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**6th Virtual Board Meeting  
2019/2020;  
09.10.2019 Online Meeting,  
Minutes taker: Tiarnan O’Doherty  
Moderator: Annie Poghosyan**

**Participants:**

**Board Members 2019-2020:**

Chairperson - Tiarnan O’Doherty  
Treasurer / vice-chairperson - Daniela Para  
Member Organisation Officer - Viktoria Kosmatova  
External Relations Officer - Nathan Metenier  
Promotion and Publications Officer - Ergi Bregasi  
Project Officer - Annie Poghosyan

**Missing:**

**Board Members 2019-2020:**

Member Organisation Officer - Viktoria Kosmatova  
Promotion and Publications Officer - Ergi Bregasi

**Secretariat :**

**Bilinc Sezgin - Secretary General  
Cansu Yetisgin - Project Manager**

**Abbreviations:**

**AM** – Annual Meeting  
**AOB** - Any other business  
**BM** – Board Member  
**VBM** – Virtual Board Meeting  
**EEB** – European Environmental Bureau  
**YE** - Youth Exchange  
**TC** - Training Course

**Agenda:**

1. Personal updates

2. Updates from Office and Board
  - 2.1 ESC updates
3. Projects
  - 3.1 Create your grassroots
  - 3.2 Local Actions - Act Now
  - 3.3 Study Session
4. Upcoming Deadlines
5. Working Groups
6. External Relations
7. AOB

**Agenda:**

**1. Personal updates**

**2. Updates from Office and Board**

**Cansu:**

Tasha arrived today! She is officially our ESC volunteer as of tomorrow!

**Bilinc:**

I am waiting to hire the new financial officer.

Office move: I gave the notice to the the center: There was no reaction from them. Let's hope it is fine.

EYF application: tomorrow we will receive the external report from the accounting company to transfer to the EYF.

I was working on our budgetary issues. As you remember one of them was the salary increase. I am now sure we can increase the salary.

**Nathan:** And what about the building?

**Cansu:** The ESC are funding by the Erasmus program. We need an accreditation and YEE asked for 2 volunteers. One day, we will have to apply for a quality label (we could change the number). We can also welcome tons of volunteers who are not part of the Erasmus programme.

**Bilinc:** About the office move. Besides Nathan's proposition we would like to consider a co-working space.

I asked the EYF if it is a problem that I don't have to upload the document. Since we didn't receive anything about it, I'm optimistic. If we don't get this money, we will have to look for new fundings. Looking for new grants. Last year without the grant, we will spend the money of the meetings.

## **2.1 ESC updates**

## **3. Projects**

### **3.1 Create your grassroots**

**Cansu:** No updates - we don't have to put this on the agenda anymore.

### **3.2 Local Actions - Act Now**

**Cansu:** Local actions are in the making all action coordinators have a mentor (Anais, Sasha and Eurgain) and they should arrange a meeting with them. All actions are to take place this month. I am arranging logistics for the Evaluation Meeting (waiting for the hostel confirmation) and will send the infosheet tomorrow hopefully.

We have 8 local actions, it's fine (someone withdrew). Three board members will do it. We have signed contracts between the coordinators and YEE (promised to fulfill at the end of the local action). They will be concluded with the evaluation meeting. A bit tricky to find a place to stay but I found one!

### **3.3 Study Session**

**Bilinc:** One of the coordinators dropped out. So most probably we will continue with three members. If some people you think should join 100%. We are in the evaluation process of the list. There is still time if they are people from your organisation. We are negotiating with 3 or 4 guest speakers.

## **4. Upcoming Deadlines**

**Cansu:** Not upcoming but past 1 October DL - I submitted our Erasmus+ application as a co funding for our next years' work plan, though this DL has the least amount of budget for projects, so it's a bit unlikely that we will get it. BUT we can apply next year in February again.

**Bilinc:** The other admin grant is received from EACA, Erasmus+ and we are receiving 3 year grant from them. We have the 3 years granted. The deadline is 19th of November. For the EYF grant, thanks to Sasha, Tiarnan and Dana to help me for the deadline!!

## **5. Working Groups**

### **5.1. Statutes working group**

The deadline is 22nd October to check the statutes

**Dana:** Pool of representative. It was just a group of people. It was always the pool of representative. It wouldn't work because they would already have their works. It still in the statutes.

**Nathan:** What about having volunteers for that?

**Bilinc:** I like the idea but it's hard to understand. I see the exponential knowledge in this. But now may not be the best time. The legal work for now and maybe later. If I'm in Prague I would have more time.

## **6. External Relations**

### **6.1. AIEDL meeting / global strike:**

The AIEDL is a very interesting organisation that could be really useful to get some advice for new projects. For the coalition, we went to talk to a lot of Environmental NGOs!

### **6.2. Sum-up of the 2nd of October meeting:**

Last Wednesday we chaired the Sustainability Conference of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). It was an opportunity to ask the Director of the Commission on Environment and the EESC president to do more to involve young people in the climate decision-making processes. On that afternoon, we held the first young people's for climate round table at the European Parliament with 20 MEPs, Fridays for Future, Youth for Climate and other youth NGOs.

We are working very closely with the EESC on several projects. The idea really is to show you that we are ready to work with the EU institutions on projects, conferences and other ideas that we all together could have. We would be very happy to meet you.

### **6.3. YEE takes a leading role in Generation Climate Europe:**

We are one of the partner organisations and I am the General Coordinator.

### **6.4. Letter to Frans Timmermans:**

We ask the Vice-President of the Commission (for climate action and the Green Budget) to set-up the very first “Youth Climate Dialogue”.

## 7. AOB

### 7.1. Meeting end of November

**TO DO: Send tickets for the board meeting**

### 7.2. New projects?

**Nathan:** Would it be possible to apply for new projects in the future for YEE?

**Cansu:** For Erasmus project in general, it does not make sense to partner a project. When you partner a project you need to send participants from the country the organisation is based (Prague). But we don't have any czech members, we cannot send ESC volunteers to Erasmus projects. This is why we don't partner for project with Erasmus+ projects. In some cases it works but it does make sense to send these calls to MOs?.

About other projects, there is a problem that Bilinc is not physically in Prague. Therefore it is hard to coordinate. And I am responsible for 2 ESC. We need more funding to give long term project because we don't have ESC for long term.

**Nathan:** What about LYFE?

**Cansu:** We cannot hire people who are not EU based atm. We need Bilinc for this.

**Bilinc:** It is almost midnight! We need the stability to undertake new projects. I need to see the true workload who's upon me. When I'll be in Prague, it will be perfect. I propose we talk about it during the November meeting.