

Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting on 9 October 2018 in Rome

**Place: Toffoletto De Luca Tamajo e Soci
Piazza Cavour, 19, 00193, Rome**

Time: 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present:

Bartłomiej Raczkowski (Chair)

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt (Vice-Chair)

Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa

Petteri Uoti

Corina Radu

Joan Cradden

Sten Foy

Matthew Brincat

Helene Amsinck

Dusan Nitschneider

Juliet Carp

Maria de Gloria Leitao

Valeria Morosini

Jon Sigurdsson

Terence MacCrann

Gareth Walls

Robert Gerlach (after 13:00)

Ueli Sommer (after 13:00)

Claire Toumieux

Christiaan Oberman

1. Welcome and opening

Bartek opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the board who attended in person and via phone.

2. Approval of the minutes - approved with two formal changes (attendees list)

3. Cooperation with permanent conference organiser

Klaus Stefan reports about problems in connection with the timely booking of conference facilities by the permanent conference organiser from Prague. The board was concerned about these complications and decided to re-evaluate the performance of the agency on a regular basis.

Konstantin was encouraged to get into contact with the agency regarding the Athens conference venues as a matter of urgency in order to avoid similar problems to the ones in Hamburg.

4. Conference Venue for 2022

The board decided as follows:

The next conferences will take place in these venues:

2022 Romania

2023 Iceland

2024 Malta

5. Planet Labour or EELC?

Maria and Christiaan report about their contacts with Planet Labour and EELC respectively.

There was a delay regarding the EELC newsletter. The first newsletter will be sent out shortly. It was decided to continue with the already decided 6 months period with EELC. Christiaan was encouraged to negotiate a deal with EELC which goes beyond the 6 months. EELC should monitor the use of the service by our members. Two options should be checked: Reduced fee for our members who want to use EELC or EELA buys the service.

Planet labour will not be followed up at this point but we continue with a 6 months trial period with them.

6. National Employment Lawyers Associations

Juliet reports. The national associations seem to be interested to use EELA as a platform to meet.

Valeria suggests Aldo Bottini to be EELA's contact. Matthew will act as the board's liaison officer vis-a-vis the national employment lawyers association.

7. Should EELA take a position re sexual harassment

Clarification: This is not about taking political positions on certain subjects but about internal rules or procedures concerning diversity, sexual harassment and a grievance procedure. The board appoints a factfinding group with the aim to analyse which steps comparable international organisations such as the IBA and ABA have taken in this respect. The factfinding group will consist of Valeria, Juliet, John, Garreth and Helen (coordinator). It will report on the subject on the next board meeting.

8. ERA Brussels conference

Pirkko-Lis reports: Agenda and speakers are finalised. Only 12 participants registered so far. Board members are encouraged to take part.

9. Tallinn conference

Pirkko-Lis reports. All venues are booked. Conference hotel: Hilton Park Hotel, brandnew. Rooms have been reserved in seven additional hotels (500 rooms).

Panel organisers were attributed to the various topics.

10. Other issues

11. Date and time of next board meeting: 21 January 2019 12:00 noon in Tallinn.

12. Closing

Bartłomiej Raczkowski closed the meeting at 15:30.

Bartłomiej Raczkowski

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt