate collaboration, the organization of electronic meetings (chats).

1) Progression of work :

- WP 1 : progress of work is in accordance with project objectives. But country reports are heterogeneous, which makes preparation of the synthesis report (D7) difficult.

- WP 2 : The originality of the IVR (vulnerability indices) approach as well as the commitment of the team, particularly for the interaction with WP8 were noted

2) Interactions between WP 5 and WP 6 : Important efforts must be made to ensure sufficient interaction between the modelization work and the Delphi studies. The WP3 team must liaise with national models (Morocco and Turkey)

Significant difficulties will be encountered in the calibration of models. For instance, TASM must be modified to incorporate tariff protection measures. The Delphi method will not provide quantitative estimates reliable enough to be used in subsequent modeling work. For Morocco and Turkey, it is desirable that the Delphi exercise be used to validate the model results with the national experts who will be consulted.

3) Strengthen working relationships with the Commission (Directorate for Research– H. Lutzeyer and Directorate for Agriculture – M. Mastrofano)

The choice of trade liberalization scenarios should be discussed with Commission officials, preferably through the organization of a working meeting with some of them.

4) Collaboration with Medfrol

It appears to be satisfactory. Project management should continue to be attentive to it as the Commission is eager that the collaboration be effective.