## **ICDPPC Executive Committee meeting 20 July 2016**

Note from France: Connection between GPEN and the Conference

Please find below the relevant extract from Commissioner Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin email of 14 June 2016.

Finally, since several years the question of the relationship between the Conference and the GPEN has been raised. More generally, the question of the very nature/identity of our Conference and its articulation with other networks. Until now, no real discussion took place to explain the different views and make decisions. Some believe that GPEN should be integrated to the Conference, other believe that they are two distinct networks and that it should stay the case. In practice we can witness more and more interactions. This is not a mere "organizational" question. In fact, on the contrary, what is really at stake is the kind of regulation and governance we want for the future. It would be beneficial for our community to address this question openly and to decide on the way forward. I therefore suggest that we open a strategic discussion on this item at our next ExCo meeting in Singapore.