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1 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
AB	Advisory Board
SG	Steering Group

2 INTRODUCTION

This document represents the deliverable “D4.3 – Establishment of the Advisory Board” of the ReSOMA project.

Next to the smaller group of researchers and practitioners represented in the project’s Steering Group to directly guide the research activities, it is essential for the ReSOMA partnership to engage with a broader community of stakeholders on asylum, migration and integration, who will have an advisory role in the research cycles.

The ReSOMA Advisory Board is expected to feed current policy developments, reflect on interim results and act as multiplier for project results and recommendations. This will be done by:

1. Providing input for research as specified in the Grant Agreement, through the participation in Steering Group meetings and the ReSOMA Platform.
2. Providing feedback on the current EU policy issues and agenda trends on migration, asylum and integration, either via SG meetings or ad-hoc bilateral contacts of each ReSOMA partner.

The final composition of the Advisory Board should therefore reflect both the above-mentioned purposes, also envisaging participation of 5 to 10 Advisory Board members in Steering Group meetings as well as, twice per year, Advisory Board meetings. Other ‘ad-hoc’ bilateral consultation meetings are foreseen as the project develops.

The composition of the Advisory Board could be dynamic throughout the duration of the project, and could include at a later stage additional members who have been already contacted by the Consortium but have not yet provided their confirmation. An updated membership of ReSOMA’s Advisory Board will be publicly available at any time in the ReSOMA website.

The Advisory Board is governed as indicated in the D4.5 Procedure for internal information mechanisms, likewise following the provisions indicated in the Grant Agreement and Consortium Agreement of the ReSOMA project.

The ReSOMA Kick-off Meeting in Brussels on 13 February 2018 featured a discussion on the roles indicated above as well as on the potential Advisory Board members, leading to a preliminary draft list of potential members to be contacted, which include inputs from all Consortium partners. The draft list was further revised and suggestions were added before and during the ReSOMA Steering Group first meeting, held in Brussels on 27 February 2018.

During the meeting, the Steering Group agreed upon the selection and invitation to 15 representative stakeholders in the fields of migration, asylum and integration, on the basis of their potential contributions to the Advisory Board roles defined above. Invitation emails were sent to these potential AB members, using the resoma@resoma.eu email address and featuring a description of the project and a supporting letter from the European Commission. These invitation emails were followed up by the Consortium partners, resulting the process in the Advisory Board composition as described below.

Despite the delay in the formalization of the Advisory Board, the process for the identification of the 9 ReSOMA agenda-setting and agenda-responding topics (c.f. WP1) has been carried out through consultations with the below-mentioned members.

3 ReSOMA ADVISORY BOARD COMPOSITION

The ReSOMA Advisory Board is initially composed of the following five (5) members:

No.	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION
1.	Laura Corrado	Head of Unit “Legal Migration & Integration”	DG HOME, European Commission
2.	François Bienfait	Liaison Officer to the EU Institutions	European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
3.	Richard Ares Baumgartner	Senior External Relations Officer	Frontex
4.	Lefteris Papagiannakis	Deputy Mayor of the City of Athens / Vice Chair of Migration Working Group in EURO CITIES	City of Athens
5.	Cinzia Sechi	Advisor	European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
6.		Asylum Unit*	DG HOME, European Commission

**Note: At the time of submission of the present deliverable, the inclusion in the ReSOMA Advisory Board of a sixth member from the Asylum Unit of DG HOME, European Commission, is foreseen upon final confirmation.*

4 KNOWLEDGE EXPERTS SUGGESTED

During the first ReSOMA Steering Group meeting, it was likewise agreed to contact a separate set of *knowledge experts* to be consulted, at a later stage of the project, on the ReSOMA WP1 agenda items identified under the consultation with the Advisory Board. These experts will provide ReSOMA with specific information on data sources and evidence, as well as on ongoing or planned studies regarding the identified agenda items.

No.	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION
1.	Adriano Silvestri	Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders	Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
2.	Peter Bosch	Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography	European Commission
3.	Frank Laczko	Director	Global Migration Data Analysis Centre, IOM
4.	EP Research Service		European Parliament