

5th Virtual Board Meeting 2021/2022

10.03.2022 Online Meeting

Minutes taker: Nais Ohayon-Louisor

Moderator: Paola Lupi



Agenda

- Feeling round
- Secretariat update
- CELSA group meeting
- Board bonding activity
- Next Board meeting
- New RCP West
- 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
- Nathan Méténier – Advocacy Manager

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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Secretariat update

- Tanya: We are waiting for Lucia to come back to the office as project coordinator. She will help facilitate part 2 of the SWITCH project. She will get a chance to develop her own program to help young people with waste management projects. Really good experience for her, she accepted the position and started yesterday.
- PM update: we are still looking for a new PM. About to email 4 new proposed candidates. Do you have any questions?
- Tanya: We also bought Eva a new computer!

CELSA group meeting

- Paola: we had a meeting with the CELSA group (multinational steel recycler). We were contacted by them because they were trying more and more to work towards sustainability with different partners. In the meeting it was clear that they wanted collaboration but they didn't have a plan on how that would work. They work on different paths: lobbying etc. They ask if we would like to work closely with them or if we had anyone else to propose. We said we'd go back to them after this board meeting. I don't know if what they are doing is relevant and what we would get from it. We should probably clarify what we would want from them.
- Chloe: I think it's cool that they're reaching but it probably requires a bit more research. We should do a background check. We need to keep our credibility. If we decide to collaborate with them it shouldn't be just them benefitting from it: sponsorship? visibility?
- Paola: how would we feel having our name paired up with them?
- Nathan: If we want to work with the private sector we probably need to meet with our members first. Yet I do think it's interesting to work more on circular economy - MacArthur Foundation. If it's just a question of funding there are easier routes. I suggest we wait for the GA before we decide.
- Eva: Maybe at the GA we could talk about in general if private funding is worth considering in general, not just necessarily with CELSA. Maybe we could also influence them (private actors). It would need very thorough research first.
- Tanya: We have very clear guidelines on who we do and don't work with.
- Paola: I suggest I email them back and say that at this time we can't go for it and will discuss it further in June.
- Tanya: YEE's policy can be found on our website.

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Board bonding activity

- Chiara: I will be helped by a secret helper very good at planning fun things
- 30th of march we have an activity all together. For this, I selected times that were only after 6. I will share the lettucesmeet in the group.

Updates on the Advisory Board

- Nathan: We just sent emails to 3 different people. We will let the next board choose 2 others. So far Sebastian accepted. Ida said she would need more time.
- Chloe: need to hear back from the ones I suggested (Ayesha)
- Chiara: Do you have a deadline for the advisory board?
- Nathan: 3 are going to join us as soon as they have confirmed and 2 more will join over the summer. We should have a complete board by September and they will have a mandate of 2 years.

Next Board meeting (Tanya)

- Tanya: scheduled to take place in a month from now. 14th April. Does everyone agree?

AOB

- Chiara: We have a new RCP west. Ash decided to leave YEE unfortunately. Good news is that Mathilde decided to step in as the new RCP west.
- Nathan: Chiara thanks for everything. We have a new liaison officer on the climate crisis: Timea. Also, very soon we will have our advocacy engagement strategy. I hope some of you can take some time to write comments and reflect, would be very helpful.
- Eva: Where is Timea from?
- Nathan: Hungary
- Tanya: About Ashley leaving, they all left for a good reason. If we're planning to have the GA, we have a very intense timeline to open a call for a new board etc. We will open the call for the new board very soon. Just for you to keep in mind that the end of the mandate is coming, you might want to start preparing transfer documents.
- Chiara: question about the organisation that nominated me and whether it will affect the end of my mandate - as they're not an MO anymore
- Tanya: You understand it correctly! you would need to get nominated from another MO if you want to renew your mandate.
- Paola: anything else? See you in April!