

3rd Virtual Board Meeting 2021/2022

13.01.2022 Online Meeting

Minutes taker: Chiara Magrelli

Moderator: Chloe Mikolajczak



Agenda

- Feeling round, welcome back!
- Secretariat update
- General Meeting/other activities with MOs in person
- 2 project propositions in consortium
- Next Board meeting
- AOB

Participants

Board Members 2021-2022:

- Chairperson – Orkhan Bayramov
- External Relations Officer – Paola Lupi
- Project Officer – Chloe Mikolajczak
- Member Organisations Officer / Vice Chairperson – Chiara Magrelli
- Treasurer – Nais Ohayon-Louisor
- Communications Officer – Gagik Harutyunyan

Secretariat :

- Tetiana Stadnyk – Secretary General
- Eva Kloudová – Communications manager
- Alice de Tourdonnet – Project Manager
- Lucía Sanchez – ESC volunteer
- Nathan Méténier – Advocacy Manager
- Zofie Hobzíková – Project Coordinator

Abbreviations:

AM – Annual Meeting

AOB – Any other business

BM – Board Member

VBM – Virtual Board Meeting

EEB – European Environmental Bureau

EYF – European Youth Forum

YE – Youth Exchange

TC – Training Course

AWG – Advocacy Working Group

WP – Work Plan

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1. Secretariat updates

- Alice will be leaving YEE on the 17th of January. The new call for Project Manager is already out, and the Board can inform people who could be a good fit.
- Nathan will have his contract changed from 28-25h and change position title to Advocacy and Partnership manager. This needs to be approved by the board.
- YEE received the grants for advocacy for 2022-2023 and there are some more funds to extend the contract for Pegah to full-time. Chloe asks if the advocacy position has to be from Prague. Tanya answers it has to, to employ someone full-time. As an employer, it would feel less comfortable to employ someone without certain benefits and according to HR it is a more complicated process. Big difference between working in the office vs. remotely.
- Since the 17th, to go to the office YEE peeps will have to be tested twice a week.
- Board to vote on Nathan's change in contract hours + position title: all the board members agree.
- Board vote on Pegah's full-time employment and starting this procedure: all the board members agree.
- Eva asks whether Pegah will start full-time before the process is over. Tanya needs to check and discuss with her, but it could be.

2. General activities/other activities with MOs in person

- Summed-up: Chiara asks whether it's possible to plan the General Meeting in person or create any other moment to meet-up in person with the MOs.

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- Tanya explains that the EYF project that got approved is on marginalised communities and rural communities (working with Gagik and Yeghvard). There are three activities: one is an international training, one is local action where people participating in the training will act-upon, and the third activity is a series of one-to-one meetings. MOs send visiting delegates to one another. Selection of countries where it could be easier to travel in between due to COVID; it is easier to do it within a country, rather than an international training. This is already secured! Tanya is still waiting for the Erasmus + operational grant reply in March.
- Nathan adds that in YEE they work with with Paola with the European Green Capital/Green cities and Grenoble (green capital awardee for 2022) and working towards having delegates going to these conferences and connecting this to the YEE General Assembly. A new Project Lead was also welcome in the advocacy team, Liz, who will help organise the practical side of the General Assembly.

3. Project propositions in consortium

- Chloé updates on the proposals suggestions that were received. For one on empowering youth in the just transition, which is about sub-granting money from the European Commission, Tanya, Orkhan and Chloé will still go ahead with applying but the chances are very slim since only one project will be selected. For the second one, Horizon 2020 consortium they have identified several groups as to what climate doomsday looks like. YEE has been identified for the youth part. The goal of the whole project is to model what policies and actions need to be taken now to prevent what the worst outcome would be for 2030 and 2050. Based on this they want to publish a policy manifesto. The project won't start until late 2023 and will go on until 2026. Is YEE happy to engage in something that requires some time but none of us will start working on for much later; some risks are involved.

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- Tanya says that there have been several Horizon 2020 projects that YEE has been involved in. Tanya thinks that research is key to advocacy and is a very important project. The fact that it only starts in 2023 is a bonus. It is going to be a process to finish all the projects by August of next year. Tanya is happy to go for it.
- Nathan plays the Devil's advocate. One of the comments YEE received is not to spend too much energy on big European projects, because they require so much energy. This should not bring in more paperwork than other private foundations. Personally though, Nathan agrees with Tanya.
- Alice agrees. If YEE participates, things need to be clarified such as budget, capacity etc. However, YEE needs to make sure this is useful for MOs, since most of them are not doing advocacy at the EU-level nor lobbying EU institutions. If engaging in a project that is mainly EU-focused need to be sure that it is useful for everyone in the network and for different levels of advocacy.
- Chloé agrees, she will get back to them to let them know we agree!

4. Next Board meeting

- Next Board meeting is scheduled on the 10th of February at 11:00 AM CET.

5. AOB

- Chloé asks for a deadline for the work-plan.
- Tanya clarifies, the deadline was today, but the Board still has a few days.
- Orkhan will create a folder in the Board folder and share it with the Board members.
- Alice says that a survey will soon be circulated to map climate-environmental organisations across Europe. YEE will be asked to give their input and it will be circulated around. Alice thanks all of us :) she will stay in Slack so we can stay in touch!