

CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

Chair's synthesis of the discussion on high-level characteristics of enhanced cooperation

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During the Second WGEC meeting, the Group held an initial discussion on the high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation based on the responses to the first question agreed during the first meeting of the WGEC ("What are the high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation?"). This document presents the Chair's synthesis of the discussion.

The Group agreed, in principle, on the following characteristics of enhanced cooperation on a non-objection basis:

- Transparent
- Inclusive
- Collaborative
- Effectiveness/goal oriented
- Sustainability of cooperation
- Responsive to innovation
- International

The Group also agreed in principle that outcomes of enhanced cooperation efforts should include the following:

- Promoting sustainable development
- Capacity building
- Strengthening cyber-security
- Peace
- Technology transfer

The Group considered, on the other hand, that the following elements should be incorporated in its report to the Commission, but not necessarily as characteristics of enhanced cooperation:

- Multi-stakeholder
- Flexible and adaptable
- Results-driven
- Respecting the sovereign right of states to establish and implement public policy
- Evidence-based
- Participation by governments on an equal footing
- Respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Openness

- Democratic
- Accountability
- Consensus-based
- Linked to other dialogue platforms
- Good faith
- Diversity
- Producing outputs
- Considering under-represented groups

In the interest of time, the Group agreed not to discuss the following elements, which were proposed by single contributors, but did not get support in the room:

- Trust in the integrity of the process
- Secretariat support
- Funding
- Taking place within established legal process
- Self-regulation by the private sector
- Desired state (not a process)
- Fair and equitable
- Collective responsibility
- Content
- Continuous process
- Stands the test of time

The group finally agreed that the following elements, as currently formulated, should not be considered as high-level characteristics of enhanced cooperation:

- Effective communication
- Consultation by governments