Valuation of Environment-Related Health Impacts for Children:
Initial Meeting of Research Consortium and Advisory Group

Date – November 6th-7th

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Location of the meeting:
Annexe Monaco
2, rue du Conseiller Collignon
Paris, 16th Arrondissement.

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Monday – November 6th

9:30- 10:00: Opening Session

Stephen White and Tuomo Karjaleinen from the EC will provide an overview of the European Commission’s motivations in issuing the call for proposal under which the project is being financed. Nick Johnstone from the OECD Secretariat will provide a brief overview of the progress of the project thus far and anticipated time-line for project implementation. The meeting is intended to be informal, with open discussions throughout.

10:00 – 10:30: Environmental Policy-Making and Children in the OECD

Pascale Scapecchi (OECD Secretariat) will present the work undertaken on the incorporation of children in OECD environmental policy. This work is intended to highlight the demand for children-specific valuation projects in environmental policy development. A report will have been distributed four weeks prior to the meeting.

10:30 – 11:15: Comparison of Health (QALY) and Environmental (WTP) Methods

James Hammitt (Toulouse and Harvard Universities) will present a methodological comparison of common valuation practices in the health and environmental economics spheres. The report highlights the differing theoretical foundations of the two papers, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of their use in the estimation of health benefits. This work is intended to assist the research consortium in the selection of the appropriate valuation framework(s) to apply in the context of valuation of environment-related health impacts for children. A report will have been distributed four weeks prior to the meeting.

11:15 – 11:30: Coffee

11:30 – 12:30: Review of Environment-Related Health Valuation Studies for Children

Alistair Hunt (Department of Economics, Bath University) will present a review of studies on the valuation of environment-related health impacts for children. This includes both stated preference and revealed preference studies, but the focus is on stated preference studies. This work was commissioned in order to assist with scenario design. In particular, it is intended to assist the Research Consortium in the identification of an environmental risk factor which is likely to lead to credible estimates for both adults and children. The report will be issued at least four weeks prior to the meeting.
12:30 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Discussion of Outcome of Initial Focus Group Discussions in Italy, UK and Czech Republic

Report on initial focus group discussions and related studies:

- Anna Alberini (FEEM and University of Maryland) and Aline Chiabai (FEEM)
- Ian Bateman (University of East Anglia) and Katie Bolt (UEA)
- Milan Scasny and Marketa Braun Kohlova (Charles University)

Focus group materials and summary of results will be circulated at the meeting.

16:00 – 16:15: Coffee

16:15 – 18:00: Advisory Group Views

While it is expected that the Advisory Group members will have intervened throughout the day, at the close of the first day it is anticipated that both government officials and academics present would give their views on the implications of the reviews for the implementation of the project, bearing in mind the need for both policy relevance and technical feasibility.

Close of the First Day (Dinner hosted by OECD Secretariat)

Tuesday – November 7th

9:30 – 13:00: Open Discussion on Scenario Design and Survey Implementation

To conclude the meeting there will be an open discussion on scenario design and survey implementation. Key issues will include:

- context or context-free study
- morbidity vs mortality (and life expectancy)
- potential to combine revealed and stated preference
- private versus public risk
- specific risk factors (dread, latency, voluntarism, etc..)
- population to sample (infants, children, adults)
- collective vs. unitary household allocation
Inputs will serve as guidance for the Research Consortium in further development of the project.