

PORTUGAL

Date: 6th of March 2006

Location: Law Faculty, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon

Organised by: Dr. Luís Barreto Xavier in coordination with Dr. Thomas Simons IPR Verlag

Number of experts invited: 40

Number of experts present: 13

1. List of experts present:

Dr. Thomas Simons, IPR Verlag;

Dr. Luís Barreto Xavier, Law Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa and national correspondent;

Dr. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, Law Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa and attorney at law;

Dra. Maria João Matias Fernandes, Law Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa;

Dra. Maria João Vasconcelos, Law Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa;

Dr. Miguel Bournier da Silveira, Law Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Erasmus Mundus Master student;

Prof. Dr. Luís de Lima Pinheiro, Law Faculty of Universidade de Lisboa and attorney at law;

Prof. Dr. Miguel Teixeira de Sousa, Law Faculty of Universidade de Lisboa;

Dra. Florbela Almeida Pires, Law Faculty of Universidade de Lisboa and attorney at law;

Dra. Anabela Gonçalves, Law School of Universidade do Minho;

Dr. João Zenha Martins, Legislative Policy and Planning Department of the Ministry of Justice;

Dr. Gonçalo Coelho, attorney at law;

Dr. Armando Martins Ferreira, attorney at law.

Present on behalf of the project was: Dr. Thomas Simons, project manager.

Around 40 persons had been invited from universities and especially International Law Departments, lawyers, judges and governmental institutions.

2. Agenda

- Opening speech given by Dr. Luís Barreto Xavier
- Presentation of the project by Dr. Tomas Simons – *The European Research Network Project*
- Discussion
- Closing

3. Report on the meeting

- Advantages and disadvantages of a European research network. Agreement in relation to the advantages and to the necessity of a network.

- Possible models for the network: association, institute, etc. After discussed the different options, all agreed that the association model should be adopted.
- Discussion about a journal's publication or a website's utilization.
- The reaction to a European Research Network was of interest to most participants.

Lisbon, 6th of March 2006
Dr. Luis Barreto Xavier.