

Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting of 28 May 2020

Via Teams

Time: 6:30 pm – 08:00pm

Board members:

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt (Chairman)

Anna Jerndorf (Vice-Chairman)

Roland Gerlach

Chris Engels

Youliana Naoumova

Marko Lovrić

George Georgiou

Marie Janisonova

Helene Amsick

Juliet Carp

Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa

Carola Möller

Claire Toumieux

Constantin Bakopoulos

Zoltán Csernus

Jón Sigurðsson

Terence McCrann

Valeria Morosini

Pierre Elvinger

Matthew Brincat

Christiaan Oberman

Gareth Walls

Sten Foyn

Bartłomiej Raczkowski

Maria Da Gloria Leitao

Corina Radu

Joan Cradden

Dusan Nitschneider

Raquel Flórez Escobar

Ueli Sommer

(Present Board Members are marked in bold)

1. Welcome and opening

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt welcomed the Board Members to the Board meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the EELA Board Meetings from the 3 February, 18 of March and 29 April 2020.

The minutes were approved.

3. Report on the virtual event on 12 June 2020

Anna Jerndorf reported on the virtual event on the 12th June. The event will be opened by the Chair and Vice Chair. After that, professor Steinicke will speak about Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality and then Professor Bernard will present the decisions of the European Courts.

The event is to be held via Zoom and the invitations will be sent out via C-IN.

Dusan Nitschneider volunteered to monitor the questions from the audience.

4. Report on analysis of possible platforms for virtual events

Anna Jerndorf reported. C-In has offered a solution and will come back to us with a proposal. We will need to take a decision once we know more about how the format of the meetings and the frequency.

5. Discussion regarding the idea of forming standing committees

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt introduced the idea of standing committees. The idea is that EELA would be a more regular affair for our members. By introducing standing committees, it will be possible to share more knowledge in particular areas and also to involve experts in these fields. Examples of such areas could be transactional employment law, Data Protection, new technologies and investigations. The committees could meet on a regular basis and be responsible for a certain number of virtual conferences per year.

After discussion, it was agreed to start with a pilot EU-law committee and see how it works. This committee will also be responsible for the Brussels conference and develop it further. Pierre Elvinger and Sten Foyn who are already in charge of the Brussels conference agreed to lead the pilot.

6. Discussion regarding further virtual events

The Board discussed the possibilities to arrange virtual events throughout the year.

It was suggested to start with a pilot of 2-3 events and evaluate after that. We should also ask the members what frequency they prefer and furthermore if they are prepared to accept a higher fee to get access to the virtual events.

7. Report from the ERA-conference

Klaus-Stefan reported that the current plan is a physical conference in Brussels in November. Sten and Pierre are in contact with ERA regarding this conference and further details will follow.

8. Report on the Hamburg conference

Klaus-Stefan reported. C-In has now agreed with all the suppliers. EUR 150 000 have been transferred back to C-In, so that they can reimburse the members.

9. Date and time of the next Board meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held in September, the date is TBD.

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt

Anna Jerndorf

Approved on 10 September 2020